

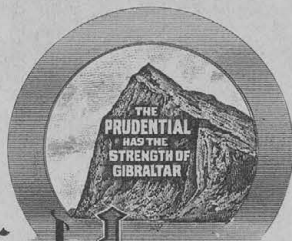


Faribault State School and Hospital.
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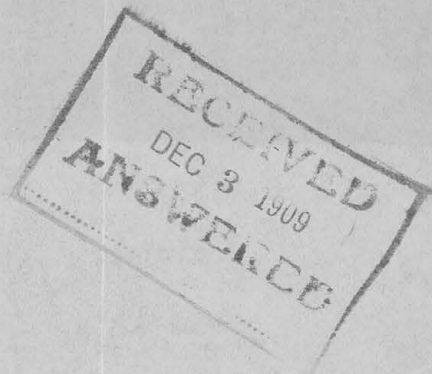
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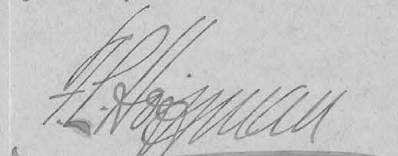
Superintendent,
Institution for Defectives,
Faribault, Minn.

Dear Sir:

May we ask of you the kindness to favor us with a copy of the 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th Biennial Reports of the Institution for Defectives for the years 1902, 1904, 1906 and 1908. The reports asked for are wanted to complete the files of this office.

Should you find it convenient to comply with this request, the courtesy will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,


Statistician.

MINNESOTA STATE REFORMATORY

December 2, 1909. .

For eighteen years last past, Dr. J. H. Dewart has delivered fortnightly lectures to the inmates of this institution. He is now on leave of absence which may, or may not continue indefinitely. He was not regarded as Chaplain, but as moral instructor.

In addition to his lectures we have had addresses by other persons, and at times, musical, dramatic and other entertainments, when we could secure them.

It is our desire to devote two or more Tuesday evenings per month to lectures, and other classes of entertainment, during the present winter and the coming spring, if we can get persons to respond to our invitation and appeal.

Our audience is an attentive and appreciative one, made up of young men from sixteen to thirty years of age, who enjoy such entertainment as the average audience enjoys, and who appreciate addresses that appeal to a gathering of adults of at least ordinary intelligence. Entertainments and addresses designed for children do not measure up to our requirements.

We have a small sum of money with which to pay the expenses of those who favor us, and expect to make a gross allowance of ten dollars on each occasion.

Denominational or sectarian addresses or references are not desired.

We find that the most good seems to come from entertainments or lectures which are amusing, at least in part, or at least full of interest. The story of the prodigal son has been very often told in our Chapel.

But little good appears to come from any reference to the status of the inmates. What we wish is to have something good brought in to us from the outside, without reference to who or what we are.

I make this explanation simply that we may be understood, and I make it in this circular form to save the writing of numerous long letters, and for the guidance of those who have not visited the Reformatory, and are not familiar with it.

Our exercises commence about five or half-past five in the afternoon, and conclude in time for our entertainer to take the train for his home the same evening.

Frank L. Randall,
General Superintendent

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MINNESOTA STATE REFORMATORY,
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FRANK L. RANDALL, GEN'L SUPT.

ANSWERING YOURS OF
SUBJECT

December 4, 1909.

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Dear Doctor:

I enclose a circular letter
which we are sending out in preparing our
program for the next few months.

May we have the pleasure of
an address from you on Tuesday March 1st,
1910?

I trust that you will favor me
with a prompt acceptance.

Yours respectfully,

Frank L. Randall

FLR D

Superintendent

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

A talk peculiar from your
store of knowledge, to men only
must be acceptable unless you
prefer something else R

Dec. 8, 1909.

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

Dear Mr. Randall:

If you think I can present anything that would be of interest to your men, I will make the attempt on March 1st, 1910, as you request, subject to unforeseen contingencies. Should anything occur that will prevent this, I will notify you.

With very kind personal regards,

I am

Sincerely yours,

ACR/MCK.

Supt.

Minnesota State Rg.

Lt. P. Lund

March 1st - 1910

Dec. 4, 1909.

[same letter written all state super.]

Dr. James M. Tate,
Faribault, Minn.

My dear Doctor:

Please advise us concerning any material
you wish to have presented in formal paper, or otherwise,
at the next quarterly conference. Also suggest as to
essayist.

Very respectfully,

ACR/MCK.

MINNESOTA STATE REFORMATORY,
ST. CLOUD.
FRANK L. RANDALL, GEN'L SUPT.

Program

ANSWERING YOURS OF

SUBJECT

December 6, 1909.

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

Dear Doctor;-

I wrote a letter to Dr. Tomlinson recently suggesting, if it meet his approval, that we discuss at the next quarterly meeting the appointment of one or more Dental Surgeons to do the necessary professional work at the state institutions. You and he appreciate, perhaps more fully than myself, the great importance of the subject to the welfare of the state's wards.

The inmates of this institution have expended for dentistry in the last year the sum of about \$1700, and while I would not advocate that dentistry should be furnished free of cost to the inmates of this institution I am satisfied that, with the appointment of a state dentist, our inmates could have more work done for the same charge, or have the same work done for less.

There is one other subject which has been in my mind for a long time. It will be regarded as revolutionary by some of the brethren and I do not know but that it is. If you esteem it to be a proper subject to discuss, I wish you would word the theme in such a way as to bring out the idea of what is aimed at, and put it on the program.

It is this; That all officers and employes at state institutions should receive their compensation in cash and in cash only. I am not favorable to the state furnishing quarters, fuel, furniture, house-

supplies, and so forth, to any man connected with the state institutions. It savors too much of the old feudal system, ~~causes~~ the public generally to envy the persons receiving the benefits and perquisites, and in practice confines one too closely to the institution by identifying his family and his whole family life with it.

It has long been my opinion that any man employed by the state at a public institution should be dealt with and compensated on the same basis as those employed by a private institution. I think the present plan is unscientific in that a man with a large family would be carried by the state at a heavier expense than a man in the same capacity who had a small family, or none at all, *and who does the same work.*

The present system makes it practically necessary for inmates of state institutions to be employed at and about the houses of the superintendents and other officers, which, in itself, is an objectionable feature.

It also brings into personal proximity and contact the members of the families of different officers who are housed together or near together, forcing upon them associations which they do not seek, and would not voluntarily chose.

These are only a few of the objections that I find, to the existing conditions, and I notice I have not mentioned one very important one, and that is the theory necessarily involved that all officers thus provided for are presumed to be on duty twentyfour hours of the day. This presumption is not a violent one.

In addition to the above I would suggest for your consideration that it seems to me that the state has been losing an opportunity to benefit its citizens materially, and improve its general welfare, by not taking advantage

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of the opportunity afforded to distribute livestock of the best quality among the agriculturists thru the medium of the institution farms. I have rather despaired of accomplishing anything in this connection, but I know that a person should never despair in what he believes would be a good cause, and if you think as I do on this subject, and in addition believe that anything can be or may be accomplished by bringing it out, and that no harm or prejudice would follow, I should be very glad to have you list this topic. I leave this matter entirely in your hands and for your judgment, having no particular pride of opinion.

Yours very sincerely,

Frank L. Randall

Superintendent.

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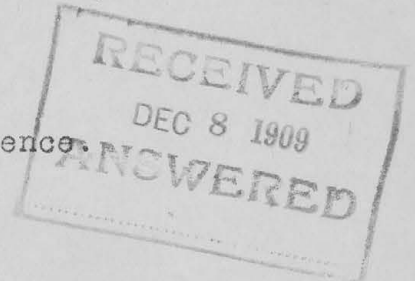
ST. PETER STATE HOSPITAL

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

DR. H. A. TOMLINSON, SUPERINTENDENT

ST. PETER, MINN., Dec. 6, 1909.

Replying to your letter dated Dec. 4,
concerning the Program for the Next Quarterly Conference.



My dear Doctor: I have been laid up for the last three weeks, and probably shall not get over to the office before the middle of this week. Consequently, I have not been able to look after anything. We shall have to get the program started pretty soon, however, if we are to have any papers.

I am not wedded to the subject I spoke of, and if we can get anything else, shall be perfectly satisfied.

Sincerely yours,

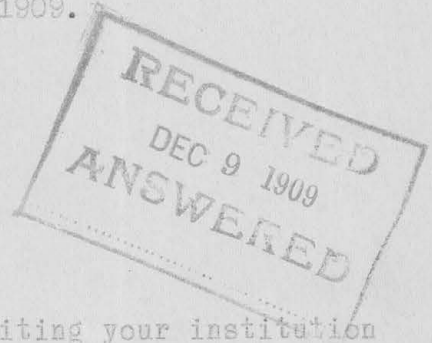
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H. A. Tomlinson

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

The University of Minnesota
Minneapolis

Dec. 8, 1909.



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

Dear Dr. Rogers:-

You may remember that I spent a day visiting your institution last year. At that time I mentioned that we were planning to try to develop some courses at the university in which we could make a little further study of the training of backward pupils as found in the public schools and also ^{do} some research along that line. Dr. H. H. Woodrow, who has come to us this year from Columbia University, has taken the laboratory drill course off my hands, and will also give a course in retardation.

In connection with the opening of this work, I have suggested to the Minnesota Psychological Conference, which was organized last year and is to meet annually the ~~Saturday~~ ^{Friday} before Easter at the university, that it take up for the topic of its public session next April the subject of retardation. It has accepted the idea and Dr. Joseph Gaylord of the Winona Normal, who is chairman for this year, has asked me to write to you and see if we could not induce you to give a paper on the coming program.

Our forenoon session last year was surprisingly successful without about a hundred present including a dozen teachers of psychology in Minnesota and perhaps 40 superintendents of schools who have their annual meeting the afternoon of the same day. We hope to make these morning sessions sufficiently non-technical so that they will be of direct advantage to superintendents, principals and teachers. The papers will show either applications of psychology or of scientific methods to the study of education.

Other papers on the morning program for this year will include one by a principal

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showing the result of a study of retardation in his school; a paper by Dr. Woodrow on what has been done to study the hopeful type of retardation; a demonstration of what is being done in Minneapolis to correct stuttering and stammering with an exhibition of the students themselves by W. M. Duke. If now you can complete the program by telling us any suggestions from your work bearing upon the training of backward children, we shall have a well rounded resume of what is now being attempted. The papers are limited to a half hour. It is possible that we shall also have a paper on medical inspection.

As you must realize the conference is like most scientific bodies without funds so that the response has to be purely gratuitous by those who take part. I hope, however, that we may have some interesting discussions. If you should feel that you cannot take part, I wonder if you could induce Dr. Wylie to give the paper.

Cordially yours,

J. B. Miner

Dec. 11, 1909.

Prof. J. B. Miner,
c/o U. of M.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Sir:

Our work this year is giving all of us a very strenuous time. I shall, however, be glad to attempt to prepare something in compliance with your request for the program of the first meeting of Psychologists and Superintendents to be held at the University on Friday before Easter, 1910. If I use the expression "Training of Backward Children," as suggested by you, I should assume that the expression "Backward Child" is to be used in its popular sense. That is, to say, I presume you desire a short discussion on the methods and results employed in training the feeble-minded in public institutions.

Very sincerely yours,

ACR/WCK.

Supt.

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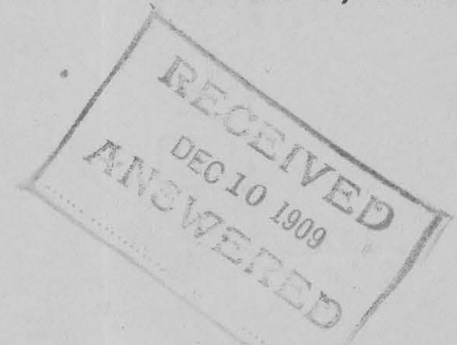
Dr. A. C. Rogers, Superintendent,
School for Feeble Minded,
Faribault, Minn.

My dear Doctor:-

I have your letter of December 6th. I hardly feel like asking to have a matter discussed that would concern possibly only myself and perhaps Mr. Merrill, however now that you have asked I will say that I would very much like to have Judge Grier M. Orr of St. Paul invited to the Conference and discuss the work of the Juvenile Court. In making this suggestion I do so fully aware that perhaps the Juvenile Court matter is becoming in some people's minds ^a sort of a fad, and I myself am just a little afraid that it may be overdone, however I think that ⁱⁿ ~~with~~ Judge Orr we have in this state the best Juvenile Court Judges in the country, Judge Lindsey not excepted.

Judge Orr is thoroughly in the work and has made it a deep study, is broad minded and has come to some very wise conclusions. Is fearless in his expression and I am quite sure that he would accept and, if he did, feel that we would be benefited by having him with us. I am sure too that if he can spare the time that he would feel that his acquaintance with us and our work might be beneficial to him. This I make only as a suggestion and do not urge it at all.

If it meets with the approval of your committee, I



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RED WING, MINN.,

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would like to further suggest ^{Juvenile Court} that the Judges and Chief Probation Officers of St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth might be invited to participate in the discussion.

Thanking you for the opportunity of making this suggestion, I am,

Yours very truly,

F. A. Whittier
Superintendent.

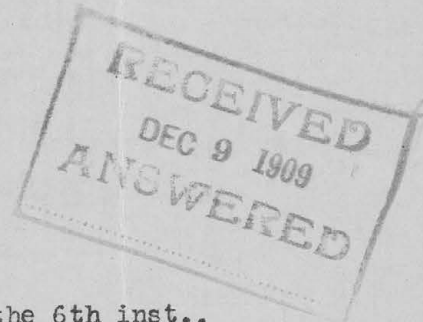
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Minnesota State Prison.
Henry Welfer, Warden.

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Stillwater, Minn., Dec. 9, 1909.



My dear Sir:

Replying to your favored inquiry of the 6th inst.,
beg to say that I cannot think of any material to suggest
for formal paper for the next Quarterly Conference. Please
pass me by for the present, as I have troubles of my own
just now.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter,

I am,

Very truly yours,

MINNESOTA STATE PRISON,
Henry Welfer
Warden.

Dr. A. C. Rogers,
Sup't School for Feeble-Minded,
Faribault, Minn.

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this debate. Your services
would be very much
appreciated by us all.
Awaiting an immediate
reply I remain

Yours sincerely

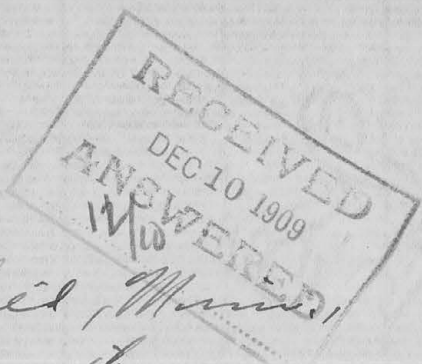
J. F. Baker

118 Monroe St.

Northfield,

Maine.

Personal



Northfield, Minn.

Dec. 9th, 1909.

Mr. A. C. Rogers,

Faribault,

Minn.

Dear Sir, -

The Carlson College Debate Board asks you to serve as one of the judges on the coming inter society debate to be held on Friday Dec. 17th. Prof. Phillips of Abbeville Lea and Dr. Price of Owatonna are the other two judges chosen for

Dec. 10, 09.

Mr. J. F. Bezer,

118 Winona, St.

Northfield, Minn.

Dear Sir:

I will make it a point to serve you on the
night of December 17th, as requested.

Very respectfully,

ACR/MEK.

Supt.

Dear Dr. Rogers,

Aug²/20

Am starting
you by express to-day a
box of miniatres. If it reaches
you in nice shape and
in time, I would love to
have it hung in the
Assembly Hall. I took
part in the decorating
of that pretty hall and
the festivities that followed
so many years that
I want to feel I am
a little part of it still.
I am a wee bit homes-
ick for you all these
days. Now I am just
as busy and just as
interested in our
our Christmas here

as can be.

I wish you could see our school rooms. We have only three and the Assembly Hall. But they are quite large and comfortable. And things have become quite orderly and systematic. I always have old Fairbault for a model that it will be years before we can compare.

The Oregon mistletoe has no berries this year. This branch was taken from one of the oak trees on our own farm. Wishing you

a most happy Christmas.
I am, as ever

Thy friend

Ward Stewart.

Salem, Oregon,

December 11, 1909.

Dec. 20, 1909.

Miss Maud Stewart,

Salem, Oregon.

Dear Miss Stewart:

Your beautiful and enormous bunch of mistletoe is received. It has been duly hung in the Assembly Hall, the administration of all who see it. Owing to the fact that it did not have time to become acclimated to a good Minnesota winter it felt the pinch of "Jack Frost" a little but it is none the less appreciated.

While you admit being "a wee bit homesick" there are others that reciprocate a corresponding feeling for the absent.

We are very thankful to you also for the description of the school, as published in the paper recently. Since learning of the amount of horsepower, which the report credits to your engine room, I have been wondering how high from the center of the earth your institution is located or in what of the coast range it has found its home to require so much steam for heating purposes; however, Oregon is to be highly congratulated upon the admirable start it has made in the care of the feeble-minded and especially in the intelligent selection

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of those who are at the helm.

With the most sincere and hearty greetings of the season
and good wishes, I am

Sincerely your friend,

AGR/MGY.

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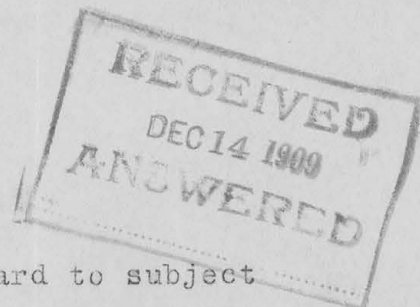
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Fergus Falls, Minn. Dec. 13, 09.

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



Dear Doctor:

Your letter of Dec. 6th in regard to subject for a paper for the Quarterly Meeting, is received. I have cudgelled my brains for several days, but can think of nothing of interest, and am unable to suggest any essayist.

I understand Mr. Randall suggested a subject that has to do with supplies furnished officials. I thought it might be a good idea to include in his subject the question of institution officials living in the town away from the institution. I see no reason why if the officials of general hospitals can live outside their institutions the officials of our state institutions cannot do the same.

Sincerely yours,

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Sonyea, Wyo.
Dec. 16, 1909

Dec. 20, 1909.

Dr. A.C. Rogers.
Fairbault, Minn.
Dear Sir-

I was very
much interested in
your paper "The North
Star".

I am a teacher
for the boys here
& would be pleased
to receive any pamphlets
or circulars which
you have in re-
gard to your institu-
tion or your methods
of teaching.
Thanking you in

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pectfully,

Supt.

advance,
I remain
Respectfully,
(Miss) Elizabeth Shively
Sonyea,
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The Craig Colony for
Epileptics

Dec. 20, 1909.

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Supt.

Dec. 20, 1909.

Miss Elizabeth Lincoln,
Soneya, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

We do not publish anything of special value concerning the methods of teaching, and the biennial reports, of course, do not cover this subject, except in a very brief way. Is it not possible for you to visit our school? We should be very glad to have you do so, if you can arrange it with Dr. Shanahan.

Very respectfully,

ACR/MGK.

Supt.

289 Clinton Avenue

Albany, N. Y., December 16, 1909

Dear Doctor:

In response to your request, received some time since, I beg to enclose herewith copy of my compilation of the Insanity Laws of the State of New York, together with the Rules, Regulations, Forms and Orders, Salary Schedules, etc., prescribed by the State Commission in Lunacy, all having reference to the care and treatment of the insane in this State. I regret the delay in transmitting but this is due entirely to the printer.

The publication sells at one dollar, as stated in a previous communication, and this amount you may remit to me at your convenience. It is revised to date.

I trust the publication reaches you safely and that it will be found satisfactory. I should be pleased to supply you with additional copies if desired. I have also had a limited supply bound in stiff cloth covers which sell at \$1.50 per copy.

Very respectfully yours

J. P. Hoffman

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DEC 21 1909

ANSWER

Coatopa Ala

Dec 17-1909

School for feeble-minded
Manager. I have in
my charge a 10 year old
boy who cannot spell
nor read - apparently
does not want to learn
I have tried to teach
him words of two letters
it - by - no - to - or - ar
and put them in sen-
tences so he would
learn the correct use
of them. In an
hours time he forgets
the sound of the words

Dec. 22, 1909.

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possibly some simple reward, which will increase the interest and
endeavor to accomplish more.

Very respectfully,

ACR/ACK.

Supt.

and looks quite blank - when
questioned again going over the same
ground as before. it spells - it
"yes" - now what does ^{it} spell? "Don't
know" His arithmetic is far advanced
for one of his caliber. That is
the only thing that encourages me
and proves he is not idiotic.
I have taught him to do his chores
with system. Bring in all the
wood for the stove - work - and
then he will have what time is
left for - play. His sexual de-
velopment is too much for one
of his age. Is that usual with
feeble-minded boys? I will be
very grateful for any advice you
are able to give me. Can you
suggest a few books used in the
school that will induce the boy
to learn spelling ^{and reading} I write to
you as I know of the school thro
friends who taught there and
my home state is Minnesota
We are in Alabama
here we are enjoying oysters
codfishes - spinach & turnips & but

Kale - lettuce fresh fr.
Cabbage now heading
Trusting the case I
have written you
about will interest
you sufficiently to
help me out - I am
very much in the
dark; and fear for the
boy's future if he
is not brought out -

Yours truly,
Mrs. B. S. Parker

Dec. 22, 1909.

Mrs. R. S. Parker,
Coatopa, Ala.

Dear Madam:

I am interested in your letter concerning the ten-year old boy that you are teaching. It would be rather a hard matter to lay out any special line of instruction without seeing the child and observing his characteristics, etc. I would suggest, however, that stress should be laid upon learning to do simple things of a practical nature; the knowing must come more through the doing, and do not worry too much over the learning to read, write and spell. The knowledge of numbers with a mentally backward child also must come with the concrete handling of objects. To develop his interest you will have to learn from observation and working with him that which really excites his interest and endeavor. Unless you can find some such starting point, your work will be of little value. Do not try to fit the child to your preconceived notion of what it should know, but look for the things, as stated, that it really is interested in and work from that. When anything is done show appreciation and possibly some simple reward, which will increase the interest and endeavor to accomplish more.

Very respectfully,

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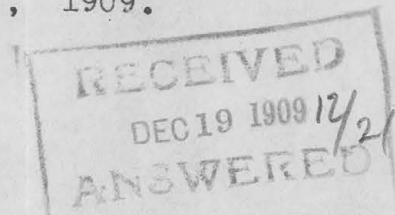
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Urbana, Illinois.

Dec. 17, 1909.

Supt. of Institute for Defective Children,
Fairbault, Minn.

Dear Sir:-



We are desirous of securing a complete file of the reports of your Institute. At present we do not have any. These reports will be of much value to our instructors and students in their research work in the Graduate School.

Will you kindly send us, at our expense, as many of these reports as may be available, and place our name on your permanent mailing list that we may receive future reports as issued.

We shall be pleased to send you any of the publications of the University as far as they may be in print, and future publications if desired. Thanking you for this favor, I am,

Very Respectfully Yours
P. L. Windsor Lib
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Economic Dpt. Univ. Library

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Dec. 22, 1909.

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Reports

Mr. P. L. Windsor, Librarian,

Urbana, Ill.

Dear Sir:

We have only a partial file of reports left but will be glad to send you such as we have. We will keep your name on the mailing list and I will be glad to have any reports in exchange pertaining to economics, which you can send us.

Very respectfully,

ACR/MCK.

Supt.

L. C. Mead, M. D.
Superintendent

G. S. ADAMS, M. D., Assistant Superintendent
C. J. TRAIL, M. D., Assistant Physician
F. V. WILLHITE, M. D., Assistant Physician
R. B. KERSHAW, M. D., Assistant Physician
F. D. WYMAN, Steward
ALICE YATES, Matron

South Dakota State Hospital

Yankton, S. D., Dec. 21st, 1909. 19

Dr. A. C. Rogers, Supt.,
School for Feeble Minded,
Faribault, Minn.

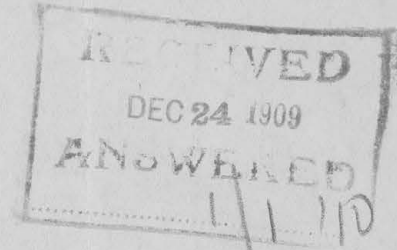
Dear Dr. Rogers:-

In a few days you will receive a formal invitation to be present at the dedication of the new Women's Hospital building, whose outlines you saw on the occasion of your visit here last spring. I shall not be quite happy unless you are here and I am writing you this much in advance, hoping that by so doing you will be the better able to make your convenience conform to our date, January 7th, 1910. I am especially anxious to entertain as many as possible of our good Minnesota friends.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

L. C. Mead



All correspondence concerning patients should be addressed to the superintendent and the names of patients about whom inquiry is made should be given in full.

Jan. 1, 1910.

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Dr. L. C. Mead, Supt.,
Yankton, S. D.

My dear Doctor:

I have noted your very kind invitation to be present at the dedication exercises of January 7th. I wish it were possible for me to be there. There are two or three of the Minnesota men that I shall especially urge to go. They should see your wonderful work at Yankton.

I want to thank you personally for your very cordial invitation and I wish to add that your work has develop a lot of interest in this state among the professional men. I sincerely hope that the way will open for you to come to Minnesota, where your capabilities will be recognized at more nearly their true value.

With very kind personal regards to Mrs. Mead and yourself, I am

Very sincerely yours,

ACR/MGV.

Supt.

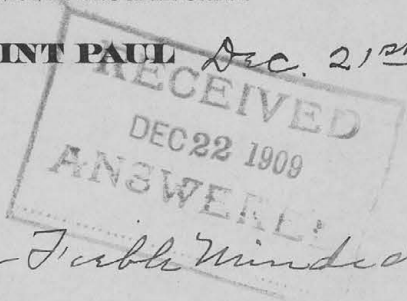
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SAINT PAUL Dec. 21st 1909



Dr A.C. Rogers
Minn School for Feeble Minded
Faribault, Minn.

Dear Dr. Rogers: — The children of the House of Hope Sunday School have again collected a lot of things for the children under your care. I have had them packed up and they will go today by Wells Fargo Express. There was a little money given and I bought with it at wholesale some Toys dolls etc. I hope you will find that there are enough to

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make it worth while. If
you find anything suitable
for Jimmie Oakes give it
to him or if you know
of anything we could send
him that would be suitable
let us know and I will
try to arrange for it as he
was a member of our school.

Yours very truly
Julian N. Kirby
asst. Supt.

Jan. 5, 1910.

Mr. Julian N. Kirby, Asst. Supt.,
House of Hope Church,
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge formally the receipt of the splendid Christmas box sent to our children by your Sunday School. The box came a little late for distribution at the time of our Christmas festivities but found no less hearty welcome. A number of the things were distributed and a few retained for helping to make happy hearts at other periods later in the season. The games and picture books were distributed to the different classes. The big doll went to a class of little girls who think there was absolutely never anything quite like it. The books were placed in the library where, under our system of issuing, all who read have the same opportunity that the ordinary citizen does from the public library. James Oakes was given a couple of games, a baseball and concertina. A letter written by the principal teacher at the dictation of James conveys his sentiments and feelings much better

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than I can.

Among the hundreds of boxes that came to this institution there is none of size that represents so much care and appropriateness in selection of objects as the one from the House of Hope Sunday School.

The writer only wishes your Sunday School family could, individually and collectively, visit the school, especially at Christmas time.

Wishing all a very Happy New Year, I am

Very sincerely yours,

ACR/MGK.

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toy donkey

toy dog

58 story & picture books + 1 + 1 + 2

1 large doll

16 toy animals

30 games + 1 2 + 10 + 2

2 boxes tin soldiers

1 drawing slate

2 boxes blocks

4 mechanical toys + 1

Polio club

2 horns tin drum

4 balls

1 box ~~the~~ beads

1 top + 1

5-1

~~43~~ dolls

1 clown

1 large mouth organ

1 bank

1 flat iron

2 boxes sliced

1 pistol

animals

1 gun

1 box paints

1 doll chair

Sealing wax

2 trains & track

1 box building blocks

1 accordion

1 box paper dolls

2 pop guns

1 watch

Minnesota School for Feeble-Minded and Colony for Epileptics.

DR. A. C. ROGERS, SUPERINTENDENT

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Faribault, Minn.

Replying to yours of.....

Subject.....

*Long report
to cover it*

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Board of State Charities

ROOM 52 STATE HOUSE.

Indianapolis, Ind. Dec. 21, 1909.

Dr. A. C. Rodgers,
Faribault, Minn.

Dear Sir:--

May I trouble you to ask that you write me concerning a question in which I am sure you have a deep interest and wish to be helpful.

In planning for an ideal village for epileptics where there is an adequate tract of varied land, what are your views on the following points:

1. - What are the purposes of such a village that should be kept continually in mind?

2. - Should it be an educational institution?

a. To what extent?

3. Should the more decidedly custodial cases be received?

4. Should preference be given to more recent cases or to those of pronounced degeneration that are a great care to relatives?

a. To Adults?

b. To Children? X

5. Should buildings be for a small or a large number of cases?

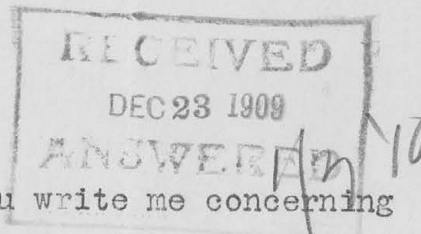
Small

Give number?

6. Should any wooden cottages be used?

7. Should buildings be closely grouped?

8. Or more scattered?



{ Human happy care
- Cure
- Study of Causation.

To develop former interest
self control
usefulness
not to give as circumstances suggest do duty.

Yes, unless prevented for other reason

Organize to receive both -

{ Better fire proof - but building
carefully and obtain best fire
proofing - but some ambulance
isolate for better care

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Should each have a small tract of land about it for the use and employment of villagers?

Should cottages have each a kitchen and dining room?

Or should there be a congregate

dining room?

If you will give reasons for your answer to such of these points as seem to suggest such you will help us.

Thanking you in advance for an early reply, I am

Very truly yours,

Amos W. Butler
Secretary.

8th
Jan. 10th, 1910.

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

Dear Sir:

Your letter came at an inopportune time for prompt answer, owing to the usual disarrangement of routine matters caused by the annual advent of "Santa Claus," etc. etc.

It seems almost presumptuous to express with confidence opinions upon the question which you have asked, when we find it so difficult in practice to attain our ideals or to accomplish the very things we suggest for others; however, I will give you my opinions for what they are worth.

(1) PURPOSES THAT SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND FOR AN EPILEPTIC VILLAGE.

- (a) A retreat for humane care amid a happy, cheerful environment.
- (b) (b) The of the disease, where possible, and amelioration of the condition and lessening of number of seizures.
- (c) Study of causation with reference to individual cases and the hereditary and social factors involved generally.

(2) SHOULD IT BE AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION AND TO WHAT EXTENT?

- (a) I should say yes, by all means, in a general way. Physical activity to a definite purpose is, it seems to me, the most important remedial agency to be considered. Well organized occupations from spontaneous and competitive games to constructive manual and outdoor farm, garden and dairy industries should be provided. It seems to me the abstract and literary mental culture should go hand in hand with physical occupation but be subordinate to them. That is to say, the physiological principle, that the avoidance of congested brain centers is absolutely imperative in the improvement of epilepsy, should be kept in mind in determining the kind of mental or physical training to be employed. Application to books must be encouraged or permitted according to the temperament, much as one would give a dose of internal medicine to meet the actual indications. As a part of the system, however, organized schools with manual training predominant, it seems to me, are essential.

(3) RECEPTION OF DECIDEDLY CUSTODIAL CASES.

- (a) This, it seems to me, is largely a matter of public policy. Hopeless, custodial cases should certainly be cared for some place. Theoretically, I presume, asylums for their care should be entirely separate from any other institution, just as asylums for idiots should be separated from the training schools for feeble-minded; practically, separate departments, making the separation sufficiently complete to avoid interference with the main purpose of the higher institution, will, it seems to me, accomplish all that is practicable and have the advantage of permitting the frequent reclassifications that are necessary, at the least expense, and at the most opportune time.

(4) PREFERENCE AS TO RECENT CASES OR THOSE OF PRONOUNCED DEGENERATION.

- (a) The first demand of every institution is for the care of those that are the most difficult to take care of in their natural homes; therefore, it seems to me, the state is obliged to take the more degenerate cases in any event, but it certainly should provide at the same time and under proper conditions classification and segregation for recent cases and those that give greatest promise of cure or improvement.
- (b) As to the preference in claim of adults and children, I do not see how distinction can be made. As a general thing, however, I do not believe they should be associated. The segregation should be well provided for.

(5) BUILDINGS FOR SMALL OR LARGE NUMBER OF CASES.

- (a) Generally speaking, the number living together should be small. The exact number would depend so much upon the individual characteristics that I should not like to attempt numerical specifications. With the better class of epileptics, from ten to fifteen could probably be found who would live together congenially. If more than this were associated in the same building, and especially if there were antagonistic temperaments, it would be necessary for them to be pretty well segregated in the home building and in their daily occupations. Of course, degenerate cases that require simple custodial care could be housed in larger numbers but would require more caretakers. The question of sanitation, building ventilation, etc. would be more important if any difference with them than with any of the other cases. These things, of course, should not be neglected anywhere.

(6) MATERIAL FOR CONSTRUCTION.

- (a) Of course, fire-proof buildings are always the best for any purpose and, with our recent knowledge of concrete construction and the excessibility of materials at reasonable cost, considered in connection with the high price of lumber, it would seem as though nearly all institution buildings of the future should be fire-proof. So far as safety is concerned, however, one story wooden cottages for small family groups or from five to ten of the best class of patients

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are unobjectionable, provided the heat and lighting are planned for safety.

(7) SHOULD BUILDINGS BE CLOSELY GROUPED?

- (a) This is the question of expense for maintainance and administration vs. ideal condition of classification and segregation. It seems to me an ideal arrangement for the welfare of the patients, referring now to the better class, would be small scattered buildings, each with its little tract of land for gardening, flori-culture, etc., and each under the direct supervision of a house father or house mother in whom the patients had absolute confidence and who would carry out with intelligence and fidelity the purposes of the institution as manifested in the instructions of the administrative and medical officers. On the other hand, the separation into very small groups increases the problem of heating, distribution of food, etc. I always liked the theory of "Craig Colony" in reference to their buildings,--the accomodations for from 25 to 30 in a building, as an average, with arrangements for more of certain classes and less of others, according to the indications; little cottages absolutely detached from the general plant where the adult patients of culture and refinement could live in very small groups in their little cozy homes under true village conditions. I have not been at Sonyea, however, for a number of years and I do not know how the scheme has worked out. In the matter of gardening and flori-culture, of course, all patients do not take to occupations of this kind and while they should be encouraged to be out of doors in the sunlight and open air as much as possible, other industries and occupations must be provided, thus limiting the pastoral features.

(8) AS TO SEPARATE KITCHEN AND DINING ROOM.

- (a) The family life, it seems to me, can be most nearly approximated by maintaining separate dining rooms for each group whether large or small. The cooking of food, however, can be done better for a number of groups at one place and the food distributed to the dining room therefrom. In a very large institution it might be necessary to have possibly more than one kitchen. We are conducting at this place at the present time quite an extensive experiment in the distribution of food. We formally had ten kitchens and we have now a large Central kitchen, which is supplying food to fourteen buildings, all of the distant buildings being supplied by means of a large wagon capable of carrying two tons of food. We carry it a half mile in weather such as this (25° below zero) and deliver it warm and nice for the table. I think this is the only place in this country where this has been tried in just this way,--all of the food being carried in one wagon, except where the food is supplied to one building near the kitchen where trucks are used. The bulky food, both liquid and solid, retains the heat finely without any special insulation of our wagon. Of course, the latter is enclosed completely and little difficulty experienced by the food being put up in small quantities is to be overlooked by local steam tables, which are now being installed in the different buildings. The fireless cooker is also destined to become a factor in

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simplyfying the preparation of certain foods in public institutions.

I do not know if this letter will be of any special benefit to you but hope there may be some suggestion not altogether worthless.

With very kind personal regards, and wishes for A Happy New Year,

Sincerely yours, .

ACR/MGK.

Supt.

Peoples Church

St. Paul, Minn.

December 26, 1909.

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Dear Sir:

I desire to inform you on behalf of the State Board of Visitors for Public Institutions that we have elected Mr. James C. Matchitt as Executive Secretary of our board. He will give his entire time to its service and under our direction he will visit the various institutions, as well as collect comparative data with respect to the penal and charitable work of this state.

I need hardly add that we desire that he have every consideration and courtesy from the heads of the institutions of the state, for I have not the slightest doubt that he will receive it.

This appointment puts our board upon a basis that will enable it to be more serviceable, we trust, to the state in the future than it has in the past. With great respect,

Yours very truly,

Samuel G. Smith, President,
G.

Dec. 25, 1907.

Mr. Richard Turnbull,
2316 Lyndale W.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is formal receipt for the things you sent to aid to the Christmas joy of the children. I am glad it was so that you and your son could be here at the time of the distribution. I want to thank you personally for your remembrance to the writer who has had the fragrance of a portion of the contents of the pocket case already.

Wishing you and yours a Happy New Year, I

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Very sincerely yours,

ACR/MCK.

Supt.

Enc.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY
DEPARTMENTAL OFFICE OF THE PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., U. S. A.

Minneapolis, Minn., December 30, 1909.

Confidential.

Dr. Arthur C. Rogers,
Faribault, Minn.

My dear Dr. Rogers,

When I last had the pleasure of seeing you you spoke very briefly but in very high terms, of a Dr. Meade of Yankton, South Dakota, who is in charge of the State Institutions there.

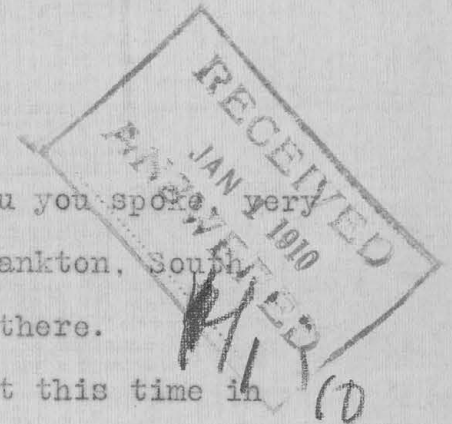
As you know, we are very much interested at this time in Hospital Superintendents, and shall be in position to employ one within a few months. May I trouble you to write me fully regarding Dr. Meade and his qualifications? You know something of our Hospital organization, which I honestly believe to be as nearly ideal as any known to be, and will understand how important is the personality of any man who is to be placed in this position. We desire to create an atmosphere such as that which has made John Hopkins stand, heretofore, almost alone; and the character of the superintendent must largely determine this question.

You told me, I believe, that Dr. Meade is a good Hospital builder, and a good administrator, but I would like to know much more. Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience, and I thank you in advance for giving your precious time to our affairs.

With kindest regards and best wishes for the New Year to Mrs. Rogers and the rest, believe me always,

Sincerely yours,

Chas. Lyman Greene



Jan. 1, 1910.

Dr. Chas. Lyman Green,
College of Medicine and Surgery,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Dr. Green:

I have only known Dr. Mead personally a few years and I have made but one visit to his institution, having first met him here in Minnesota while in attendance at the State Conference of Charities and Correction. He first impressed me as a man of very broad character and kindly human sympathy; he is exceedingly modest and self-contained, and one who inspires confidence at once in his sincerity and integrity. From a visit of two days at the hospital I left with no question of his superior ability as a hospital building constructor and his capabilities as an organizer. I should say that Dr. Mead's organization was kept in good running order, more by reason of careful selection of his people and the inspiration of the man, than from any spirit of militarism or to exercise dictatorial authority.

Why do not two or three of you, who are especially appointed to select the right man, make it a point to attend the dedication of their new Woman's Building at Yankton on the

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7th inst. If you do not have a formal invitation already, I think I can arrange that part for you, if you will let me know at once.

I do not believe that ~~from~~ my own experience, and observation of management of general hospitals, has been sufficiently broad to make me a capable judge as to all of the qualifications required for this particular position, but I have no question of the special qualities which I have referred to above.

With very kind personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

ACR/MCK.