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Minnesota Training School

FOR IDIOTS AND IMBECILES.

A. G. ROGERS, M. D., Superintendent.

Fairbault, Minn.

October Report.

Population.

Average attendance for October, 92.42, highest 94.

Health.

The general health of the household has been very good.

School.

Our school work is progressing in a more satisfactory manner than at any time since my connection with it. The time of nearly every child of the school department being closely and profitably occupied.

In addition to the school room work proper, in connection with it and supplementing it, we have a sewing class for the girls, Scroll sawing and carpenter work for the boys and a Gymnastic training class for these most in need of it of both sexes. Also a sewing class in the evening four evenings of the week composed of the most capable girls, who are engaged during the day at house work.

For the "Custodial" boys I have procured the material for Mat Weaving and four of these boys can already braid quite creditable mat ropes.

Proceeds from Brass Hammering.

The Board has never stated what disposition should be made of the proceeds from the Hammered Brass sales. Although many pieces have been disposed of at a mere nominal price, there is a balance of about Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) cash on hands besides a good variety of manufactured articles and a fair stock of material and tools.

I would respectfully suggest that the Board allow me to use this fund for the purchase of such things for the school as may seem to me appropriate from time to time.

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Opening New Building.

In reference to the new Building, concerning the progress of which the Steward will probably report, seems to me advisable for the Board to receive and authorize the use of it as soon as the dining room and the rooms of the front portion are completed. The particular manner of ~~utilizing~~ utilizing the room can only be determined by myself after learning the character of the children, as to sex and classification, will probably first accept the privileges of the school first. Sk

In all probability we shall need the Dining Room for Boys' Dormitories.

If the Board decides to heat temporarily by stoves, it should be remembered that each one should be provided with screens to prevent burning, in several of the rooms which can be designated later.

Hot and cold water and water closet facilities should be provided for on the upper floor of the front portion as soon as practicable.

Hospital.

The necessity of some efficient Hospital arrangement in connection with the school is self-evident and I have long been awaiting the time when a proper plan ~~should~~ be practicable, to request its adoption. I present herewith a nomination in accordance with the above suggestion, (Mrs. E. A. Zimmerman, nurse and Teacher of sewing, at a salary of Three Hundred and Sixty Dollars (\$360.) She is thoroughly qualified, and perfectly conscientious, possessed of unusual industry and a pleasant and valuable member of the family.)

Admissions.

I respectfully present the name of Maggie Fitzpatrick for admission from Ramsey County. Nominations for the early admissions in prospect will be made after some further correspondence.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. C. Rogers