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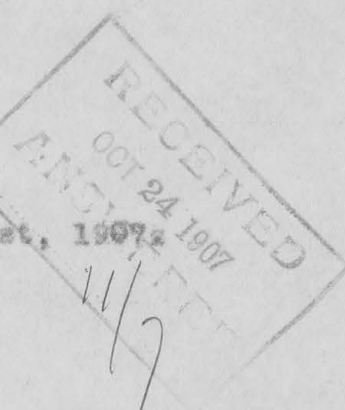
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BLOOMINGTON, IND.

Jasper, Ind., Oct. 21st, 1907



Dear Sir:--

I am now trying to make somewhat of a study of the feeble-minded and insane and if you have this information, I wish you would give it to me:

1. What is your observation as to the effect upon children of near relatives marrying?
2. Have you ever made a special study of any cases, and if so, what are the facts as to the marriage of near relatives?
3. What are the causes of insanity as shown by the records of your institution?
4. What per cent of the inmates of your institution are sent out as cured?
5. What per cent of them are able to go out into the world and hold their own in business transactions?
6. Have you noticed any tendency among them to sexual excesses?
7. Is it your idea that if they were out of your institution that they would remain as virtuous as the ordinary person?

Thanking you in advance for this information and trusting that you will help me in that way you can, I am,

Very respectfully,

Dict. to
R. E.

Richard M. Milburn

consanguinity

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$$\begin{array}{r} 8 \overline{) 57} \\ 6 \overline{) 37} \end{array}$$

Nov. 8, 1907.

Hon. Richard W. Milburn,
Jasper, Ind.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your questions I have to say:

1. I have made no general observation of the effect upon children of near relatives marrying.

2. As to consanguinity of antecedents of the feeble-minded, Herlin found consanguineous parentage in 7%. In one examination of five hundred cases a number of years ago with regard to this special matter, I found this condition to exist in a still smaller number, viz., parents cousins in nine cases, grandparents cousins in seven cases. Our own records examined several years ago, however, by Dr. Wilson, one of my assistants, disclosed fifty-one cases out of eight hundred in which parents or grandparents were closely related. Of course, it would not be a fair inference from the above that the kinship was the cause of the mental condition of the children examined. The bald figures as given do not take into consideration the other factors involved.

3. We have no cases of insanity, except an occasional mistaken original diagnosis or that which supervenes upon epilepsy or feeble-mindedness.

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4-8. We do not speak of our inmates as being "cured," as their condition is one of arrest of mental development. Our first purpose is to continue the development so far as their limited capacity and the means provided for us will permit. I cannot give you exact figures in answer to this question(4.)n We have an occasional "backward" case who is simply slow in acquiring knowledge, but who possesses comparatively good reasoning faculties, and is capable of going out into the world and making his way independently. Such cases, however, are not the typical feeble-minded cases. The latter are never successful in the general community even while they appear to be so temporarily if they are under the careful guardianship of relatives or friends. The great majority do not have this protection. Therefore, the other great purpose of the public institution is to provide a community home where each inmate according to his ability and temperament, finds his useful place and where he can fill out his life to the measure of his ability in happiness and contentment. The actual discharge as shown on our records would simply indicate those taken out by parents for reasons of their own, (except the few "backward" children) They either return again in due time or are cared for under careful supervision by the parents or relatives so long as they live, or drift into the army of tramps. With the average citizen's increasing knowledge of sociological conditions, the more intelligent differentiation of defectives and delinquents is being made, and the public is more and more recognizing the advantage of the special permanent homes for the mentally incompetent.

I might say in passing, that I have a letter on my

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sent from a former pupil of our school who has supported himself for years, asking me to purchase a \$600.00 farm mortgage for him, as he has the above amount saved from his earnings.

There are perhaps fifteen or twenty of our former inmates who are doing fairly well, but all these cases are either of the "backward" class or are enabled to take advantage of peculiar local circumstances that favor and protect them. As a matter of fact, from our 2,201 net admissions, we have discharged 455. The most of these were discharged for other reasons than because of their ability to support themselves.

6. As a class, I do not think there is any special tendency to sexual excess, but with a low average will power and good physical development, there is less inhibition or restraint. There is, therefore, a rather larger average of cases who are addicted to masturbation than is the case with children outside under ordinary conditions. It is true, however, that we, at least in this state, receive a large number of women or girls particularly, who have been the victims of sexual criminality or have shown special tendencies of an abnormal sexual nature. These cases, however, form a special class, except that any feeble-minded weak willed woman, especially if she is physically attractive, is very apt to be taken advantage of if she is not under very strict guardianship, even though she may not have any special tendencies to sexuality. I speak of the feeble-minded girls in the general community.

7. This question has been partially answered in the last. As an actual fact, feeble-minded girls outside of the institution are very apt not to remain virtuous. With the boys,

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I am inclined to think they are more apt to remain so than normal boys, but when, as is often the case, they are enticed into vice, they have not only less will power for resisting temptation, but less sense of responsibility than the normal boy who has been reared under average conditions. I know of several feeble-minded boys who are making very bad records, drifting from place to place, and spending what they are able to earn from time to time on vicious indulgences, often going without proper food or clothing. Some of these boys are particularly difficult to control. They are just mentally weak enough to appeal to the sympathies of people whom they meet and yet have very little self control and absolutely and constantly resist all efforts towards restraint. They cannot be kept in the institution for the feeble-minded as they will run away unless kept absolutely under lock and key, and this latter treatment is contrary to the policy of well organized institutions of this kind. On the other hand, juries will not send them committed to institutions intended for delinquents, or if they were so committed, they would not require the same treatment and handling as the ordinary inmates of such institutions.

Hoping these few observations may be suggestive to you,

I am,

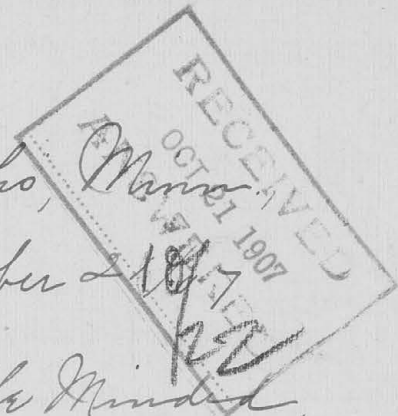
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Sincerely yours,

Supt.

Minneapolis, Minn.

October 21st 1907



Dr. A. C. Rogers,

Supt. School for Feeble Minded,
Faribault.

Dear doctor,

The Columbian Club of Minneapolis
send greetings and thank you for the
gracious invitation to visit your school.

The invitation was received with pleasure
and enthusiasm, and altho every member
would have been happy to accept at once,
it was thought best, on account of the
great busyness of one and all in the
fall of the year, to accept the invitation
for next Spring, with your permission,
when every member hopes to go to Faribault.

Wishing to be remembered to your
most interesting family, I am,

Cordially yours,

Mrs. T. F. Trimmer }

C. B. Trimmer

Oct. 22, 1907.

Oct. 21st.

Mrs. T. F. Kinney,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Miss Kinney:

I note what you state concerning preference for
Spring visitation. This arrangement will be entirely satis-
factory.

With very kind personal regards, I am,

ACR/OB

Sincerely yours,

Supt.

New Jersey Training School

for

Feeble-Minded Girls and Boys

Hon. Philip P. Baker, President
George Davidson, Treasurer

Office of
E. R. Johnstone, Superintendent

Visiting Day, Wednesday, 2 to 4.30 P. M.

Vineland, N. J., October 22, 1907

A. C. Rogers, M. D.

School for Feeble Minded,

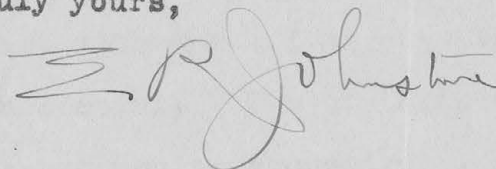
Faribault, Minn.

My Dear Doctor Rogers:-

The enclosed request from Dr. Goddard is along the lines suggested at the last Association meeting. I hope you will have it followed out and the results sent as soon as possible as I am sure we shall all be glad to have him report on these at the next meeting of the Association.

I personally am very anxious to get some suggestions as to how to proceed with the children who have very bad personal habits i.e. those who practice self abuse etc. If you find this problem as serious as we do perhaps you have a suggestion that may be helpful.

Very truly yours,



Dic. to W.

Oct. 23, 1907.

Oct. 22d.

Statistical matter.

Mr. E. R. Johnston,
Vineland, N. J.

My Dear Mr. Johnston:

I will take up the matter of the statistics desired by Dr. Goddard and have them forwarded as soon as we can obtain them:

The question of correcting bad habits in our children is a serious one. The best remedy, however, that I know of, is plenty of physical occupation. We have recently applied this plan to two of our destructive children, and to the extent that we have been able to keep them employed out of doors, the result is satisfactory. One boy who had destroyed everything in his room, including bedding, is now sleeping every night quietly, not giving any further trouble in the way of destructiveness. I fear that when the cold weather comes and we are unable to give him the outdoor occupation, the old condition will reassert itself. The same treatment is the best with which I am acquainted, ^{or bad habits.} but is not by any means entirely successful. Two or three of our hardest workers practice these bad habits quite excessively. While I never myself have practiced mechanical prevention, except occasionally by the use of the canisole, I have seen it applied but the results were not satisfactory.. I believe that plenty

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of healthful occupation for the day with pleasant relaxation of a social nature in the evening and hygienic conditions in other respects, will do as much as anything in the way of prevention.

With very kind personal regards to yourself and all your good people, I am,

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Sincerely yours,

Supt.

New Jersey Training School

for

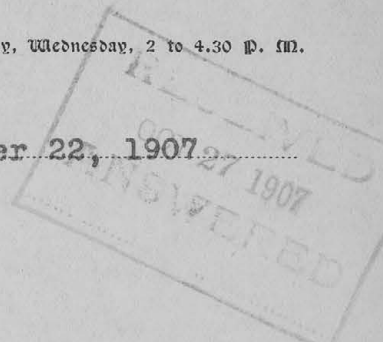
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My Dear Doctor Rogers:-

At the Washington meeting of the American Association for the study of the Feeble Minded, a paper was read by Dr. A. R. T. Wylie on the height and weight of feeble minded children based on data obtained from the Minnesota institution.

So important was the subject considered that the Association voted to collect data from each institution and complete the study for as large a number of children as possible.

It seems very desirable to do this as there is some confusion on the subject. Dr. Wylie found feeble minded shorter and lighter than normals. Dr. Norsworthy of Columbia University finds that "in measurements of height and weight the defectives are indistinguishable from ordinary children".

The only possible way to settle the matter is to mass the statistics from a sufficiently large number of children to obtain a reliable average.

Dr. Wylie not having time to carry on the study has turned it over to the undersigned.

We shall accordingly be much pleased to receive from your institution AT YOUR EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY

the following data for each child in the institution or of whom you have record, viz:

Sex

Height (without shoes)

Weight (ordinary clothing)

Grade (Barr's Classification preferably)

Date of measurements

Nationality

Nationality need NOT be noted UNLESS in the opinion of yourself it is sufficiently marked to effect the average.

The undersigned will act only as compiler of the statistics, each institution that responds, receiving full credit for its data.

It will be a very great favor and encouragement to receive your data promptly.

Respectfully yours,

Department of Psychological Research.

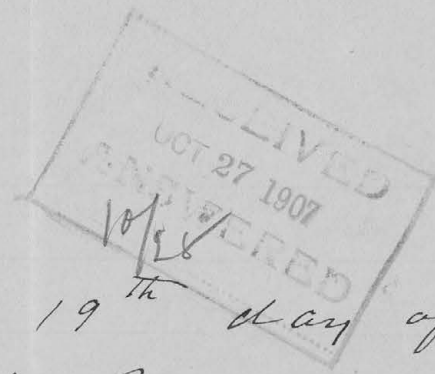
Henry H. Zoddard Director.

J. B. JETT,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
312 NATL GERMAN AMERICAN
BANK BUILDING.

St. Paul, Minn. Oct 25 1907

Doc A. C. Rogers

My Dear Sir



On the 19th day of
June 1899 You, and Mrs or
Miss Lucy A. Wheeler witnessed
the will of Mrs Ellen A. Re-
quire, which will soon be pre-
sented for probate here.

Please oblige me to let me
know whether it will be in
your power to attend the Court
when it is offered, or will it
be necessary to take your
deposition at home. Please
be good enough also to let
me know whether Mrs Lucy
A. Wheeler still resides in
your City. I am the attorney
for the executor Brewer Matlocks
who is a co in law of Mrs
Require. An early reply will

Very much oblige me.

Very truly Yrs

J B Jett

Oct. 23, 1907.

Oct. 25th.

Requier Will.

Mr. J. B. Jett,

312 Nat'l Ger. American Bk. Bldg.,

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

My ability to attend court at the time the Requier will is offered in evidence, will depend somewhat upon the date. If you will notify me as soon as the date is set, I will let you know.

ACB/OB

Very respectfully,

Supt.

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State Board of Visitors for Public Institutions.

St. Paul, Minn., October, 1907.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the law passed at the last session of the Legislature creating the State Board of Visitors for Public Institutions. This communication is to officially inform you of the existence of this Board and to set forth the mutual duties which devolve upon us under the statute. The State Board of Visitors is desirous of working in the utmost harmony so far as practicable with the heads of all the state institutions as well as with the Board of Control. The members of this Board will make visits of inspection to the various institutions from time to time. At a later date we shall inform you what reports are required from you in order to furnish us the information which will be needed to fulfill our duties. The Board desires to establish friendly relations with all parties concerned in the charitable work of our state, and to aid them in every possible way in making these institutions even more a credit to the state than they now are.

Yours very truly,

Samuel G. Smith

Oct. 28, 1907.

Dr. S. G. Smith,
St. Paul, Minn.

My Dear Doctor:

I am in receipt of your letter with reprint of law
pertaining to State Board of Visitors for Public Institutions.

I shall be glad to co-operate with you in all reason-
able ways.

With very kind personal regards, I am,

ACF/OB

Sincerely yours,

Supt.

CHARLES L. PILLSBURY
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MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Oct. 30th 1907

SUBJECT

Dr. Tomlinson, Superintendent,

St. Peter State Hospital.

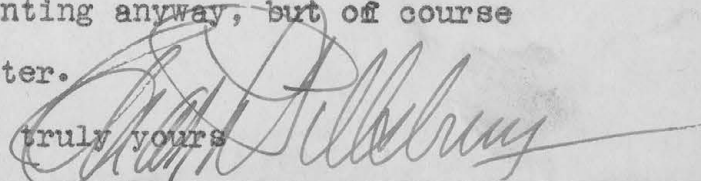
Dear Sir,--

I am enclosing the final pages of manuscript of my talk at the quarterly meeting. I am very much ashamed to send this in at this late date and if it happens that you have in the mean time gone ahead with the publication omitting my manuscript it only serves me right. As a matter of fact I mislaid the final part of the copy which you sent me and although I have many times ransacked the office from beginning to end for it I never was able to locate it untill this week when I found it in a very unusual place. I was afraid that you had no other copy and was constantly expecting to locate it as I felt sure it had not been destroyed.

For the last few months I have worked incessantly including almost every evening and nearly every Sunday. This has been necessary on account of insufficient organization for the amount of business I have on hand, requiring a great amount of personal detail work. As a result, I have been very much behind with all my work and that is one reason why I delayed notifying you of the loss of the copy.

The talk is not worth printing anyway, but of course that has nothing to do with the matter.

Very truly yours



Oct. 31, 1907.

Oct. 17th.

Mr. A. W. Butler,

Indianapolis, Ind.

My Dear Mr. Butler:

I always have a tendency to reserve the good things until I can enjoy them at leisure. Sometimes the leisure does not come just as I expect it. Therefore, after receiving your last letter, I took your address from its retreat and read it carefully.

In my judgment it is a strong, sensible appeal, and should be widely distributed. The facts in the statistical reference are very strong, and, as they have the authority of your public records, and your own personal analysis and verification, they have a value that the ordinary generalizations do not.

I was quite surprised to find that there was such a high percentage of defective inmates in the poor houses of your State, viz., 33 1/3%. The correlation of mental defect to delinquency and pauperism is very strikingly and effectively brought out in your address.

Mr. Picknell's statement that there is no method by which the tendency can be reversed and degeneration replaced by regeneration, (p.3) is somewhat at variance with the statement made by a medical man of national reputation at a meeting which I had the privilege of attending last year, viz., that the tendency in heredity was to go up, rather than down, that is, under natural conditions heredity tends to correct itself. I have not been able to locate the particular study upon which this remark is based.

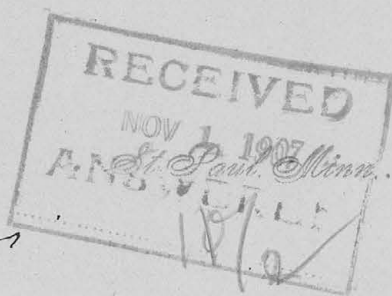
Your address is a very valuable contribution to literature on the subject.

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Very sincerely your friend,

Supt.

J. B. JETT,
Attorney at Law.



Oct 31 1907

Dr. A. C. Rogers

Dear sir

Please accept my thanks
for your favor of the 28th Inst.
and I write now to say that
the time fixed by the Court for
admitting to probate the will of
Mrs Requier is the 25th of No-
vember. Please oblige me to let
me know whether you can at-
tend the Court on that day at
10 a.m., and what will be
your charges. I had rather
have you present than to take
your deposition, if you can
make it convenient to attend.

With great respect, I am
Very truly Yrs
J.B.Jett

Nov. 2, 1907.

J. B. Jett, Attorney at Law,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

I note that court has fixed the date of November 25th
for admitting to probate the will of Mrs. Requier. I will
make a note of this and will be there at ten o'clock, provided
circumstances be ^{and} ~~under~~ my control ~~do~~ not prevent.

I will make no charge except actual expenses, under
the circumstances, viz., about \$2.75.

ACR/OB

Very respectfully,

Supt.

Address all communications to the Superintendent

Iowa Institution for
Feeble-Minded Children

Geo. Mogridge, M. D.,
Superintendent.

GLENWOOD, IOWA

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Dr. A. C. Rogers,

Faribault, Minn.

Dear Doctor:-

Several days ago, I received a letter from Richard M. Milburn, Atty., of Jasper, Ind., in which he asked a number of questions in regard to the feeble-minded. I do not feel inclined to reply to this letter, as any statements that I might make, might be misunderstood by one who is not acquainted with our children and their characteristics. I would be glad to hear from you as to whether you have received the same questions and what you think about the matter.

Some little time ago, I gave Mr. Milburn some information as to the financial affairs of the institution, and presume at that time, you received a similar request.

Very truly yours,

Geo Mogridge
Superintendent.

GM-NM

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STATE HOUSE

Indianapolis, Ind. Nov. 4, 1907.

Dr. A. C. Rogers,

Sup't Minnesota School for Feeble-Minded
and Colony for Epileptics,

Faribault, Minn.

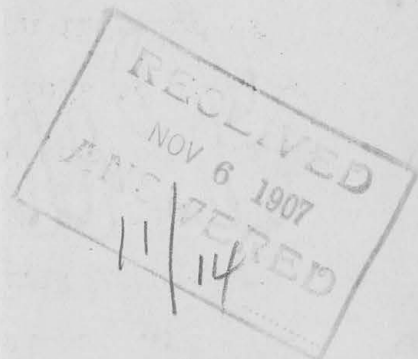
Dear Dr. Rogers:-

I have your letter of October 31st and am very glad to have your criticisms of the address sent you. For these I want to thank you.

I should like very much to learn who made the statement and what it is to which you refer when you say "Mr. Bicknell's statement that there is no method by which the tendency can be reversed and degeneration replaced by regeneration, (p 3) is somewhat at variance with the statement made by a medical man of national reputation at a meeting which I had the privilege of attending last year, to wit: etc." Can you give me this or refer me to it? I am aware that it is the opinion of some of our best authorities that degeneracy would run out provided it was left to itself, but unfortunately it is not. There is continually an infusion of new blood in most cases which perpetuates the race and continues the degeneracy to future generations.

Yours very truly,

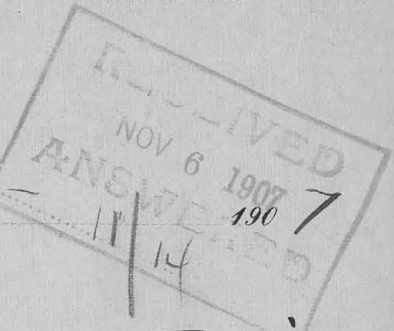
aw Butler
Secretary.



Dr. Emory's Central Sanitarium

912 Main Street

Rochester Minn. 11/5 -
Winfield, Kansas.



Arthur C Rogers M.D.
Fortbault Minn.

My Dear Doctor:-

I am here in Rocher attending the Mayo Clinic and am informed by Dr. Connor that you are devoting considerable attention to the study of Epilepsy, will you kindly inform me by return mail what success you have had and about how many patients you are treating, if you have had any extended experience, I shall be pleased to run up and see you as I have several cases of my own in which I am very much interested.

By answering the above at once directed to me here you will greatly oblige.

Frater- and truly yours
E B Emory:

Nov. 7, 1907.

Dr. H. A. Tomlinson,

St. Peter, Minn.

My Dear Doctor:

You spoke at one time of the mental upward tendency in heredity. Can you refer me to any definite discussion of this particular phase of heredity in which you have confidence.

Very sincerely yours,

ACR/OB

Supt.

Nov. 7, 1907.

Dr. Geo. Wadridge,
Glenwood, Ia.

My Dear Doctor:

I have just answered the circular letter from Richard M. Milburn, of Jasper, Ind. I inclose herewith a copy of my answer.

I always believe in giving correspondents the benefits of the very little I know on subjects pertaining to our work. My statements may be unwise and may not correspond to the motives of the correspondent, but I think we ought to assist in educating the community according to our best lights on these subjects, even if they do not agree with us and we do not altogether agree among ourselves. Our own slight disagreements must naturally be the results in differences in individual experiences, and this very differences when compared are part of our own education.

With very kind personal regards, I am,

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Sincerely yours,

Supt.

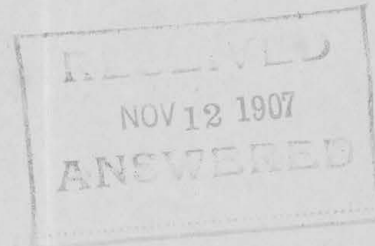
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on for
Orphaned Children

Geo. Mogridge, M. D.,
Superintendent.

GLENWOOD, IOWA

November 11, 1907.



Dr. A. C. Rogers,

Faribault, Minn.

Dear Doctor:-

Your favor of the 7th inst. received, enclosing copy of your answer to Mr. Milburn's questions. I had written Mr. Carroll in regard to the matter and I understand from him that Mr. Milburn is writing a thesis in making application for a degree and desired the information asked for in connection therewith. Prior to receiving your letter, I had replied in a general way.

Very truly yours,

Geo Mogridge
Superintendent.

GM-NM

ST. PETER STATE HOSPITAL

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

DR. H. A. TOMLINSON, SUPERINTENDENT.

ST. PETER, MINN., Nov. 9, 1907.

Replying to your letter dated Nov. 7,
concerning Heredity - Mental upward tendency in.



My dear Doctor: I can not now recall any
publication dealing directly with this sub-
ject. My information has been obtained
from articles on the subject appearing from
time to time in the Journals.

Sincerely yours,

H. A. Tomlinson

HAT-LTS.

Dr. A. C. Rogers,
Faribault, Minn.

Indiana
School for Feeble-Minded Youth.
Fort Wayne, Ind.

TRUSTEES

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ALBERT E. CARROLL, SUPERINTENDENT

Nov. 9 - 1907.



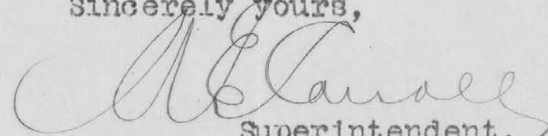
Dr. A. C. Rogers, Supt.,
Faribault, Minn.

My dear Doctor:-

Replying to yours of the 7th, I am pleased to send you under separate cover, three copies of the Arbor and Bird Day Annual. The material for this little book was collected by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. It was the desire of the Superintendent to make up his Annual with specimens of work from the Public Schools as well as the State Institutions. For some reason ours was the only Institution that responded to the invitation and as a regard we were permitted to furnish unlimited copy. This accounts for the large space occupied by our School in the Annual for this year. The thought of having their work published in book form has made the children very happy and will, I believe, incite them to a desire to accomplish better things in their school work.

With very kind regards,

Sincerely yours,


Superintendent.

Nov. 14, 1907.

Dr. F. B. Emery,
Rochester, Minn.

Dear Dr. Emery:

We have, in our Epileptic Departments one hundred and sixty-six patients at the present time.

We have never found any specific cure for Epilepsy. We do find, however, that the all around treatment of the patient, in a large majority of cases reduces the number of spasms very materially. We are not completely equipped as we desire to be, particularly with regard to the Hydrotherapeutic Treatment.

The psychology of the subject is an important matter and the development of the right attitude of the patient toward his own condition and the people about him.

While we are not accomplishing anything of a sensational matter, I would be very glad, indeed, if you would run up and spend a day with us.

Delay in reply was occasioned by my absence in attendance to the State Conference of Charities and Correction.

ACE/OL

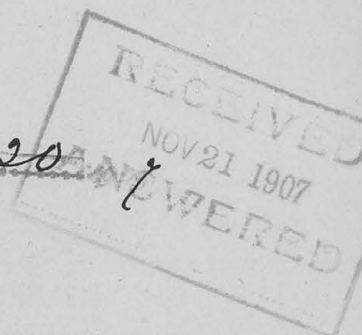
Very sincerely yours,

Supt.

J. B. JETT,
Attorney at Law.

312 S. Ann St.

St. Paul, Minn. Nov 20 1907



Dr A. C. Rogers

My dear Sir.

If convenient for you and nothing occurs meantime to prevent you will oblige me to keep in mind your promise to be at the Probate Court on next Monday at 10 o'clock. The Court room is in the Court house on second floor, and Mr Gosewisch, the Clerk of Court, will tell you who I am. I will not trouble you to write again unless you wish me to send you the money to cover your expenses. If you do not care for it beforehand, I will hand it to you at the Court. Please let me know as soon as you arrive, as I would like to see you a few minutes before the Court is opened.

Very truly yours

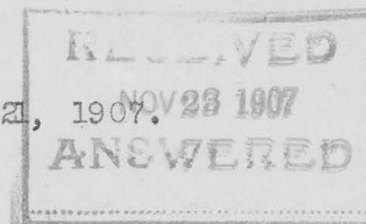
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ST. PETER STATE HOSPITAL

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

DR. H. A. TOMLINSON, SUPERINTENDENT.

ST. PETER, MINN., Nov. 21, 1907.



Replying to your letter dated
concerning

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Dr. A. C. Rogers,
Faribault, Minn.

Dear Doctor: I enclose herewith a transcript of the stenographer's report of your part in the discussion of the papers read at the November meeting of the Superintendents of the State Institutions in the offices of the State Board of Control, in order that you may make such revision and correction as you see fit.

Please be kind enough to make this revision at once, and return the corrected MS. to me, so that the publication of the transactions may not be delayed.

Yours respectfully,
Editorial Committee,

H. A. Tomlinson
Chairman.

HAT-LTS.

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for Idiotic and Feeble-Minded Persons,

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"THE INFLUENCE OF OCCUPATION IN THE
PREVENTION OF MENTAL REDUCTION"

By H. A. Tomlinson, M. D.

Dr. A. C. Rogers, School for the Feeble Minded:

The most that I could say would be to further emphasize what Dr. Tomlinson has stated, and, incidentally, to object to one ~~statement~~ ^{Statement} with regard to the feeble-minded which I think the Doctor did ~~not mean~~ ^{not mean} ~~not intend to convey~~; and that is, 'that there is nothing to work upon with the feeble-minded.' The actual systematic training, as carried on in the schools for the feeble-minded, is for those children whose mental status is below normal, but not for those who have nothing to work upon.

To illustrate the advantage of diversity of occupation, I wish to speak of one case where the person was supposed to be absolutely incapable of anything but destructive exercise.

We have one boy, about twenty-four years of age, who came to us with destructive tendencies. He destroyed his furniture; he was ill-tempered toward those around him; he was nervous and irritable generally, often pounding himself, his face and his head; at night he destroyed the bedding, tearing into strips everything that he could get hold of; and those immediately in charge of him seemed unable to effect any improvement. While the boy's muscles were defective, and his hands flaccid and moist most of the time, he was physically very strong; for short periods uncommonly strong.

I have long been convinced that at least a large percentage of such cases might be improved by very careful personal attention, and by the direction of the destructive activities into methodical forms. I suggested that it would pay one of our supervisors to give his time to this boy for a while, to see if he couldn't interest him in something besides destructive exercise. Fortunately, this summer we ^{have} had a man ~~who was~~ of the right temperament to do that. He made the remark that he was going to do something for Jake, if he didn't do anything else, ^{for a month} and I told him that such a course had my approval.

The boy was first employed in picking up sticks and stones and carrying them off in a wheelbarrow, the supervisor assisting him. After a few days he seemed very much interested, and got so that he would do the work without any specific directions. We were very much pleased with the result.

After perhaps a week of that kind of exercise, with, of course, plenty of rest, he being occupied about an hour or an hour and a half at a time, we had him taken out of the room where he had been almost naked every night, and put in a bed in the dormitory with the other boys. He slept as well as anybody in the institution; looked after his own personal functions in the night; and gave no trouble, whatever. At present he is employed every day with other boys, and, with the exception of one night, has torn no bedding for about six

weeks. He now comes to our evening dances, where he behaves himself, and is as much interested as some of the brighter and more promising boys.

It is a little uncertain just how much he does know. He does not talk at all, having no means of communicating other than by signs. He will follow directions; he will hoe, shovel and do work of that kind; but we have made no effort to teach him to talk. ~~I think he is beyond it.~~

~~It is a case of mental aphasia.~~ *He has a form of aphasia.*

I mention this as a typical case where personal attention is required to start inmates in the right direction. The results are certainly very gratifying. I have no doubt but what the same method might be pursued with the insane, that being exactly in line with what Dr. Tomlinson has been talking about. I think the personal influence of the one in charge of the patient counts for much. The case ~~which I cited~~ is particularly interesting because, prior to this time, no one who had had anything to do with him had been able to improve his condition. *We make no prediction as to his future.*

I believe that ~~some~~ ^{some} mechanical ~~work~~ ^{employment} can be conducted at a profit in an institution where the inmates are mentally defective. A few years ago we spent a great deal of time in our brush work, keeping a careful book account. ~~There was a profit right along every month.~~ *considering.* ~~We were not pay-~~ *ing* any interest on the plant, ~~but, so far as the~~ *and only* material and wages ~~were concerned,~~ *made* we ~~had~~ about a twenty-per-cent profit, ~~right along.~~ There ~~were~~ *was*

traveling ^{man} ~~men~~ who carried our brushes as a side line, selling them throughout Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota. However, I think the real profit manifests itself more in the satisfaction it gives the people of the state to know that their boys and girls are occupied and are healthy and happy, than ~~it does in the financial production.~~ *Showing.*

I can understand exactly why the Superintendents of the Hospitals find it difficult to answer the direct question, "What would you need to accomplish such and such results?" The difficulty is that it depends entirely upon the group of people you are working with. If you get a department very well organized, so much depends upon the personality of the one teaching that if you lose that person, you lose the whole. It is always a problem to get a person who can get results industrially, and one who, at the same time, can take a personal interest in the ~~children~~ *People* and teach them to get results.

under his charge. This last qualification is the one essential qualifications

"AFTER-CARE OF PATIENTS DISCHARGED
FROM HOSPITALS FOR THE INSANE"

By Dr. Richard Dewey.

Dr. Rogers: I believe that the work of the agents will be of great benefit to the School for Feeble-Minded and Colony for Epileptics. We, in a great many cases, have no reports of ~~our~~ ^{the} children who go out, and are constantly asked what the ~~aggregate result of accounting them to go out~~ *through frequently asked about them and the results are.* These results have quite a bearing on the sociological work of the State, and the reports that we could get through the agents ^{should} ~~would~~ be of great value from that standpoint. *The knowledge of results would assist in determining our course in regard to similar cases still in the school*

There is a special class of cases that we are very much concerned about, all of us: The girls whom the relatives are so anxious to have taken out of the institution, who we think ought not to go. The agents would be able to report on conditions in the neighborhood of the ^{families} family. I think their work would be of great value to us.

Gov. J. FRANK HANLY, Prest.
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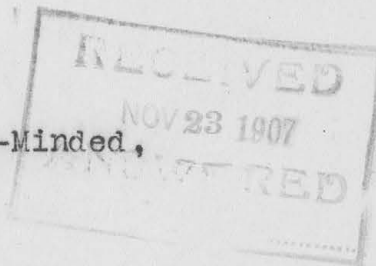
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letter Nov. 14*

Dr. A. C. Rogers,

Sup't. Minnesota School for Feeble-Minded,

Faribault, Minn.



Dear Doctor:

I have your letter of November 14th and note what you say about Dr. Tomlinson's statement. I thank you for the information given.

I am very glad to learn of your interesting and profitable session of the State Conference. Our State Conferences are doing a fine service.

Very truly yours,

A. W. Butler.

Secretary.

Nov. 14, 1907.

Mr. A. W. Butler,
Sec. Board of State Charities,
Indianapolis, Ind.

My dear Mr. Butler:

It was Dr. ^{Tornilsson} ~~Thomson~~ of St. Peters, who made the remark referred to concerning the upward tendency in heredity. I wrote the Doctor for information as to where he had seen this matter discussed. In his reply, he stated that this conclusion was the result of general study and reading rather than any one statement found in the literature of the subject.

I have just returned from Fergus Falls where we have had an interesting and I believe a profitable session of the State Conference. There was quite a large attendance of County Commissioners.

With very kind regards,

ACB/OL

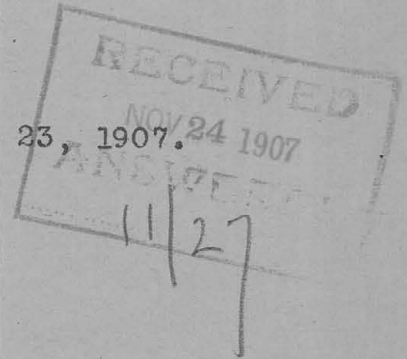
Sincerely yours,

Supt.

Peoples Church

St. Paul, Minn.

November 23, 1907.



Dr. A. G. Rogers,

Faribault, Minnesota.

My dear Dr. Rogers;

Would two weeks from today, December 7th, be a good day for me to bring my classes down to Faribault? I shall be glad to hear from you as soon as convenient that I may make arrangements.

Faithfully yours,

S. G. Smith

ST. PETER STATE HOSPITAL.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

DR. H. A. TOMLINSON, SUPERINTENDENT.

ST. PETER, MINN. Nov. 26th, 1906.

Replying to your letter dated
concerning

State Board of Control,

Mr. L. A. Rosing,

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir: The enclosed is a transcript of your part in the discussion of the different subjects that were considered at the August meeting of the Superintendents of the State Institutions. This is forwarded to you for correction and revision, previous to publication. The editorial committee suggests that in revising this matter you put all that you said on each given subject into a consecutive narrative, which shall contain your views on the question discussed. The committee also begs leave to call your attention to the fact that this journal is to be published for the information of the public, and that the discussions should so be presented that the subject matter will be interesting and instructive.

Be kind enough to make this revision at once, and forward to Dr. A. C. Rogers, Faribault, Minn.

Yours respectfully,
Editorial Committee,

H. A. Tomlinson.
Chairman.

Dictated.

Enclosure.

Nov. 27, 1907.

23rd,

Dr. S. G. Smith,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Doctor:

December 7th will be entirely satisfactory for the
visit of your class.

Kindly let us know in advance the number so we can
prepare lunch. Also state how you wish to divide the time between
the schools.

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Very sincerely yours,

Supt.

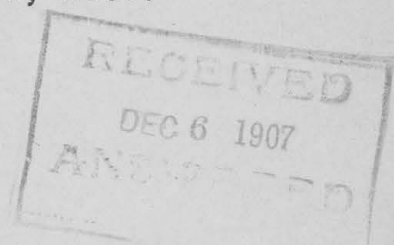
ST. PETER STATE HOSPITAL

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

DR. H. A. TOMLINSON, SUPERINTENDENT.

ST. PETER, MINN., Dec. 5, 1907.

Replying to your letter dated Dec. 4,
concerning Quarterly Conferences - Proceedings of.



My dear Doctor: The State Printer will begin with the November volume, and will have nothing to do with those which have already been sent to you.

Sincerely yours,

H. A. Tomlinson

Chairman.

HAT-LTS.

Dr. A. C. Rogers,
Fairbault, Minn.

Dec. 4, 1907.

Dr. Tomlinson,

St. Peter, Minn.

Dear Doctor:

It was not quite clear as to which number of the quarterly the state printer would begin on. Our printer is setting up Dr. Sneve's paper now. If the state printer takes the August meeting, of course, we do not care to go on with this paper.

AGR/OL

Very respectfully,

Supt.



THE COMMISSION TO SELECT A SITE
FOR
THE EASTERN NEW YORK STATE CUSTODIAL ASYLUM
APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UNDER CHAPTER 331, LAWS OF 1907
OFFICE, 287 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY

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SECRETARY

December 12, 1907.

Dr. A. C. Rogers,
Fairbault, Minn.

Dear Dr. Rogers:

This Commission has among other duties been directed to "ascertain, so far as possible, the number of epileptic and other feeble-minded persons needing custodial care in this state, who cannot be received in existing state institutions for the care of epileptic or feeble-minded persons."

As both the time and means at the command of the Commission are very limited, it will not be possible to make a very complete or exhaustive census of epileptic and feeble-minded persons in this state.

In order to check the data which is being secured, would you be good enough to let me know what in your opinion are the number of epileptic and feeble-minded persons to each 100,000 of the population?

Will you also be good enough to let me have your views as to the size of the site which should be secured for an institution designed to ultimately accommodate some 2,500 cases?

The favor of an early reply will be much appreciated.

Yours very truly,

F. B. Kirkbride

Commissioner.

*100 to 150
- 166 to 100. #
- 2500 acres shd*

Dr. Fernald suggested my writing to you. I think you -

I have a mutual friend in the person of a
very charming Mrs. Eble.

F.B.H.

December 12, 1907.

Dr. J. O. Rogers,

Baltimore, Minn.

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Yours very truly,

Commissioner.

Jan. 1, 1908.

Dec. 12th,

Mr. F. B. Kirkbride,
287-4th Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Please pardon delay in answering your letter which came during the unusually busy season for us.

As you know, statistics of accuracy concerning the feeble-minded and epileptic are not readily obtainable. I am inclined to think that the old familiar rule of one person to six hundred or one hundred sixty-six to the one hundred thousand is approximately correct, possibly the estimate is a little too low.

I am a great believer in securing an ample body of land for public institutions, especially for epileptics and the feeble-minded. They do not make economical labors but the character of employment afforded by the farm, garden, dairy and stock raising is especially well adapted to secure for them health and happiness. The products obtained are also secured at, at least as low a cost, and I am sure in many cases a lower cost, than they could be obtained by direct purchase. The amount of land procured would, of course

W. F.B.K.

depend so much upon its character and location that one would hesitate to express a very definite opinion without a knowledge of these factors. The old rule of one acre per inmate is a convenient one to use but not necessarily one to adhere to. Personally, I believe thoroughly in intensified farming and gardening. On the other hand, there should be ample room for lawns, parks, picnic grounds, woodlands, etc., thus calling for a comparatively large acreage. Again the character of the labor which the defectives represent is such that it is more difficult to secure effective high-grade farm work without expensive supervision, hence as much as possible of the work would have to be done by teams driven and cared for by the inmates.

The experiment which Dr. Fernald is making in colonizing his boys away from the parent institution, is in my opinion a valuable one and although they are actually working probably less than one hundred acres of the two thousand acres in the tract, yet the isolation afforded by the possession of this large body of land is in itself a valuable consideration.

I do not suppose anything here said will be new to you, but if I can render you any further assistance, I will be glad to do so.

If you see Mrs. Bale, kindly remember me to her.

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Very sincerely yours,

Supt.



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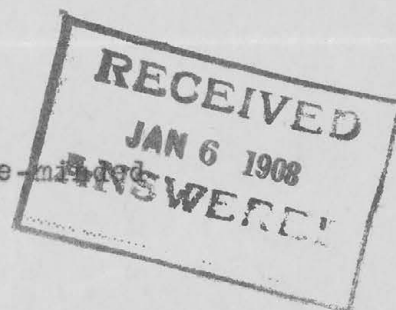
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January 4, 1907.

Dr. A. C. Rogers,

Superintendent Minnesota School for Feeble-minded
and Colony for Epileptics,

Faribault, Minn.



My dear Dr. Rogers:

Please accept my thanks for your much appreciated
letter of January 1. It is exactly what I wanted.

With the compliments of the season, I remain

Yours respectfully,

Franklin B. Kirkbride.

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Commissioner.

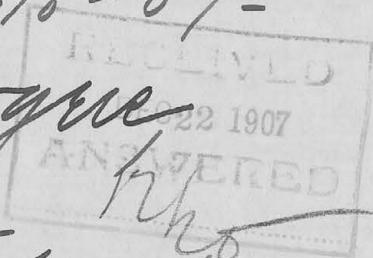
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2881 Broadway St.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dec. 18-'07-

Dr. A. C. Rogers

Dear Sir:-



Enclosed

please find check for
\$20) twenty dollars as
our donation to your
Christmas fund. Trusting
that everything is well
with Ray and also the
school. Very truly,

Wm. G. H.

Helge D. Ambrose

Dec. 28, 1907.

Dec. 18th.

Mrs. G. H. Umbsen,
2801 Broadway,
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Madam:

Your generous contribution of \$20.00 to our Christmas Fund was duly received and I enclose herewith formal receipt. This was very kind, thoughtful and generous of you.

I doubt if we have ever had a Christmas when the children were happier or better satisfied in every way than the recent one.

Ray was here Christmas but is spending a few days with Mrs. Brown, as per arrangement with his mother.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Very respectfully,

Supt.

ACR/BJ

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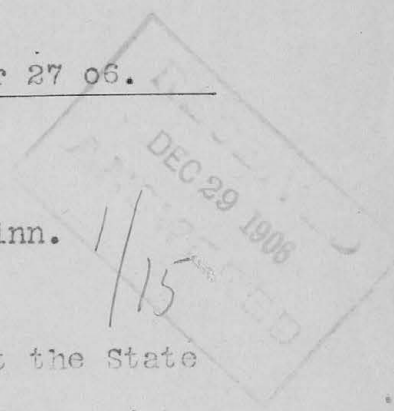
Faribault, Minn.

My Dear Sir:-

I have a paper to prepare on the subject, -What the State owes the Child. Have you anything in pamphlet or printed form which answers the question from the point of view of the children who come under your care? If you have or can refer me to anything or tell me where I can get anything, I shall be very grateful and will be glad to bear the expense. This may seem out of your territory, but I lived most of my life in southern Minnesota and I am simply writing back home for information.

Sincerely

E. W. Martin



Jan. 16,

7.

27th.

Mr. E. W. Martin,

General Sec. Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Pleasant, Ia.

Dear Sir:

Please pardon me for not answering your letter sooner. I hardly know to what to refer you for the information you desire, but am inclosing two reports, one by Dr. Barr, "State Care of the Feeble-minded," and one by myself, "Functions of the School for Feeble-minded," from which you may possibly get some suggestions. If they do not give you the exact information you want, and you will write me explicitly as to what this may be, I will see if I can answer it for you.

Kindly return Dr. Barr's report as it is taken from our files .

Very sincerely yours,

ACT/OB

Supt.