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Supplemental to Monthly Report

The Department's report for the month of April is being submitted together with the reports of the Medical, Engineering, Construction, Psychology and Social Departments to the Board, Business Manager, Executive Director, and all members of the institution and of personnel changes.

During my absence as reported in my monthly report dated April 24, Dr. ... called by ... in his absence on April 9, 1936. The purpose of this conference is best stated by quoting the letter of ... which contained a telephone conversation ...

The Board's ... I am becoming increasingly concerned with the matter of ... which appears to be ... that are ... facilities ... children ...

We are ... for a state treatment hospital for ... facilities for ... children. However, ...

This year ... as attached list, which I have ... facilities that ...

For these reasons, I have suggested a conference which you are invited to attend in my absence, Room 20, Hospital Supply Store Room, on April 9, 1936, from 10:00 a.m. to approximately 1:00 p.m. The three items mentioned previously will be briefly presented and discussed. However, as with the

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spend the major time on the general problem of the immediate possibilities of how we can best meet the needs of these children within the limited resources we now have and how we can approach the long-range problem of additional treatment. We should, if possible, be here so that others cannot mistakenly say this is your problem rather than theirs.

We have no facility for lunch, so we hope you can have an early lunch and arrange to attend this meeting at 12:30 p.m. in my chambers. If you have not already been contacted by phone and indicated to Dr. Nelson your intentions of being present, would you kindly notify him if you can arrange to attend?

After my return Dr. Smith informed me that Amicius had been reached at the conference as to the disposition of the Howe case verdict and that a full discussion was had with reference to this general problem though no specific decisions were reached.

On April 14, members of the Legislative Branch Commission on State Building Needs visited for the purpose of touring our buildings as stated in a memorandum of April 14 to Mr. Gurnea.

On Saturday afternoon, April 17, the Minnesota Association for Retarded Children gave an appreciation tea for our employees. The occasion was very impressive and highly successful as over three-hundred of our employees attended. Fortunately, the tour of the members of the Legislative Branch Commission was completed while the tea was still in progress as Mr. Stanley Grinn, President of the Minnesota Association for Retarded Children, not only welcomed our employees and expressed appreciation for the services they are rendering our patients but expressed appreciation for the interest the Legislature is showing in the institutions for mentally retarded. Grinn told me afterwards for his committee after I had expressed thanks for special and for our employees for the appreciation expressed not only in words but in deeds, such as this, by the Association.

Some of the reports enclosed include information relative to the Henry Society Prevention Annex. Mention should be made of a case of gonorrhea from there on April 12. Fortunately, complete recovery occurred in response to treatment and no other cases developed, presumably because of prophylactic medication given to all contacts.

The proper operation of this unit continues to present serious difficulties and unfortunately up to the present time it has not been possible to house the number of patients that the department had planned would be cared for there. This is true because of inadequate funds and also due to the lack of public transportation to the unit and absence of homes nearby where employees might be able to rent rooms and get their meals as the administration building cannot be used as a dormitory for patients as would be employees' quarters. The expense for laundry has presented a particularly serious problem because it has been necessary to have this done by commercial laundries up to the present time. We have adopted the policy of separating the particularly difficult patients from the Prevention Annex to the unit.

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