

school-rooms, which makes possible a better classification in the schools, which are in a flourishing condition. At the same time the custodial department has been so organized that better work is being done with the more hopeless cases.

The necessity for industrial training has become more apparent, and it is hoped that means will be found to make it a more permanent and important feature.

The great needs of the institution to-day are a new location, with school, farm, and custodial department all connected under the same management, yet so far separated as to prevent danger from the commingling of the two sexes without sufficient oversight, and hindrance of good work in one branch because of the burden of another not properly provided for.

*Minnesota.*—Dr. A. C. Rodgers reported at Lincoln, 1885: The Minnesota School for Idiots and Imbeciles has sustained a great loss in the retirement of Dr. George H. Knight from the superintendency to assume charge of the institution at Lakeville, Conn. But the work has been so well begun, and is held apparently in such favor by the public, that its friends look for its continued growth and prosperity.

The last Legislature gave thirty thousand dollars for additional buildings, and it is proposed to expend this amount for a custodial building, to be separated from the school buildings at some distance, provided the amount should prove sufficient, after careful estimates are made, to construct a good building; otherwise, this amount will be used for increasing the capacity of the school buildings. It is probable that the latter course will, from necessity, be adopted.

The attendance reached ninety during the spring, and the year has opened with all that can be accommodated well at present, one hundred being the maximum.

There seems to be a strong sentiment in the State in favor of providing for the care of all classes of the feeble-minded, imbeciles and idiotic, and the numerous cases included in these classes whose mental deficiency depends upon epilepsy.

*Nebraska.*—Dr. A. C. Rogers reported at Glenwood meeting, 1884: In 1880 the population of Nebraska was four hundred and fifty-two thousand. There were reported in the census returns of that date three idiots in institutions of other States; in almshouses, six; at home, three hundred and forty-seven; total, three hundred and fifty-six.

There have been some eight or nine urgent applications to admit Nebraska children to the Iowa Institution.

By application to the Census Department at Washington, I received a list of two hundred and nine names, representing those under twenty