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MINNESOTA SCHOOL FOR FEEBLE-MINDED AND COLONY FOR EPILEPTICS  
REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Hon. C. G. Schulz, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

I submit herewith a brief statistical and general report of the schools under my supervision for the biennial period ending July 31st, 1910:

## POPULATION.

MOVEMENT JULY 31, 1908, TO AUGUST 1, 1910.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Present August 1, 1908.....	527	456	983
Absent for the time (summer vacation, etc.).....	85	60	145
Admitted during the two years.....	147	168	305
Readmitted during the two years.....	31	19	50
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>790</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>1,483</b>
Discharged and dropped .....	68	44	112
Died .....	57	54	111
Absent for the time (summer vacation, etc.).....	89	83	172
Present July 31, 1910.....	576	512	1,088
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>790</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>1,483</b>

The total attendance was: 1908-1909, 1,266; 1909-1910, 1,352.  
The average attendance was: 1908-1909, 1,099.5; 1909-1910, 1,192.18.

## APPLICATIONS.

Applications have been received as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
1908-1909.....	85	88	173
1909-1910.....	111	86	197
Applications previous .....	196	174	370
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>1,698</b>	<b>1,321</b>	<b>3,019</b>
<b>Total to July 31, 1910</b> .....	<b>1,894</b>	<b>1,496</b>	<b>3,389</b>

## ADMISSIONS.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
To August 1, 1908.....	1,411	1,004	2,415
During the biennial period, as above.....	178	177	355
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>1,589</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>2,770</b>
Re-admissions deducted .....	113	66	179
<b>Total, different individual</b> .....	<b>1,476</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>2,591</b>

## CAUSES OF DISMISSAL.

AUGUST 1, 1908, TO JULY 31, 1910.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Cared for by parents or relatives.....	58	34	92
Supporting themselves .....	6	1	7
Removed from the state.....	1	3	4
Transferred to hospitals for insane.....	..	5	5
Transferred to the state public school.....	1	..	1
Transferred to the school for the deaf.....	1	..	1
Discharged as normal and returned to home.....	..	1	1
Escaped—whereabouts unknown .....	1	..	1
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>68</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>112</b>

On August 1, 1910, the population of the institution was distributed as follows:

Department for Feeble-minded:			
	Males.	Females.	Total.
School .....	215	200	415
Custodia .....	307	266	573
Farm colony .....	55	55	55
Department for epileptics.....	87	127	214
Department for incurables .....	1	2	3
Total .....	665	595	1,260

#### SCHOOL AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DIVISION.

The schools have, I believe, maintained their established reputation for efficient training.

Following the recommendations of the American Association for the study of the Feeble-Minded we are gratified to state that the classification of defective children has assumed a much more definite form and, as the Board of Control has authorized the establishment of a Department of Research, we shall be able to make a much more prompt and accurate classification of our children than has heretofore been possible, and thus economize time and energy in determining the best method to be employed in each individual case for its best development, as well as investigate etiology and other important matters of practical importance to the state, unhampered by administrative routine.

By means of careful medical examination and the systematic, regular employment of the Binet-Simon test, as our children are admitted, we see no reason why the proper adjustment of this classification to the children found backward in public schools cannot readily be made, and much of the former confusion concerning classification avoided.

A. C. ROGERS, Superintendent.