

BRASS HAMMERING FOR FEEBLE-MINDED PERSONS.

This work has been found well calculated to interest many children in the Training Schools, who find no fascination in other employments. Work upon a soft metal with a mallet and punch, every stroke of which leaves a definite impression, governed in character by the intensity of the stroke, and in position by delicate lines previously traced on the surface, is exceedingly fascinating to children, and requires a definite exercise of the eye, and a measured movement of the hand and arm for each separate stroke. It not only affords an appropriate occupation and training, but its products are always readily salable.

It is not claimed to do everything, but simply fills a very important place among industrial occupations adapted to institutions.

It was first applied to training the feeble-minded by Dr. Geo. H. Knight, in the Minnesota School at Faribault, and is now being introduced in other places. These few pieces have been placed here by special request of prominent members of the Conference, thinking the subject might be of interest to managers of other kinds of public institutions.

Any further information on the subject will be cheerfully given by Dr. A. C. Rogers, Superintendent of School for Imbeciles, at Faribault, Minn.