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REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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SCHOOL FOR FEEBLE-MINDED,

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To the Hon. D. L. Kiehle, Superintendent of Public Instruction:

DEAR SIR:—The average number of beneficiaries at the Minnesota School for Feeble-Minded, for the year ending July 31st, 1891, was 301. The average number for the year ending July 31st, 1892, was 306.

The highest number during the period at any one time, was 325; 177 males and 148 females; classified as follows: In school, 159; in custodia or asylum, 151, and at farm colony, 15.

We have had no additional buildings constructed during the period just passed, though a laundry building, the upper story of which is devoted to the boy's brush industry, was completed soon after the beginning of the period, and has served a very useful purpose. We have clearly demonstrated that our boys are capable of learning a productive mechanical industry.

The plan of making a farm home for a number of the older boys has proven successful here as in the other states where it has been tried; notably Illinois, Ohio, New York and Iowa. The plan of co-ordinate school and shop training, formerly reported, has become a settled arrangement and has grown in favor.

The last legislature appropriated a small sum to enable the board of directors to begin the erection of a detached building for custodial cases, which amount it is expected the coming legislature will supplement with enough to enable the board to complete the building during the calendar year of 1893. There are over one hundred applications on file for the admission of persons of this class more than our present buildings will accommodate.

In all of our departments we are striving to keep two purposes prominently in view, viz: Practical training and homelike surroundings. Respectfully submitted,

A. C. ROGERS, Superintendent.