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able applications are received. These have been made fireproof throughout, even to the roofs, the floors being reinforced concrete. From the earnings of our own farm we have partially completed a large dairy barn, this also being of fireproof construction except the roof. We asked the last legislature for a schoolhouse and a hospital and for \$5,000 to complete the dairy plant. The \$5,000 were granted but the schoolhouse and the hospital building were cut out. This institution needs another schoolhouse and a hospital, our hospital accommodations being inadequate for our needs, and the additional 300 children requiring added school facilities but these will have to wait until some future legislature sits.

ONTARIO (Dr. Beaton): I have not much to say about Ontario. Our institution has been completed for some years—at least it looks like that as it is impossible to induct the legislature to make further improvements and as our population is now about 800 I do not propose to ask for an enlargement believing that 800 should be the maximum in any one institution. The advisability of building somewhere else, an institution for feeble-minded women has been advocated by me for some time and I have no doubt this will be carried out shortly. Our government has estimated a hospital for epileptics at Woodstock, its accommodation at present being about 200. I am not in a position to say what success has attended their efforts, however, as I have never visited the hospital. The minister in charge of our public institutions appears to be satisfied with results so far and I suppose we shall have to be satisfied, too.

MINNESOTA (Dr. Rogers): The most serious problem that has confronted Minnesota during the last few years is when to let go. The capacity of the institution has been increased by successive legislatures, and it seems inevitable that the institution at Faribault must have at least eighteen hundred. The legislature, two years ago, gave us funds for buildings for about 200, which are now completed, raising the capacity to about 1,300. The legislature which has just adjourned gave us \$500,000 more for additional buildings for inmates. The question of a colony farm has been under consideration for some time.

present we are reating something over 400 acres of land. It has seemed to me, for many years, that it would be very desirable to separate the older boys and girls and it is with reference to this separation that we are pushing the colony idea for the older boys. Owing to the fact that it is so difficult to procure land in the immediate vicinity of any institution when it is known that appropriations are made for that specific purpose, the Board of Control arranged with the finance committee this winter to have an appropriation of about \$25,000 a year given to the board for the purchase of land, it being understood that about \$40,000 of this was to be given to the institution at Faribault whenever a suitable site for a colony for epileptics could be found. That matter is now under consideration. As to hospital accommodations, a small appropriation was given for increasing the capacity of our tuberculosis building and it is proposed to simply add some inexpensive wards. In the epileptic department there has been one new building added and provision is made for a hydrotherapeutic outfit for use in the colony for males. It is expected that about \$25,000 or \$30,000 are to be used in the construction of a training department and a gymnasium, the training department to be for brighter custodial cases. There are additional appropriations for increasing our boiler plant which is to be entirely reconstructed, automatic stokers and new boilers to be installed. The dairy barn is to be rebuilt and other matters of improvement of minor importance are provided for.

Adjourned till next morning.

June 22. The members and visitors devoted the forenoon to inspecting the excellent features of the Wisconsin institution and to informal discussions of the various features of the work suggested by the inspections.

At 4 o'clock p. m., Dr. Goddard exhibited the apparatus used in making diagnostic tests of feeble-mindedness, sense reactions, etc., from the laboratory of the New Jersey Training School at Mendham. The association was then called to order by the president and Dr. A. R. T. Wylie, of Faribault, Minnesota, read a paper on the Relation of Feeble-Mindedness to Disease. (P. 77).

In the evening an entertainment of a high order consisting