

TENTH BIENNIAL REPORT

OF THE

State Board of Control

OF

MINNESOTA

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He was honored because he was honorable and loved because worthy of our love.

Among his ambitions was one to construct along modern and progressive lines a set of prison buildings. Winning, as he had, the confidence of those in authority, he was given a free hand in the planning and building, and today our state is possessed of the best prison in the world. His idea, often expressed, was a set of buildings along straight lines and with plenty of light, and that sort of construction was followed.

How much the buildings resemble the builder! For he thought, lived and acted along straight lines, and was lighted and guided by all the virtues that go to make a real man.

The prison has been said to be a monument to his life's work. So it is. But his greatest monument is in the hundreds and thousands of poor misguided men and women whom he has helped to a better life. The one monument will be seen on earth; the other, recorded in heaven.

The faults and failures of others grieved him and he gloried in their progress and success. He helped the weak, but hindered not the strong.

Best loved where best known. What greater eulogy has any man than this?

His heart was pure, his hands clean, and he has left us a rich heritage, the splendid example of a well spent life.

It can be said of him, as was said of the Great Teacher: "He went about doing good."

Let, therefore, the sorrow for his death be tempered by the joy that we are better because he lived among us, and that the world at large was benefited because of his life and his work.

Stillwater, Minnesota, December 8, 1919.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board of Control at this time has very few new recommendations to make, either as to changes of institution policy or enlargement of the physical plants, except as indicated in the detailed suggestions of the several superintendents incorporated in this report.

FEEBLE-MINDED

Further legislative consideration of the growing problem of the care of the feeble-minded is becoming almost imperative, and a special report on this subject may be submitted later.

COMPENSATION FOR EMPLOYEES

We renew our recommendation that the benefits of the compensation law be extended to the employees of the state. There seems no good reason why, under proper safeguards, employees of the state should be debarred from help on account of injury or occupational disease. The survey of this important subject by the ad interim commission created by the legislature of 1919 may cover this phase of the subject.

NEED OF A PUBLIC GUARDIAN

The need for the creation of the office of public guardian or administrator continues to exist, and is even more urgent than heretofore. This function is in line with the activities of courts of conciliation and would aid materially in protecting the rights of the weak and friendless in all directions. If practicable, the public guardian should be public defender as well.

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STATE PRISON

Year made	By whom made	When made	By whom made
Aug. 30, 1919	Whitlock, Gardner		
Feb. 9, 1919	Gardner		
Feb. 23, 1919	Gardner		
Mar. 1, 1920	Gardner, Whitlock		
Mar. 29, 1920	Whitlock		
May 21, 1920	Whitlock		

SANATORIUM FOR CONSUMPTIVES

Year made	By whom made	When made	By whom made
July 24, 1919	Gardner, Family, Mabel		
May 21, 1920	Gardner		

HOSPITAL FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN

Year made	By whom made	When made	By whom made
Feb. 1, 1920	Gardner, Family	Feb. 1, 1920	Gardner, Whitlock
May 21, 1920	Gardner, Whitlock, Gardner, Family	May 21, 1920	Gardner, Whitlock

II. SUMMARY OF INSTITUTION REPORTS

ANOKA STATE ASYLUM

John Coleman.....Superintendent
 A. T. Caine, M. D.....Physician
 Lloyd Boxwell.....Steward

Institution opened in 1900	
Capacity of institution.....	900
Area of grounds, acres.....	733
Acreage under cultivation.....	321
Value of lands and buildings.....	\$931,705.00
Value of personal property.....	\$107,909.08
Expenditures for year ended June 30, 1920:	
Current expense.....	\$138,192.40
Repairs and replacements.....	\$4,394.48
Permanent improvements.....	\$86,346.21
Gross per capita cost, current expense.....	\$162.97
Net per capita cost, current expense.....	\$131.82
Number of officers and employees.....	67

EMPLOYEES

With the general raise in salaries and the inauguration of the eight-hour day, both of which took effect during the period, it was anticipated there would be an improvement in the help situation, but thus far we have been disappointed. The eight-hour day does not appear to be a great inducement in securing help, nor does there seem to be any incentive for seeking employment at institutions of this kind, and it has been found very difficult at all times to secure the necessary employes for the successful management of the asylum and the proper care of the patients.

BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS

The assembly hall and chapel was completed early in the period. This building fills a long-felt want at the institution.

The south wing of the main building has been reconstructed and fireproofed, and is now occupied by about 200 patients.

The new administration building is nearly ready for occupancy, and will provide ample office and storeroom space and living quarters for the superintendent and his family.

A greenhouse of generous proportions has been constructed almost entirely by institution help and inmate labor.

Electric lines and water mains have been extended to the farm

COUNTY RESIDENCE OF PERSONS ADMITTED TO STATE INSTITUTIONS ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 1919 (Concluded)

County	Insane and Inebri- ate	Feeble- minded	Blind and Deaf	De- pendent	Delin- quent	Crimi- nal- istic	Tuber- culous	Crip- pled	All Insti- tutions
Stevens.....	4	1					1		8
Swift.....	5	3				1	1	5	15
Todd.....	18	4			3	2	1	3	31
Traverse.....	2	2				1			5
Wabasha.....	6	7				1		1	15
Wadena.....	5	2			2	1		4	14
Waseca.....	5	6		2	2		1		16
Washington.....	22	4		1	4		1		32
Watsonwan.....	6	1		4			2		13
Wilkin.....	3	5			1	1			10
Winona.....	*15	4	4		7	1	4		35
Wright.....	10				1	1	3		15
Yellow Medicine.....	7	2				2		3	14
Other states.....	44					85			129
Residence unknown.....	*5		1			45			51
Total.....	*1,438	353	37	237	364	407	343	201	3,380

*Includes inebriates as follows: Hennepin, 5; McLeod, 1; Meeker, 1; Morrison, 1; Polk, 1; Ramsey, 13; Rice, 1; Stearns, 1; Winona, 1; and Residence unknown, 1. Total, 26.

POPULATION OF STATE INSTITUTIONS AT END OF FISCAL YEARS

INSTITUTION	1920	1919	1918	1917	1916	1915	1914	1913	1912	1911	1910	1900	1890	1880	1870	1860
Anoka Asylum	860	781	849	866	880	729	748	681	539	535	475	114				
Hastings Asylum	894	852	955	905	770	747	744	718	543	535	477	111				
Willmar Asylum	268	172	75													
Fergus Falls Hospital	1,496	1,505	1,601	1,605	1,558	1,606	1,542	1,500	1,558	1,592	1,662	1,806	79			
Rochester Hospital	1,276	1,426	1,394	1,398	1,340	1,240	1,115	1,187	1,297	1,247	1,222	1,122	967	112		
St. Peter Hospital	1,206	1,388	1,392	1,348	1,282	1,312	1,194	1,126	1,137	1,055	1,025	936	905	567	206	
Total Insane	6,090	6,124	6,266	6,120	5,639	5,634	5,343	5,212	5,174	4,964	4,861	3,589	1,951	679	206	
State Training School	285	255	245	265	203	220	214	153	283	281	374	383	275	119	82	
Home School for Girls	328	293	292	244	200	184	174	158	126	66						
Total Delinquent	613	548	538	509	403	404	388	311	409	347	374	383	275	119	82	
State Reformatory	418	380	420	470	577	625	528	451	428	374	369	139	113			
State Reformatory for Women	20															
State Prison	849	872	871	930	996	1,021	1,131	1,068	814	709	706	486	314	254	71	15
Total Criminalistic	1,282	1,252	1,291	1,400	1,573	1,646	1,659	1,520	1,242	1,083	1,062	624	427	254	71	15
Hospital for Inebriates	2	5	15	32	73	74	62	24								
School for Feeble-Minded (a)	1,742	1,769	1,656	1,660	1,581	1,562	1,537	1,482	1,390	1,329	1,231	721	301	21		
School for Blind (a)	106	97	109	101	90	88	81	80	80	82	82	80	61	24	14	
School for Deaf (a)	254	233	241	237	235	247	270	257	257	268	268	237	187	109	53	
State Public School	311	352	291	335	319	333	289	283	283	314	211	231	97			
Sanatorium for Consumptives	213	218	209	234	236	227	188	107	89	87						
Hospital for Crippled Children	125	129	114	145	123	126	90	96	83	82						
Total other classes	2,758	2,798	2,685	2,744	2,657	2,656	2,467	2,317	2,162	2,067	1,870	1,269	646	153	67	
All institutions	10,738	10,717	10,730	10,773	10,472	10,340	9,857	9,380	8,937	8,461	8,167	5,865	3,299	1,205	426	15

* Girls removed to Home School for Girls in 1911.

(a) Close of school year.