

February 14, 1948

Miss Kathleen Ward
The College of St. Catherine
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Miss Ward:

We received your request for information concerning our school. Our staff numbers about 330. The attendants are not especially trained, but receive practical training here.

The hospital is in charge of trained nurses, including the Supervisor, Assistant Supervisor, and the Night Supervisor. There is one other nurse on the staff who has had nurses training. There are ten practical nurses. However, there are about nine vacancies to be filled. The medical work at the institution is carried on by two doctors in residence, and by one physician from the town of Faribault, who works part time. Besides these physicians, the institution has visiting specialists such as an eye, ear, nose, and throat doctor and a surgeon. There is also a full time dentist.

Psychological services are furnished by the Bureau for Psychological Services in the Division of Public Institutions. Due to a shortage of personnel, it has not always been possible to have as much testing done as would be desirable.

There is one Psychiatric Social Worker at the institution who works in cooperation with the state office and the local county Welfare Boards.

We regret to state that we do not have separate reports concerning our institution, but our report is included in the Tenth Biennial Report of the Division of Public Institutions for the period ending June 30, 1944. Since this report was issued 329 children from our school department were transferred to the State Public School at Owatonna in accordance with the Act passed by the last legislature which designated that institution for children of school age who could profit by academic and industrial training. If you wish specific information about that institution, you might write to:

Mr. M.R. Vevle, Superintendent
State Public School
Owatonna, Minnesota

Very truly yours,

E.J. Engberg, M.D.
Superintendent