

Minnesota Training School

FOR IDIOTS AND IMBECILES.

A. E. ROGERS, M. D., Superintendent.

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Fairbault, Minn.,

REPORT FOR AUGUST, 1886.

Minnesota School for Idiots & Imbeciles.

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

Gentlemen:

Population.

There were present on the 31st. day of August 48 Inmates, 35 Males and 13 Females, an addition of 3 Males and 1 Female since the last report.

Health.

There has been no sickness during the month of August.

School.

At the present time (September 15th) our school has opened, there being an attendance of 85 in both departments. About 50 being in the school room.

Three (3) of our former children have died during the Summer at home and two others will probably not return. A few others will remain at home until later in the Fall or Winter to assist their people. One child who manifested symptoms of Insanity during last year, has been sent to the Hospital for Insane. There are two children in the Institution who represent respectively the intermediate grade between, Imbecility and Insanity in one case and mental and moral Imbecility in the other. I only consented to permit the return of the former, and her retention, on condition that no violent symptoms should manifest themselves.

In the latter case, a boy, the disposition is to resist any kind of useful employment and the restrictions of the Institution life, caring only to associate with street urchins and indulge with them in vulgar and improper occupations. After two successful attempts to escape, I have returned him, with considerable difficulty and have been compelled contrary to my custom and much against my desire, to keep him in personal restraint most of the time both day and night. I intend to give him a fair trial and see if it is possible to develop any self respect and any desire to have the respect of others. If not I shall be compelled to dispose of him and give his place to one of the class whose training can be accomplished by the usual non restraint methods of our Institution.

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Nominations.

I present herewith five (5) nominations to fill vacancies in prospect of increased accommodations during the Winter.

Eleven (11) new urgent applications have been received since August 1st. and quite a large number of blanks have been distributed upon request within the last few days. There are now seventy (70) applications for admission more than we can accommodate.

Purchases.

In order to make a supply of form boards for the school room at home and to give additional employment to our boys this year. I have purchased a Scroll saw at a cost of about Twenty Two Dollars (\$22.) and respectfully request that the amount be allowed.

After consultation with Mr. Mott Secretary, I ordered Five Hundred (500) copies of the descriptive circulars printed and requested the Printer to hold the "form" till we could make some arrangement about a cut of the building. I believe it would be a valuable addition to these circulars to have a diagram of the City showing Depots, Streets, and Public Buildings etc.

Requests.

I would suggest the propriety of the schools joining with the Episcopal Schools and the City in procuring a suitable engraving of the plan of the City and Public Institutions etc. The aggregate cost would be about Forty Dollars (\$40.) possibly less.

As the American Association of persons connected with our work will meet at Syracuse New York, during the last week of September, I respectfully request leave of absence long enough to attend the same and also to visit the Institution at Elwyn Pa. and the one at Columbus, Ohio. Our Association gladly welcomes any connected with and interested in these Institutions, and I hope the Board will see fit to send a representative.

I respectfully request that the Steward be authorized to purchase an assortment of Carpenters tools not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.) for the use of the school.

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