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Superintendent.
Correspondence.

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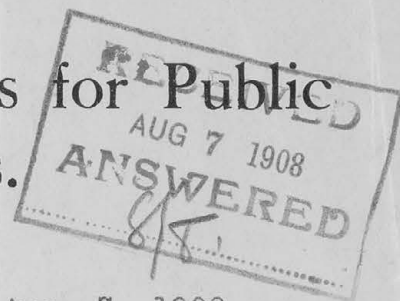
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State Board of Visitors for Public Institutions.



St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 7, 1908.

Dear Sir:

I am writing at the request of Dr. Samuel G. Smith, who, as you know, is the head of the Department of Sociology at the University of Minnesota. That department is organizing a Social Museum as one of its useful adjuncts, and Dr. Smith hopes that you may have something in the way of photographs, plans reports, forms, and blanks which you would be glad to contribute in order that the students of Sociology may be made more familiar with these things. Also, as far as practicable, he would be glad to receive exhibits of manual work done, such as have been furnished for the St. Louis and other exhibitions. We have no fund for this work, but hope that you will feel you can afford to do this in the interest not alone of the University but of the Institution itself.

Will you communicate with me, if you wish to, at the Peoples Church, St. Paul, and anything you may wish to send can be sent there and will later be installed at the University.

Yours truly,

(Mrs.) L. C. Goodenow

Will look up fund

Aug. 8, 1908.

Aug. 7,

Exhibit

Mrs. L. C. Goodenow,
C/o People's Church,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Madam:

We have so many calls for photographs and samples of work that we have not been able of late to keep a complete stock on file for exhibition purposes. I will be very glad, however, to make such a collection as I can and forward to you as soon as I can give the matter time.

ACR/OL

Very sincerely yours,

Supt.



*The Board of Managers
of the
Minnesota State Agricultural Society
extends to you a cordial invitation
to attend the
49th Annual State Fair
to be held upon the
State Fair Grounds at Hamline,
midway between the cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis,
commencing August 31st and
closing September 5th
1908*

*C. H. Cosgrove
Secretary.*

*B. F. Nelson
President.*

Please acknowledge receipt of enclosed season complimentary.

Aug. 11, 1908.

C. N. Cosgrove, Secretary,
Hamlin, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Please accept my thanks for the State Fair
passes just received.

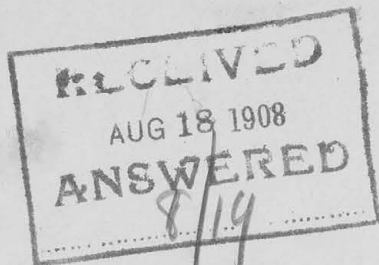
Your Board is certainly to be congratulated on
the reputation and the success of this wonderful Fair.

With very kind personal regards,

ACR/OL

Very sincerely,

Supt.



Rushford
Minnesota

Aug 18-08-

Superintendent for the Feeble Minded Institution
Fairbault Minn

Dear Sir Please Pardon me for writing
you but I wish a little information
& I thought perhaps you could inform
me or direct me to where I could get my
information. I would like to know
if in Minnesota there is a home for
the aged or where they have one -
I have an aged mother & it is
necessary for me to be away from
home to earn money to support us -
I would very much like to place her
in such a home she is 80 years old
but rather childish & as it is hard
just to get the right kind of a
boarding place for a old person

I would rather place her in a home
for old ladies & I would like to have
her where she would be among
skandinavians as she does not speak
English. Please let me know as soon
as possible & greatly oblige & you will
do me a great favor with an early
reply. Yours very sincerely.

Miss Julia T. Olson.

Rushford.

Fillmore Co.
Minnesota

Aug. 19, 1908.

Aug. 18,

Miss Julia T. Olson,

Rushford, Minn.

Dear Madam:

I think there is an old ladies' Home somewhere around the Twin Cities but unfortunately I do not have the address and do not know where you could obtain the information unless it would be from Mrs. Starkweather of the State Capitol Building, St..Paul, Minn.

ACR/OL

Very respectfully,

Supt.



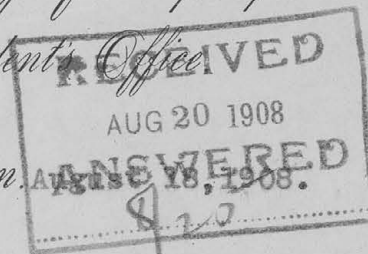
DAVID F. WEEKS, M. D., SUPERINTENDENT.

TELEPHONE, PRINCETON-904.

New Jersey State Village for Epileptics.

Superintendent's Office

Skullman



A. C. Rogers, M. D., Superintendent,
School for Feeble-minded,
Faribault, Minn.

Dear Doctor:-

By a recent Act of the Legislature, Feeble-minded men are to be cared for at this Institution. Will you have the kindness to send me a copy of the application papers in use in your Institution.

Thanking you in advance for the same, I am,

Yours very truly,

David F. Weeks
Superintendent.

D.F.W.-H.

NOTICE.

Visiting days Tuesdays, Saturdays and all legal holidays, from 9 a. m. to 5. p. m.

NO VISITING ON SUNDAYS.

Address all communications to the Superintendent.

When writing about patients always give their full name.

Give YOUR name and address every time you write and call attention to any change of address.

Aug. 25, 1908.

Dr. David F. Weeks,
Skillman, N.J.

Dear Doctor:

I inclose herewith a set of our application
blanks, as requested.

ACR/OL

Very respectfully,

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Supt.

Aug. 29, 1908.

Miss Julia Lathrop,
174 Adams St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Miss Lathrop:

I have just read the account of your class for attendants in the Summer School of Civics. This movement is certainly to be highly commended. I think most of us who are laboring for the amelioration of the condition of the defectives long for the day when attendants and nurses can be secured who strive for a higher ideal in their work than is the case usually. Those of us who work in the western states have ^{more} much difficulty in securing steady employment in our caretaking department than is experienced in the eastern states.

I should like to send some students from our institution to the School next year and would recommend to the Board a leave of absence without loss of pay for this purpose, provided we could retain help enough to carry on our work during the summer months. We have been, this year, so short of help in all departments that we have found it very difficult, indeed, to keep up a reasonably good standard of service. Whether any increase in salaries would be feasible, would really affect the situation materially or not, I am not certain. The amount of wages affects good people, of course, but unless caretakers

possess the right spirit no amount of wages will secure ideal service. I wish, however, we might pay more than we do.

This is drifting somewhat from my intention simply to express appreciation of the work you have organized.

With very kind personal regards both to yourself and Mr. Taylor,

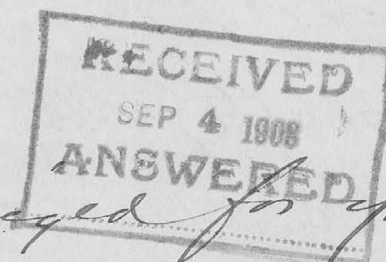
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Very respectfully,

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State of Illinois
The Board of State Commissioners
of Public Charities
Springfield

Rockford
Sept 3.



My dear Dr. Rogers

I am greatly obliged for your kind letter about the Summer School for attendants. It proved a more satisfactory bit of experimenting than I had dared hope. I was fortunate, as a member of the Board, to be connected with the School of Civics and to be able to raise a special fund to pay for the course so that it could be offered to the State institutions of Illinois free of charge.

I trust the School will continue and broaden the beginning of this summer. I would like especially to consult with you about work for the feeble-minded. Of course you

understand that what we were
really trying for was not to increase
directly the marketable products
of an institution nor even to intro-
duce a wide range of new activities
but to show that the attendant
is not necessarily either in ~~the~~
theory or in fact the combination
of policeman & scrub woman
which is too frequent & which ex-
plains the stupidity and the occasion-
al cruelty of some wards; but that
nor is the attendant a pseudo-
nurse; but ~~that~~ the attendant is
really a teacher, a nursery governess,
a mother of a simple household if
you please, — at any rate a person whose
powers & interest instruct & amuse her
charges measures her value to them and
to the State. The need of such training

is greater in institutions for the insane I suppose and I felt this summer that attendants from an institution for the feeble-minded probably needed some special help that we were not offering.

They were most happy in the instructors. They were normal school teachers & so able to teach how to teach.

Just now we are going to secure an exhibit of work done in the institutions by the first patients to be instructed after the attendants return. Patients who are ordinarily unemployed & "stupid" are the ones to be chosen of course.

I did not mean to write so much by hand too - letters are one province in which hand work is discredited. Yrs faithfully, Julia Hathorn

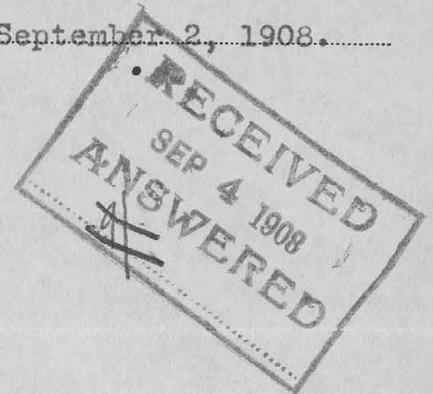
New Jersey Training School
for
Feeble-Minded Girls and Boys

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

Office of
E. R. Johnstone, Superintendent

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

Vineland, N. J., September 2, 1908.



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

My dear Dr. Rogers:-

Thank you very much for the Blue Prints, which I am
returning ~~under separate cover~~. They have been quite helpful to
me. *herewith*

I appreciated very much Miss Farrell's paper, and was
glad to use it. Fernald was unfortunately in Europe, and I was
not able to get hold of his.

I am sending out a circular of books that I think
our Summer School students should read, and will include the
Journal of Psycho-Asthenics in it. I hope you may get some sub-
scriptions ~~from~~ it. If you know of any books bearing on the sub-
ject that you think will be helpful to Special Class teachers,
I shall be real glad if you will let me know.

With kindest regards to all the folks there, I am,

Sincerely yours,

(J/L)

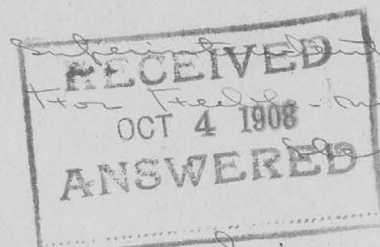
easily managed. Music does
not appeal to them.

Hoping for a speedy reply.

Yours sincerely,
Catherine Shook.

Memphis, Tenn.,

September 2nd, 1908.



Dear Sir: I want
your advice about two
orphans in my school here.
One child is nine years
old. In three years she has
learned to spell, eat, little
else. Her tiny sister, five
years of age seems equally
bright. Their parents are first
cousins and very dull also.
Could the children be sent
to the Institute? What would
the expense be? Could you
suggest some work that I
might give them here. I'm
fifty miles from town so it
would be impossible to get
special apparatus for them.
Busy work has been tried
but they won't do it. Besides
a slight stammer they are



Ev. Luth. Home for ...Feeble-Minded and Epileptics...

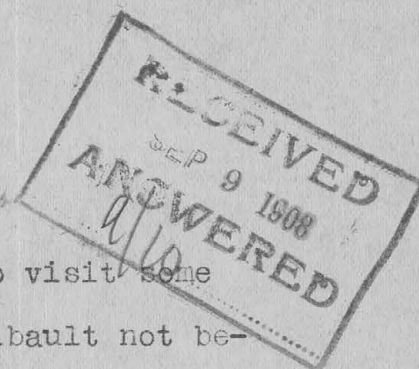
W. K. Weissbrodt, Superintendent.

1380 HUMBOLDT AVENUE.

Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 7th. 08 190

Dr. A. C. Rogers

Faribault, Minn.



Dear Friend, -

Mrs. Weissbrodt and myself intend to visit some friends at Young America, Minn. next week. Faribault not being very far from that place, I thought that would be a good chance to show Mrs. W. the great Minnesota Home for F.-M. and to shake hands with our friend Dr. Rogers. Now, if you will be at home middle of next week and it be convenient to you, we shall take that side-trip.

Things are running the usual way here. By the way, not quite. My oldest daughter, until now boys'-attendant, has been offered a school (English Parochial) in Racine. So I must look for another attendant. Can you help us out? She is to take care of 18 boys as you saw them when here. Wages \$20.00 to begin with. German lady preferred.

School began last week, everybody is glad of it. Only ONE was home during vacation, that makes 3%.

With best regards from Mrs. W. and myself to you and friends,

I remain

yours sincerely,

W. K. Weissbrodt

Sept. 10, 1908.

Mr. W. K. Weissbrodt,
1380 Humboldt Ave.,
Milwaukee, Wis.

My dear Mr. Weissbrodt:

I shall be very pleased, indeed, to have you and Mrs. Weissbrodt visit us next week. If, when you come, I should be out for the time (I do not now expect to be) come right in and make yourselves at home.

We find it very hard to secure good attendants. I will talk with you on this subject further when you are here.

With very kind regards, I am,

ACR/OL

Very sincerely yours,

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Supt.

Sept. 7, 1908.

Dr. H. A. Tomlinson,
St. Peter, Minn.

Dear Doctor:

Inclosed is my discussion on Institution
Libraries, etc. at the August first meeting.

In taking up the matter of Dr. Dow's
paper with him, I found that he had forwarded same to
the Board previous to our conversation over the phone.

ACR/OL

Very sincerely yours,

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Supt.

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Dr. A. C. Rogers -
 Faribault.

H. Peter - Minn
 Sept. 10 - '08

My dear Dr. Rogers -
 Will you kindly send me, before
 Monday - (14th) the exact title of the paper you prom-
 ised us for the annual meeting of the State Federation
 of Women's Clubs - Your paper is down for Wednesday
 afternoon - Oct. 7 - time - 40 minutes - I have called
 it "Degeneracy and how to prevent it" - but I am
 not sure this is right - Please advise me -
 I hope you are all well - Nancy has gone to
 Leach - Love to Mrs. Rogers -

Sincerely yours
 Mary T. Tomlinson
 (Mrs. H. A.)

Sept. 11, 1908.

Sept. 10,

Mrs. H. A. Tomlinson,
St. Peter, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Tomlinson:

Your letter calls to mind another rash promise. How prone we are to look forward over a period of six or eight months and permit ourselves to believe that we can think of something that will interest a body of intelligent people. As the time approaches for the performance of what should be a pleasant duty, I find in my case there is nothing to say that has not been told and re-told and I do not seem to be able to invent any new method of presenting it.

My treatment of the subject you have assigned me, namely: "Degeneracy and how to prevent it" will, I feel, prove very disappointing. Yet, I do not think of any other way of stating the title that would stimulate more interest in the subject than the form you propose.

Helen left for the University yesterday and Eloise hopes to take up music studies in New York later during the

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H.A.T.

9/11/08

year. Mrs. Rogers is very tired from Church Carnival
and dressmaking for the daughters.

With very kind personal regards,

ACR/OL

Sincerely yours,

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Sup

Sept. 11, 1908.

Dr. W. E. Fernald,
Waverley, Mass.

Dear Doctor:

Would it be possible for you to give us a paper on "Colonies for the Feeble-Minded" at the next meeting of the Board of Control and Superintendents of State Institutions of Minnesota at St. Paul during the first week in November? These meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday in the month.

With very kind personal regards,

ACR/OL

Sincerely yours,

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Surt.

Sept. 15-08

Dear Uncle Arthur:-

A friend of mine, Miss Sadie Brown, is coming down to Laribault next Saturday with a woman, who has a girl in your school. (The woman is not very bright either so cannot travel alone) I was wondering if Elloise or Helen were not too busy, if they would be willing to entertain Miss Brown a little during the day. She is a very sweet girl and would like to go over the institution. I shall appreciate it very much if they, (or some one else) would shorten the day for her a little. I told her to ask for you, so think she will do so. Do you ever visit Minneapolis? it seems a long time since I've had the pleasure of seeing you. I have not been feeling at all well for some time, but guess I will get along. I have to live at restaurants now days and it does not seem to agree with me very well.

I don't know what to do this winter, it seems as tho I could not stand it to live this way.

I have a little room, it is quite pleasant now but there is no way to heat it. and to have to go out in all kinds of weather for my meals, the outlook ^{for the winter} is not very pleasing to say the least. I have thought some of going to the Woman's Boarding Home, but think their rooms are all full. I was there not long ago, and had such a nice visit with Miss Eunice Albertson, she remembers you so well, and would like so much to see you. she was at Earlham when you were in school there. her sister is matron at this home. By the way, Miss Brown leaves next week for Earlham. I understand Helen is to attend the "U" here this winter. I should like so much to see her. If there is anything I can do for her while here, I shall be only too glad. I feel that I am of no earthly use any more to any one. Hoping I may see or hear from you some time. I am, with much love to all -
your niece May L. R.

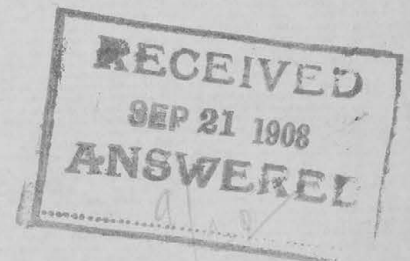
3717 Stevens Ave.



WALTER E. FERNALD, M. D.,
SUPERINTENDENT.

MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL FOR THE FEEBLE-MINDED.

Waverley, September 18, 1908.



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

Dear Dr. Rogers:--

Your kind invitation is received. As you know, our work has developed very fast this year. We are working up our new manual training department, and the colony is taking another period of rapid growth, and I really don't believe I can leave the ship this fall.

I thank you very much for the honor of your invitation which I assure you I thoroughly appreciate, but I really won't be able to do it.

Very truly yours,

Walter E. Fernald

Supt.

Sept. 18, 1908.

Mrs. A. T. Hall,
62 So. Dale St.,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Hall:

Miss McLean has handed me your letter asking for data concerning the effect of inebriety in causing mental defectiveness. I am inclosing, under separate cover, a copy of the "Quarterly" in which is printed a paper on inebriety read by Dr. Haldor Sneve before the Board of Control in St. Paul, and a few statistics presented by myself.

In an examination of the conditions pertaining to the parentage of one hundred feeble-minded children in the Pennsylvania School for Feeble-Minded a number of years ago, it was found that in thirty-eight cases there was intemperance, but the data which I have does not show whether "intemperance" meant the use of alcoholic liquors only or its excessive use. Neither does it show whether the thirty-eight cases involved the intemperance of the parents only or parents and grandparents; presumably the latter, however. In my examination of five hundred cases at Glenwood, Ia. in 1884, I only found intemperance specified in in the case of the parents of twenty-three and the grandparents of four - only 5.4%. This seems remarkably low. We do not, however, in this country find excessive intemperance as a cause

in nearly so many cases as is found in some of the European countries. It must be borne in mind also that finding parents and grandparents addicted to intemperate habits, does not prove that such habits are the total and exclusive cause of the defects found in their children; such weakness and transgressions must be considered with other factors and recognized as symptoms of a weakened stock.

ACR/OL

Sincerely yours,

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Supt.

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ANSWERED

Edi California

Sept 21-1908

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Nidegarter dept. of State School
Fairbault Minn.

Dear Madam, -

I am about to
begin work in the Nidegarter
of California State School for
Feeble Minded and I know
absolutely nothing about
the work in that kind of
a school.

Your department in the

Fairbault School has
been referred to me as very
successful. It would be
a very great favor to me
if you would tell me
some thing of your
methods. Do you deal
with the children as with
normal children? Are the
children able to attend
kindergarten for the three
hours or must you have
different classes for an hour
each? & so how do you
divide the work and the
play? How especially do

you manage the music?
Can you have a regular
program?

Hoping that I may hear
from you,

I am Most Sincerely,
Ella Frances Jordan,
Sodi California,

Oct. 20, 1908.

Sept. 21

Miss Etta Francis Goodman;

Lodi, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Inclosed is a report of our kindergarten
teacher Miss Dillingham prepared in reply to your letter.

Hoping this may be of assistance to you and
with a desire to serve you further, if we can, I am,

ACR/OL

Very sincerely yours,

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Supt.

I Inclosure

Sept. 22, 1908.

Aug. 22,

Dr. Hamilton Wright, Acting Chairman,
Washington D.C.

Dear Doctor:

In reply to your circular letter, I had hoped to find some data within my observation to contribute. I do not, however, find anything either on our records or of a "legendary" character pertaining to the class of people under my care bearing upon the subject of your investigation. I have had no experience in practice in the general community.

ACR/OL

Very respectfully,

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Supt.

476 West 152nd Street, New York City,

September 23, 1908.

Dr. A. C. Rogers,

Superintendent of the State School for the Feeble-Minded,
Faribault, Minnesota.

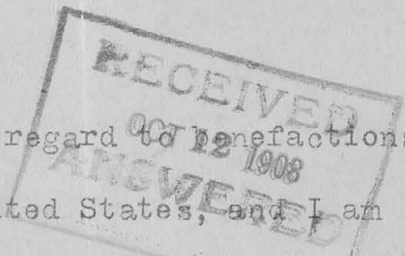
Dear sir:-

I am endeavoring to collect material with regard to benefactions to the deaf, blind and feeble-minded in the United States, and I am writing to you in the hope that you will be so good as to advise me respecting your institution. I should like to have a history of the school if one has been published, and one of your recent reports may be of help. I would want to know, also, if you will be kind enough to tell me, what benefactions the school has received from private sources in the way of bequests and gifts; what provision the state makes for the school; whether pupils able to pay are required to do so; what is the government of the school, whether under a State Board of Charities, etc. I would like to know, too, if you will ^{not} feel that I have asked too much, whether there are in your state any other schools, homes or associations for the feeble-minded, and what provision is made for them after they leave school. Lastly, could you tell me if a file of the "Journal of Psycho-Asthenics" is kept in the New York City Library, and what other books or publications may be of help on a subject like this.

I am aware that I am asking a great deal of a busy man, but I can assure you that I will be under very many obligations to you if you can let me have this information. Thanking you in advance, I am

Very respectfully yours,

Harry Best.



Oct. 13, 1908.

Sept. 23d.

Mr. Harry Best,
476 West 152nd St.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

"The Minnesota Experimental School for Imbeciles" was opened in September 1879 in a rented building known as the Fairview House. The first children were those sent by a Commission of Medical Examiners of the Hospital for Insane. The next legislature (we have biennial sessions) established the institution under the name of "The School for Idiots and Imbeciles". A site was purchased and a small building constructed of lime stone. Dr. H. M. Knight of Lakeville, Conn., was a pioneer in this work and assisted the Board of Directors in organizing the work. His son, Dr. George Knight, became the first "acting" superintendent. The term "acting" was employed temporarily, owing to the peculiar relation of the School for Deaf to the School for Blind and this institution. These, in a sense, grew out of the School for Deaf and the superintendent of the School for Deaf was at first recognized as the head of the other two schools. This relation, however, was only temporary as it was only nominal. The writer's connection with the institution began on September 1, 1885.

One Board of Directors exercised control of these three institutions, until the organization of the State Board of Control, which will be mentioned later. The legislature of 1887 revised the law concerning the government of the three institutions and adopted a generic term for the three institutions: "The Minnesota Institute for Defectives." consisting of three departments: "The School for Deaf", "The School for Blind" and "The School for Feeble-Minded". While the internal administration of each was entirely independent, the superintendents were each responsible to the same Board and the administration of each was governed by the same law. The state furnished the entire support except that for "clothing, postage and transportation" which were provided for by a deposit of "not to exceed \$40.00" for each inmate. This payment was made by the parents or relatives when they were able, otherwise from the county from which said inmate came. This latter fund was held in trust for the specific purpose named by the statute and any unexpended balance, by the death or removal of the child, reverted to the original source. The legislature of 1901 placed the Hospitals and Asylums for Inane, the School for Feeble-Minded, the Prison, the Reformatory and the Training School under a central Board of Control. The Normal Schools, the University, the Schools for Deaf and Blind, and the State Public School had for each group a separate Board who controlled the administrative work but not the expense. This law was again revised (I think in 1905). As it stands today, the building construction of all state institutions and all insurances of all public buildings are in the hands of the State Board of Control. The University and Normal Schools are, otherwise, entirely

independent of this Board. The balance of the institutions sustain the same relation to the Board as provided by the act creating it.

I am sorry to say we do not have extra reports except an occasional one, but I will send you, under separate cover, such as we have to spare.

In 1905 our state law was re-codified and as it at present stands, the annual payment, while remaining practically the same as it was originally, must be made in advance and instead of being held in trust for the inmates, it is turned directly into the State Treasury by the superintendent. All expenses, including clothing, etc., are then paid directly by the State. The amount received from the parents and counties, however, is available to supplement the regular appropriation for general expenses.

Nothing is received from private sources outside of the above, except the small amounts contributed to the amusement funds, etc.

There is no other institution of the kind in the state except a private school at Northfield in this (Rice) county; having a capacity of about twenty pupils. This belongs to Miss Laura Baker, for a number of years my principal teacher here.

After provision of feeble-minded persons outside of the institution pertains essentially to the borderland cases and those approximating the "backward" type. These can occasionally to out and make fairly good citizens. To look after them, we have the services of an agency established by the legislature of

1907 and acting under the direction of the State Board of Control. There is a man and a woman whose duty it is to supervise the home conditions of the insane and feeble-minded who go out from their respective institutions. This arrangement is an experiment, but personally, I consider it an excellent addition to the state organization.

I presume you will find a file of the Journal of Psycho-Asthenics at the New York public library as copies have been sent them. The last number published, is the one for June 1906. We are very much behind in the publication.

ACR/OL

Very respectfully,

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Supt.

P.S. I should have stated that the 1905 Code changed the name of the institution to The Minnesota School for Feeble-Minded and Colony for Epileptics.

ST. PETER STATE HOSPITAL

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

DR. H. A. TOMLINSON, SUPERINTENDENT

ST. PETER, MINN. Sept. 24, 1908.

Replying to your letter dated Sept. 21,
concerning Quarterly Conference - papers for.

Dr. A. C. Rogers,
Faribault, Minnesota.



My dear Doctor: So far the only paper for
our November meeting is that of Doctor Voldeng.
Mr. Randall has failed to secure anyone else.
You might try Wisconsin to see what you can
do over there.

Sincerely yours,

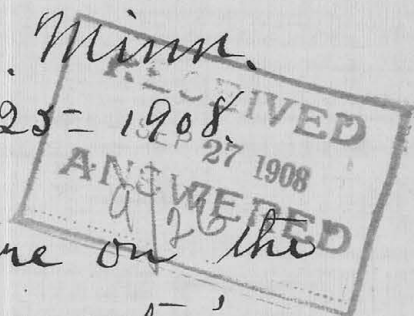
H. A. Tomlinson

HAT-CLC

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St. Cloud, Minn.

Sept. 25 - 1908



Dear Doctor,

I find that you are on the program at the Federation meeting next month, and I shall hope and expect you to find it convenient to hang out with me. Mrs. Candace will not be at home, but I shall be in shape to care for a mere man.

The local trains of the Northern Pacific stop at our switch about eleven A.M. and nine P.M. They leave Minneapolis about two hours earlier.

Let me know on what day and train to expect you.

With kindest regards I am

Sincerely yours,

Frank L. Candace.

Dr. A. C. Rogers.

Faribault, Minn.

Sept. 28, 1908.

Sept. 25,

Mr. Frank L. Randall,
St. Cloud, Minn.

My dear Mr. Randall:

I wish to thank you for your very kind invitation
to stop with you while in St. Cloud. I shall take
pleasure in accepting of your hospitality.

ACR/OL

Very sincerely yours,

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Supt.

Sept. 26, 1908.

Dr. H. A. Tomlinson,
St. Peter, Minn.

Dear Doctor:

I am sending you herewith my paper entitled
"The Wisdom and Feasibility of the Permanent Isolation
of Defectives who are Delinquent or Incurable," for the
Quarterly.

ACR/OL

Very respectfully,

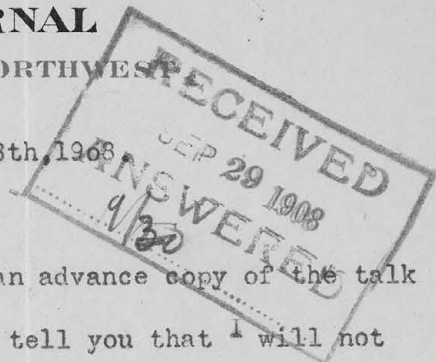
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THE MINNEAPOLIS JOURNAL
THE GREAT DAILY OF THE GREAT NORTHWEST

JOHN S. McLAIN, Editor

September the 28th, 1908



Dr A.C.Rogers,
Dear sir-

Will it be possible for you to let me have an advance copy of the talk you will give the club women in St Cloud? I need not tell you that I will not use it in the paper until after it has been delivered but I can give so much more space to it if I have an early copy. I will be very grateful if you can let me have a summary or a copy by Monday.

Yours truly

James R. Stewart
Editor of the Woman's Department.

Sept. 30, 1908.

Sept. 28,

Frances R. Sterrell,
Editor of the Woman's Department,
Minneapolis Journal,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Madam:

I note your request for early copy
and will be glad to furnish you with same, provided
I get the few thoughts I have shaped up in time to
do so.

ACR/OL

Sincerely yours,

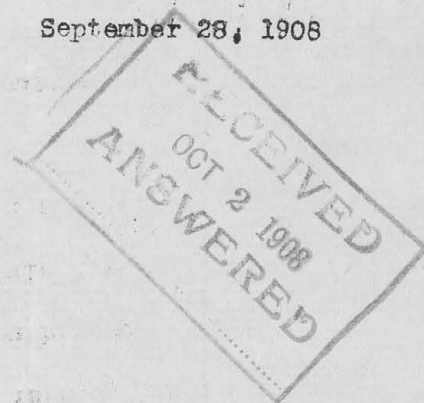
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B.D. EVANS, M.D.,
Medical Director.

Medical Director's Office
The New Jersey State Hospital
at Morris Plains.
Morris Plains, N.J.

September 28, 1908



My Dear Doctor:--

Will you do me the kindness to send me a copy of the last Annual Report which you have on hand? I realize that in most Hospitals this is just about the time for the Annual Reports for the year 1908 to be issued, but I will be satisfied with your 1907 Report if you have one at command. Whatever you have to send me I would like you to please send it by return mail as I have a special reason for asking for it,

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy in this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

B. D. Evans
Medical Director,

P. S. Copies of your report for '05, '06 and '07, will be greatly appreciated.

Oct. 3, 1908.

Dr. B. D. Evans,
New Jersey State Hospital,
Morris Plains, N.J.

Dear Doctor:

Your letter of the 28th ult. received. I have sent you, under separate cover, copies of our last two reports; viz: 1902-1904 and 1904-1906. The reports for the biennial period ending July 31, 1908 will be printed in the near future. We are at present at work on them.

BJ/OL

Very respectfully,

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Supt.

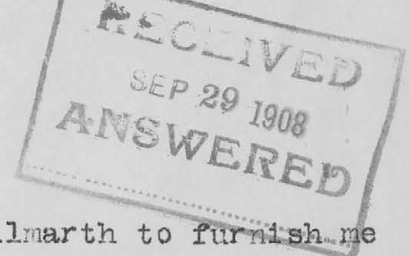
ELMORE T. ELVER,
Director of
Mental Defective Investigation.

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Sept. 28, 1908.



Dr. A. C. Rogers,
Fairbeault, Minnesota.

Dear Doctor:-

Some time ago I requested our Dr. A. W. Wilmarth to furnish me with a list of the institutions, state and foreign, together with the names of the superintendents in which feeble minded and epileptics are treated and he advised me that I could get a complete list from you. If you have the same I would be pleased to have it mailed to me at an early date since I wish to submit certain questions to the several doctors. The only record we have are those detailed in "Barr on Mental Defectives."

Assuring you that any list you might furnish me with will be appreciated, I am,

Respectfully,

State Board of Control,

By

Elmore T. Elver
Director.

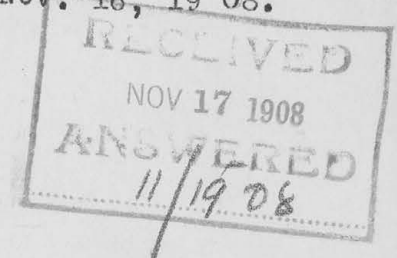
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ELMER GRIMMER, MARINETTE.
M. J. TAPPINS, Secretary, MADISON.

Nov. 16, 1908.



A. C. Rogers,

Fairbeault, Minn.

Dear sir:-

Some time ago I wrote to Dr. W. A. Wilmarth of our local institution for a list of the several institutions, national and foreign, that provided and treated epileptics and idiots. The only lists which I have is the one obtained from Barr's work on Mental Defectives.

Dr. Wilmarth advised me that if this could be supplemented at all you will be the individual who would be most likely to have the necessary information. I wish that you would compile your list with those in Mr. Barr's treatises and if there are any additional institutions kindly send the same to me.

Thanking you in advance, I am, Sir,

Respectfully yours,

State Board of Control,

By Elmore T. Elver,
Director/

Nov. 19, 1908.

Elmer T. Elver, Director,
Madison, Wis.

My dear Sir:

The delay in forwarding you a list of foreign institutions for feeble-minded and epileptics, etc., was due to the fact that our own list was very imperfect. Through correspondence, however, I have had it corrected to date and take pleasure in forwarding you herewith what I believe to be an accurate and correct list of all European institutions together with their capacity at the present time. It is possible that in copying there may be some slight typographical errors, as the manuscript copy from which this was made was not in all cases perfectly clear. I think, however, the errors, if any, are slight.

ACR/OL

Very respectfully,

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Dr. A. C. Rogers,
 Supt. State School Fable Minded,
 Faribault, Minn.

My dear Dr. Rogers,

Will you kindly send me by return mail a copy of your address in St. Cloud or "Degeneracy and How to Prevent It." You may trust me this will not appear until Wednesday Evening Minneapolis Tribune and Thursday morn. By having the work for review before hand, I am saved hurried and unreliable work. You may telephone Mr. Lyshed as to my trust worthiness, if you do not recall my name at Faribault meeting. If I could receive it before going to St. Cloud Monday, I should be pleased, or Mr. Lyshed could hand it to me on train going up Monday night - Thanking you in advance I am,
 Very sincerely -
 Mrs. H. N. McKusick

Sunnycrest
 Stillwater, Minn.

Sept. 29. 1908

Oct. 5, 1908.

Mrs. H. N. McKusick,
Sunny Crest, Stillwater, Minn.

Dear Mrs. McKusick:

I would be very glad, indeed, to comply with your request if I had had the matter arranged in my own mind long enough in advance to have had copies of the paper prepared. These busy lives of ours, you know, make the preparation of papers a matter of odd moments. I shall hardly expect my paper to be ready until I start for St. Cloud,

ACR/OL

Very sincerely yours,

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Sept. 30, 1908.

Prof. W. K. Weissbrodt,
1380 Humboldt Ave.,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Mr. Weissbrodt:

I write to know if you can give me a list of the foreign institutions for feeble-minded and epileptics? If you cannot give me a complete list, you can probably give me those of Germany. I quite frequently have inquiries along this line and anything you can furnish me will be appreciated very much.

BJ/OL

Very respectfully,

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Supt.

Sept. 30, 1908.

Dr. Chr. Keller,

Kellers Aanssvage Anatalt,

Breining per Børkop, Denmark.

Dear Doctor:

I write to know if you can furnish me with a complete list of the institutions for feeble-minded and epileptics in Europe? I very frequently have inquiries concerning European institutions and anything that you can send me will be appreciated very much.

BJ/OL

Very respectfully,

.....Supt.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

MADISON

Oct. 2, 1908.

REUBEN G. THWAITES,
Secretary.
ISAAC S. BRADLEY,
Librarian.

Sup't of Minnesota Institute for Defectives,
Faribault,
Minnesota.

DEAR SIR:--We much desire to complete our Library file of the Reports of
Minnesota Institute for Defectives.

Also by-laws, etc. if published.

and would esteem it a great favor if you would aid us, so far as you conveniently
can, by sending those which we lack.

We ~~have~~ lack Reports for the years underlined below:

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Kindly send by mail, express, or freight, according to size of package; if by
express or freight, we will pay transportation charges at this end.

☞ If this Library is not already on your permanent mailing list, will you be
so good as to place it thereon?

Very Respectfully,

R. G. Thwaites

Secretary and Superintendent.

Oct. 8, 1908.

R. G. Thwaites, Sec. and Supt.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 2nd inst. requesting reports received. I am unable to send you several of the reports that you desire, being entirely out of them. I am sending you, under separate cover, such numbers as we have. We have no extra copy of the board of control law under which we are now operating.

BJ/OL

Very respectfully,

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Supt.



Ev. Luth. Home for ...Feeble-Minded and Epileptics...

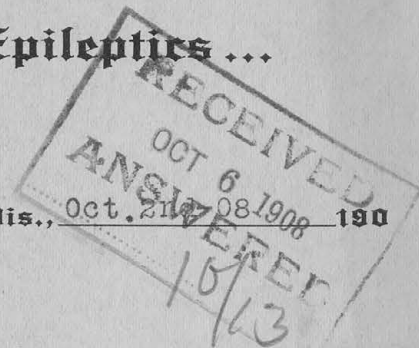
W. K. Weissbrodt, Superintendent.

1380 HUMBOLDT AVENUE.

Milwaukee, Wis.,

Dr. A. C. Rogers

Faribault, Minn.



Dear Dr. Rogers:- Yours of 30th. ult. at hand. I am really glad I can do something for you. Complying with your request, I shall make a list of "FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS for FEEBLEMINDED and EPILEPTICS", to which I'll add certain data which I think will make it more valuable. This list is taken from a book I brought from Germany 5 years ago: "Die Heil- und Erziehungsanstalten fuer schwachbegaubte Kinder, Idioten u. Epileptiker in Deutschland u. den uebrigen europaeischen Staaten" compiled by P. Stritter at Alsterdorf near Hamburg; published at Hamburg in 1902.

Mrs. and I got home alright and are often talking of the good times we had at Faribault. We had a little rain but it is still so dry that our boys have their trouble in turning over the garden. Last night we had killing frost which means rain in a few days.

The list I shall send as soon as it ready.

With kindest regards from Mr. Pingel, Mrs. W. and myself to you and all of our Faribault friends,

I remain

yours very sincerely

W. K. Weissbrodt

P.S. - Herewith I send you a sample of what I intend to do. It may take a month (my spare time) but the list will then be of so much more value to you as if I simply give the names. Return this page 1.

Oct. 13, 1908.

Oct. 2nd.

Prof. W. K. Weissbrodt,
1380 Humboldt Av.,
Milwaukee, Wis.

My dear Mr. Weissbrodt:

I am returning the first page of your scheme, as
you requested. I shall be very glad, indeed, to have a
copy of this as soon as completed for the archives of the
Journal of Psycho-Asthenics.

ACR/OL

Very sincerely yours,

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Supt.

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Dr. A. C. Rogers
State School
Fairbault
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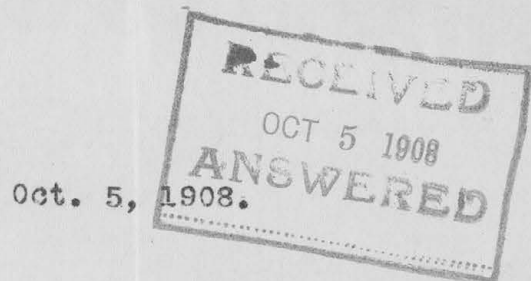
Dr. A. C. Rogers -
Fairbault -

St. Peter - Minn -
Oct. 3 - '08

My dear Dr. Rogers -
I am sure when you
see our programs - you will not
repent your kindness in helping us
out - Please do not forget that your paper
comes on Wednesday afternoon - Oct. 7 - I
hope Mrs. Rogers is going - Very truly yours
May V. Domlinson

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
SAINT PAUL

J. W. OLSEN, SUPERINTENDENT
C. G. SCHULZ, ASSISTANT



Dr. A. C. Rogers,
Faribault, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Will you submit, not later than November 1st, your special written report, to be oncluded in the biannial report from this office?

Yours very truly,

J. W. Olsen.

New Jersey Training School
for
Feeble-Minded Girls and Boys

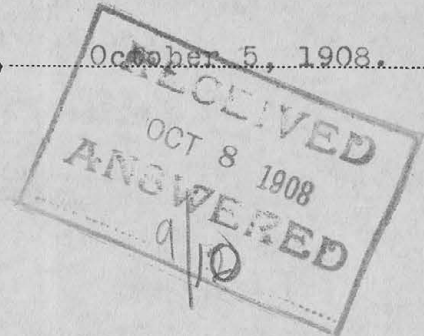
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Visiting Day, Wednesday, 2 to 4.30 P. M.

Vineland, N. J.,

October 5, 1908.



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

My dear Dr. Rogers:-

About a year ago when we sent out our requests for statistics of height and weight of feeble-minded children, you signified your desire to co-operate.

Institution people are busy and returns have been slow in coming in, but we now have about 6000 and as many more promised.

We would be glad to get the compilation completed this winter. If you could send us your quota in the near future, it would be a great favor.

Sincerely yours,

(G/L)

Harry H. Goddard

Oct. 10, 1908.

Oct. 5th,

Dr. H. H. Goddard,
Vineland, N.J.

My dear Doctor:

Our Doctors have a portion of the statistical matter worked up for you, but it is not completed.

I called Dr. Wylie's attention to your letter and he will have the matter followed up and the material forwarded to you as soon as practicable.

With very kind personal regards,

ACR/OL

Very sincerely yours,

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Supt.

MOUNT VIEW
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

Oct. 8th. 1908.

DE. E. C. Rogers,

Dear Sir: -

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I have been surprised by the frequency that physicians have addressed me. I can understand of late years, as never before the speeches of leading physicians and discussions are sought by the press.

Perhaps this series of monologues might have interest for you. It is a chart, as it were of a man of wide experience.

The price shall be \$2.00 the same to clergymen and other church workers, this seems to me my privilege with men of a sister profession, who have always shown me professional favors.

Respectfully Yours.

Ernest L. Haynes -

Oct. 8, 1908.

Dr. W. E. Fernald,
Waverley, Mass.

Dear Doctor:

I write to know if you can furnish me with a
list of English institutions for feeble-minded and epileptics.
I occasionally have inquiries concerning them and any
information that you may be able to give me will be
appreciated.

BJ/OL

Very respectfully,

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Supt.

Oct. 10, 1908.

Dr. H. A. Tomlinson,
St. Peter, Minn.

Dear Doctor:

When telephoning you today, I was under the impression that I had the exact title of Dr. Voldeng's paper to report to the Board, but looking through your letter, the title does not seem to be given. Will you therefore kindly send report to the Board of the programme and, if you wish, you may include my paper on Heredity and Environment? I should not be willing to read this paper at that time, if we had something else to take its place. Perhaps, however, we can get up a little discussion from it.

ACR/OL

Very sincerely yours,

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Supt.

STATE OF IOWA---CHEROKEE STATE HOSPITAL

M. N. VOLDENG, M. D.,

SUPERINTENDENT.

Cherokee, Iowa, October 14, 1908.

A. C. Rogers, M. D. Supt.,

Faribault, Minn.,

Dear Doctor Rogers:--

I have your favor of the 12th inst., concerning Katherine Keefe. I wrote this young lady again today before receiving your letter that I suspected that she was employed in your institution, and from the tone of her letter I furthermore had reason to believe that she had not given in her time and was still in the service of your institution, and that if I was correct in this I could not and would not consider her application, so I presume my letter today will end the matter.

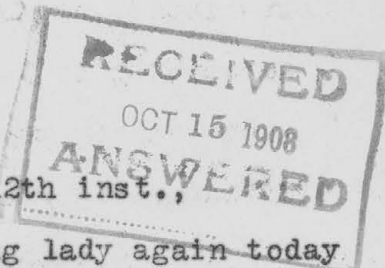
I am looking forward to meeting with the Board and chief executive officers of Minnesota next month. I regret to state, however, that I have been unusually busy during the latter part of the summer, and am now in the midst of erecting a new building, and you know what that means to the Superintendent together with the ordinary work that has to be looked after each day. I hardly know what I shall be able to prepare in the way of a paper for your meeting and am very much afraid that I will disappoint you all in what I will have to say. I have been thinking every day for the last month that I would have a little time to devote to the preparation of the paper but it seems that each day passes by with nothing done.

Sincerely yours,

M. N. Voldeng

V/M

All correspondence concerning patients should be addressed to the Superintendent, and the name of patient about whom inquiry is made should be given in full.



Oct. 12, 1908.

Mrs. H. A. Tomlinson,
St. Peter, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Tomlinson:

Inclosed is my traveling expense bill which will explain itself. I am sending you this as per your request whil in St. Cloud. I could have saved the item of 25¢ bus fare in Faribault by telephoning but the cost of telephoning would have been the same.

With very kind personal regards,

ACR/OL

Sincerely yours,

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STATE NORMAL SCHOOL
Psychology, Gen. Method and Training Department,
JOHN A. HANCOCK, DIRECTOR.

MANKATO, MINN. October 13, 1908. 990

Dr. A. C. Rodgers,

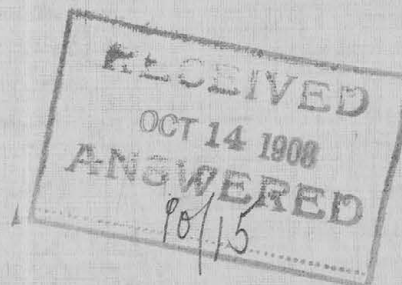
Supt. School for the Feeble Minded,
Faribault, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

My classes in psychology have expressed a desire to visit the schools for the deaf, blind and feeble minded at some early date. The best time for them to be absent from here is on some Saturday. May I ask if there is work enough in progress on Saturdays in your school to warrent us in planning a trip on that day?

Yours very truly,

J. A. Hancock



Oct. 15, 1908.

Oct. 13th.

J. A. Hancock,
Director State Normal School,
Mankato, Minn.

Dear Sir:

We would be very glad to have you visit this institution on any Saturday. Our schools are in session on Saturdays. Our holiday for the children is on Thursday.

I have said nothing to the other superintendents (Dr. J. J. Dow, Superintendent of the School for Blind or Dr. J. N. Tate, Superintendent of the School for Deaf) as I did not understand from your letter whether you had already consulted them or not. I believe they do not have quite the same work on Saturday as upon the other week days.

ACR/OL

Very respectfully,

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Supt.

Oct. 13, 1908.

Hon. J. W. Olson, Supt.,
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Sir:

I will take pleasure in forwarding you a brief
report of this institution for your biennial report, on
or before November first.

With kind personal regards,

ACR/OL

Very sincerely yours,

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Supt.

Oct. 15, 1908.

Teachers' College,
Columbia University,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I write to know if you have any extra
copies of the recent edition of "Seguin's Idiocy".
I could use a dozen copies to advantage, if you can
spare them.

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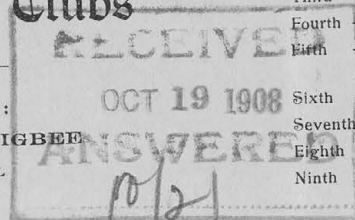
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*Sauk Center
 Oct. 19-1908*

*Dr. A. C. Rogers
 Faribault Minn.*

Dear Doctor Rogers:-

*It is a pleasure to enclose the check
 for your expenses to St. Cloud - as per bill rendered.
 It was generous of you to give your time & services -
 and we thank you most cordially -
 Yours most truly
 Label Dr. Lewis.*

Oct. 20, 1908.

Oct. 19th.

Mrs. E. J. Lewis, Treasurer,
Sauk Centre, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Lewis:

I am in receipt of the check for my
expenses to St. Cloud. Thank you very much.

I considered it a privilege to be present at
the two sessions which occurred on the seventh.

ACR/OL

Very sincerely yours,

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Nov. 19, 1908.

Mr. Geo. Thompson,
Faribault, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed is one of the blanks sent out by President Roosevelt's Commission on Country Life. If you do not already have one, will you kindly fill this out and return it to me and I will forward it with some other material.

With very kind regards,

ACR/OL

Very sincerely yours,

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I Inclosure.

Nov. 19, '08.

Mr. C. H. Smith,
Wood Crest Farm,
Faribault, Minn.

My dear Sir:

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Roosevelt's Commission on Country Life, which, if you do
not already have one, will you kindly fill out and return to
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ACR/OL

Very respectfully yours,

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TEACHERS COLLEGE
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
NEW YORK

October 20, 1908.

RECEIVED
OCT 22 1908
ANSWERED

Mr. A. C. Rogers, Supt.,
Minnesota School for Feeble-Minded,
Faribault, Minn.

Dear Sir:

We have your letter of the 15th. We have at hand a number of copies of Seguin's "Idiocy". The price of this book is two dollars a copy. We offer a discount of twenty per cent when the order is a cash order or payment is made in thirty days, the purchaser paying express charge. We trust these terms are satisfactory.

Very truly yours,

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Glenwood, Ia.

Oct 21, 1908

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

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Dear Sir: —

I am teaching articulation in the Iowa Institution, and should like to know if you have an articulation teacher in your school, also how long you have employed such a teacher and what percent of the school children are given special training in speech development.

I hope I do not inconvenience

Yours by my request.

Very truly

Jella Harner,

Glenwood, Iowa.

Same letter to:
Dr. George O. Melch
Fergus Falls
Dr. H. A. Kilbourn
Rochester

Oct. 22, 1908.

Dr. H. A. Tomlinson,
St. Peter, Minn.

My dear Doctor:

In considering the possibilities again of a distinct epileptic colony, will you kindly furnish me the following data:

First, how many epileptics are there in the St. Peter State Hospital, male, female, total?

Second, if a distinct colony for epileptics were to be established by the legislature, how many of your epileptic patients, as given above, would be suitable for an open or non-restraint colony?

Third, would you recommend the transfer of all epileptic patients from the hospital to an epileptic colony, and advise the establishment of a department for insane epileptics, or do you think the insane epileptics could be as well provided for in the present hospital?

While there is not to my knowledge a definite movement at present in favor of a separate colony, I should like this information for an intelligent recommendation concerning the situation here at Faribault.

With very kind personal regards,

ACR:OL

Very sincerely yours,

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Supt.

Overlægen.

Den Kellerske Aandssvage-Anstalt,

Brejning pr. Berkop.

23. 10. 08

Dr. A. C. Rogen

Medical Superintendent

of Minnesota School

for the feeble minded.

Dear Sir.

You have wished to receive a complete list of institutions for feeble minded and Epileptics in Europe.

I send you such a list, so complete as possible, but as you know, the care for the feeble minded and the epileptics is in permanent development.

Yours very truly
Christian Keller.

Nov. 24, 1908.

Dr. Christian Keller,
Den Kellerske Aandssvage-Anstalt,
Brejning pr. Børkop, Denmark.

My dear Doctor:

I wish to thank you very much for your list of institutions in Europe. I am inclosing herewith two typewritten copies. Will you kindly look over these lists and see if we have them copied correctly, and if there are any corrections, kindly note them on one copy and return.

There is quite a demand for these lists and your work and care in obtaining them is very highly appreciated.

ACR/OL

Very sincerely yours,

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Supt.

2 Inclosures.

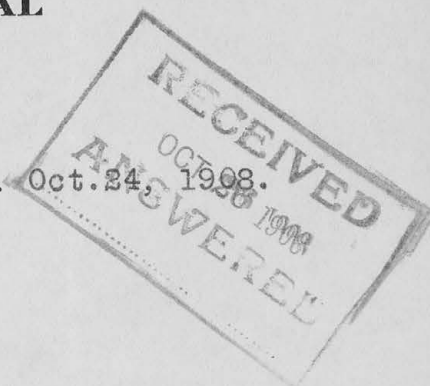
ST. PETER STATE HOSPITAL

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

DR. H. A. TOMLINSON, SUPERINTENDENT

ST. PETER, MINN.

Oct. 24, 1908.



Replying to your letter dated Oct. 22d,
concerning a distinct epileptic colony.

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

My dear Doctor: First: We have twenty-
three men, and fourteen women in this institu-
tion who are epileptics.

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Second: I have always believed that insane
epileptics should not be kept in hospitals
for the insane, as their care is purely cus-
todial.

Third: I believe that in an epileptic colony
there should be a ward for those who are dis-
turbed before or after their convulsions.

2 -- Dr. ACR

It is our experience that these epileptics are simply demented and go for months without any evidence of disturbance, and the disturbance which does occur during the convulsive periods is never marked enough to require anything more than careful supervision; besides, the number of these people is never great. They are usually sent to an institution because they have become a nuisance in the family, or neighborhood, and have not been properly managed.

Sincerely yours,

W. A. Goulbourn

HAT-CLC

Oct. 26, 1908.

Miss Zella Harner,
Glenwood, Ia.

Dear Madam:

I handed your letter to Miss McLean, our principal and she reports the following memorandum:

We have had articulation work in our schools for fifteen years. The first ten years the work was done by the teachers in the primary and fourth and fifth grades, in connection with their regular class work, and with such pupils as needed it. These teachers had specially prepared themselves to do this work by taking a course with a teacher from the School for Deaf.

Five years ago we employed a special teacher for this work. She has forty pupils, of all grades, who go to her for fifteen minute periods, two pupils each period.

There are many more than forty children whose speech is defective, but work is given to those who give promise of the most improvement.

As the articulation classes are arranged this year fifteen are from the kindergarten, seven from the first primary, seven from the second primary, eight from the first second and third grades, and three from the fourth, fifth and sixth grades.

10/26/08.

Hoping this will answer your letter, and with
very kind regards,

ACR/OL

Very sincerely yours,

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Supt.

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OCT 28th, 08.

Dr. A. C. Rogers,

Faribault, Minn.

Dear Doctor:-

In reply to your letter of October 22nd concerning epileptics in the hospital:

First, 35 men, 25 women, 60 total.

Second, 18 men, 4 women, 22 total.

Third, I would recommend the transfer of all epileptics to a colony which would, of course, necessitate the erection of a custodial building. I believe that all insane epileptics should be treated from the standpoint of epilepsy instead of insanity. Many of the epileptics who are classed as custodial cases could of course be kept for a large proportion of the time in an open colony, and where there is special provision for this class they would receive more freedom than in an insane hospital and they would, I think, be happier among their own class than with the insane.

GOW-FMD.

Sincerely yours,

G. O. Welch



Oct. 31, 1908.

Hon. J. W. Olson,
Superintendent of Public Instruction,
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mr. Olson:

Inclosed please find biennial report of
the Minnesota School for Feeble-Minded and Colony for
Epileptics .

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Very sincerely yours,

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Supt.

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Hon. J. W. Olson,

Superintendent of Public Instruction,

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to submit the following report concerning the School for Feeble-Minded and Colony for Epileptics, for the two years ending July 31, 1908.

During the year ending July 31, 1907, there were 1,148 pupils and patients in attendance. During the year ending July 31, 1908, there were 1,187. The average attendance for the same years was 1,041 and 1,066 respectively.

On August 1, 1908, the enrollment was 1,128 classified as follows:

| | Male | Female | Total |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Feeble-minded, high-grade | 117 | 99 | 216 |
| Feeble-minded, middle-grade | 143 | 116 | 259 |
| Feeble-minded, low-grade | 205 | 175 | 380 |
| Idio-imbecile | 126 | 109 | 235 |
| Idiots | <u>21</u> | <u>17</u> | <u>38</u> |
| | 617 | 516 | 1128 |

While an institution of this kind is, in a broad general way, custodial in its character, from the fact that the great majority of its pupils are either so extremely defective that their personal care requires a large amount of attention, or their mental capacity is too meagre to enable them to maintain a full independent citizenship, so that their best interest and greatest usefulness are best attained by permanent guardianship, yet the whole institution community in which they are citizens is a school—a complex system of diversified training in which manual occupations are predominant.

The formal school work is practically the same as when last reported, the classes consisting of:

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| First kindergarten | SPECIAL TEACHERS HAVE CHARGE OF: |
| Second kindergarten | Articulation |
| First primary | Medical gymnastics |
| Second primary | Orchestral, vocal and band work |
| First intermediate | |
| Second intermediate | |

The second intermediate division corresponds closely with the seventh grade of the public schools.

As stated heretofore education by doing is the key note of progress for the feeble-minded so that manual activities are introduced wherever possible. The following are some of the principle occupations:

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| Basketry | Lace making |
| Brush making | Mattress making |
| Cabinet work | Net work |
| Carpentry | Sewing |
| Dairying | Sloyd |
| Darning | Shoe repairing |
| Dressmaking | Tailoring |
| Gardening | Weaving carpets |
| Ironing | Weaving rugs |

BACKWARD CHILDREN

For the benefit of inquiring teachers, permit me to say a word concerning eligibility for admission to the school and backward children.

Under the statute all children "whose defects(mental) prevent them from receiving proper training in public schools" are eligible for admission. For convenience of discussion, we may classify children, as they are found in families generally as:

- A, Average normal
- B, Backward
- C, Feeble-minded

Of course, the line of demarkation is not sharply drawn between the normal and backward children, nor between the backward

and feeble-minded children and the point at which a teacher decides that a given child is mentally incapable of acquiring an education in the common schools will vary with the ability of the teacher to bring out the most in slow children, the character of the home influence and the attitude of the child's companions. When that point is determined, however, by the teacher and the public school authorities, the school for feeble-minded will receive the child.

By a backward child, I mean one who is simply slow to learn, but one whose mental nature is well balanced; who, in proportion to his mental grasp, possesses good judgment; who, while he learns slowly, reasons correctly, and who possesses that indefinable something which we call "common sense" together with the power of application, so that his progress, even though it be slow, is continuous. Such children may not be able to make sufficient progress in the grades of the common schools to be kept in the regular classes but if proper opportunity is given them they will develop into good average citizenship. The teacher may not recognize this condition from their work with books and pronounce them feeble-minded. The child must be studied with reference to his aptitude and application to other things coming into his life. Boys of this character may be dropped from the public schools as failures who afterwards become successful business men. Such pupils are occasionally found among those who are pronounced feeble-minded and received into this institution, and when this occurs they receive the training here that enables them to return to citizenship. It is the training of these pupils that should be the special function of the so-called Special Classes in public schools and there is a necessity for just such classes in every community where a group of such children can be found. Of course, into these classes the truly feeble-minded children are apt to be forced by the parents who do not recognize the limitations of their own children. These limitations, however, are duly recognized in time by the teacher and the situation adjusts itself. The system of medico-pedagogic examination and inspection of public school children will, I believe,

eventually make the diagnosis of these cases more accurate and become an important factor in assigning them to the proper places for care and training.

The feeble-minded child, even the highest grade, lacks in ability for application; or should he possess this in a reasonable degree, he lacks capacity for good judgment and the common sense so necessary to properly interpret his own relation to others. He is always, in a greater or less degree, out of harmony with the outer world. His capacity for intellectual development or acquiring skill in manual pursuits is limited, altho' his greatest capacity is manifested in the latter way, especially when the operations are simple and involve repetition rather than originality or variation. He remains "always a child". For him the gently restricted environment of the village community for the simple is the best known haven.

Respectfully submitted,

November 1, 1908.