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Minnesota State Training School

Red Wing, Minn., Sept. 14 1908

TO THE FAMILY MANAGER A FAMILY

Cassin

No. _____

IS REPORTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Constantly
talking at table.

EXPLANATION _____

Mrs. Hattie Reed.

Officer

To the Superintendent

After fully investigating the above report I would recommend that he

have 50 credits

W. E. Scott

Family Manager

SEP 17 1908

The above report and recommendation is approved

[Signature]

Superintendent

File No. _____

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SEP 16 1908

The Cathedral
251 St Paul Minn
Sept. 15: 08

Dear Mr Whittier

I have been requested by
Rev Father Rolquin to write and
ascertain if there is any possibility
of having Adolard Cormien's sentence
revoked, and have him placed on
parole. Of course you are the one best
prepared to say whether he has improved
under the training at the School; if
in your judgement you think he
could be safely paroled will you
kindly place it before the Board
when it next meets at Red Wing

Very Sincerely
John R Power

9/17/08.

Rev. John R. Power,
c/o The Cathedral,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to yours of September 15th concerning Adelard Cunin would say that in my judgment he should remain here until he earns his release. He has now nine badges to his credit and under the rules of the Institution he must earn twelve before he is entitled to release.

He is at work in the carpenter shop, getting much good from his instruction there and I believe it would be absolutely detrimental to him to leave the Institution at the present time.

Yours truly,

Superintendent.

SEP 25 1908

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St Paul Sep 24. 1908

Mr. Whittier

Dear Sir

I received a letter from Rev Father Power of the Cathedral to day stating that my son Adelard Curran could not be released until he received twelve badges. I can assure you Mr. Whittier it was a great disappointment to me I looked for him in about a week or so

how & how can I express my feeling
to you. and how I feel in not
getting his release. no one but a
mother, can feel the load that
I have to bare. I have no support
only a niple a week and I am
living with my widow mother
who has no support but a married
brother in the south. so you can
see how I built up on having
my son home to help me for
the winter. I also lost one of
my eyes and cant see well enough
to support us. I have three small
children at home. now if you can
do any thing to release him soon

I'll be great ful to you for it.
I do so need his help so badly
hoping for an early reply. I remain
your
truly

Mrs. L. Cavin

168 W Central Ave

St Paul Oct 6. 1908

OCT - 7 1908

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Mr ~~Whittier~~ Whittier

Dear Sir

pardon me
for writing you again in regard
to my son Adelard I could not
see no reason in you not ans-
wering my letter I certainly felt
very badly when no ans^r came
now Mr. Whittier ^{known} you I got his
release from the board of pardon
and I cant help but thinking
of him being home with me
for the winter I need his help

I simply can not get along
with out him now please write
to me soon so I can know
what you inteded to do so I
can try and help my self. as
I told you before I got but one
eye. and I can not see any to
well with the other. so please
try and send him home. to
tell you the truth he never was
~~a~~ bad boy his father was
against him always. for
I loved him so. now Mr. Whittier
do some thing for me and
soome please and you will
Oblige a heart broken

mother so much

Your Respt^l

Mrs. Lavin

168 W. Central Ave.

Officer

Minnesota State Training School

Red Wing, Minn., Oct. 10, 1908

TO THE FAMILY MANAGER A. FAMILY

Curtis

No. _____

IS REPORTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Talking
in the dining room.

EXPLANATION _____

Mrs. Reed

Officer

To the Superintendent

After fully investigating the above report I would recommend that I

Don 50 credits

W. E. Smith

Family Manager

The above report and recommendation is approved _____

251 Cook Superintendent

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Minnesota State Training School

For Boys and Girls

FAMILY MANAGERS

W. E. SCOTT, Family A
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Miss CORABELLE SILL, Assist. Matron Girls' Dep't

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RED WING, MINN.,

Oct. 12, 1908.

Mrs. Cunin,

168 W. Central Ave.,

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Madam:-

I have your letter of October 6th and replying will say that the matter of your son's release was considered by the Board of Control and the application for release was denied and I so wrote you last month. The boy will have to stay here until he earns his release by good conduct. This will follow in the near future with continued good conduct on his part. There is nothing further that you can do to secure his release.

Yours truly,

Superintendent.

Minnesota State Training School

Red Wing, Minn.,

Oct. 19 1905

TO THE FAMILY MANAGER A FAMILY

Cousin

No. _____

IS REPORTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Continually
talking + laughing at
the table.

EXPLANATION _____

Mrs. Reed

Officer

To the Superintendent

After fully investigating the above report I would recommend that he

Leave so early

H. E. Scott

Family Manager

The above report and recommendation is approved

Asst.

Superintendent

File No. _____

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Minnesota State Training School

Red Wing, Minn., Nov. 23 1908

TO THE FAMILY MANAGER A FAMILY

A. Curmin No. 3067

IS REPORTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

For continually
whispering in drawing
class.

EXPLANATION

Miss Day
Officer

To the Superintendent

After fully investigating the above report I would recommend that he

have no credits

W. E. Scott

Family Manager

NOV 26 1908

The above report and recommendation is approved

Asst. Superintendent

File No. _____

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DEC 14 1908

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St. Paul, Dec. 14th, 908

Mr Whittier

Dear Sir

Pardon my writing
you again, as I have a position
for my son Adalard Cunningham
I would be pleased to have
you send him at once. I
need his help so badly and
I'll promise you I'll do all
in my power to keep him
from going wrong again.
I feel fully confident I can
take care of him and show
him I master not him now
Mr Whittier if you doubt

my word you can write
Judge Oliver, in Abstract
Office or Judge Bazille or
Father Ruelgen. of St Louis
Church. St. Paul, and I
am sure you will get a
favorable answer hoping to
see him soon or get an
early reply

I remain Respt
Wm. H. Cummins
St Paul

PS 165. N. Central Ave.
His position is open any time
you send him and I hope it
will be at once. Please

257
Dec. 16, 1908.

Mrs. D. Cunin,

166 W. Central Ave.,

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Madam:-

I have your letter of December 14th and note what you say about having employment for your son. The matter of his release is in the hands of our State Agent. Before his release we must know all about his employment, who he is with, what it is, what is expected of him, salary, etc. We must know all about it before he can be released.

Yours very truly,

Superintendent.

Minnesota State Training School

Red Wing, Minn.,

Jan 2, 1909

To THE FAMILY MANAGER

Cumins FAMILY

No.

IS REPORTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Talking at the table.

EXPLANATION

Mrs. Reed,
Officer

To the Superintendent

After fully investigating the above report I would recommend that he

91-21-71
Family Manager

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The above report and recommendation is approved,

J. M. S.
Superintendent

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St Paul Jan 7. 1909

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Mr Frank Whittier
State Training School

Dear Friend,

I have been appealed to in
the interests of Adeland Sumner.

I am authorized to say to you and the
Board of Control that his pastor, the
judge of the juvenile court and the probation
officer are all in favour of his leaving
the training school and taking a position
that now awaits him.

Very sincerely yours

Rev. James Donahoe
City Missionary
St. Paul

N. B. No reply expected.

Minnesota State Training School

Red Wing, Minn., Jan. 11, 1909

TO THE FAMILY MANAGER A. FAMILY

Currin

No.

IS REPORTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Talking
at the table

EXPLANATION

Mrs. Reed

Officer

To the Superintendent

After fully investigating the above report I would recommend that he

Have 50 credits

W. E. Scott

Family Manager

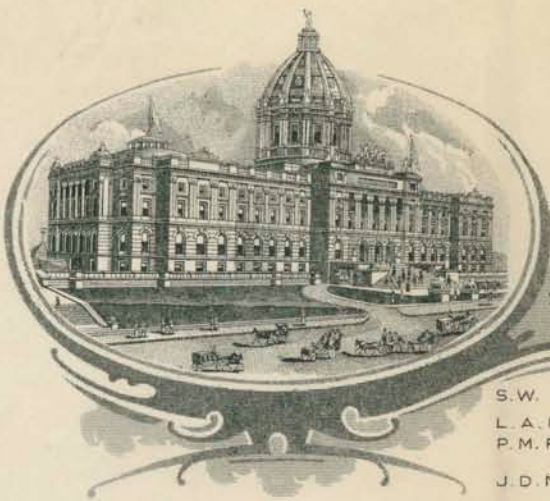
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The above report and recommendation is approved

J. P. M.
Superintendent

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OR DEPENDENT CHILDREN.

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FARIBAULT.
SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND,
FARIBAULT.
STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL,
OWATONNA.
SANATORIUM FOR CONSUMPTIVES,
WALKER.
HOSPITAL FOR CRIPPLED AND
DEFORMED CHILDREN,
ST. PAUL.

JAN 17 1909

SUBJECT:

St. Paul,

Jan. 16, 1909.

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F. A. Whittier, Supt.,
Red Wing, Minn.

Dear Sir:

We inclose herewith letter concerning Adelard Cunin, an inmate of your institution, forwarded to us from Gov. Johnson's office. Please call this case to our attention at our next meeting and oblige.

Very truly yours,

State Board of Control

By

SWL-MBD

Chairman

951
Jan. 18, 1909.

State Board of Control,
St. Paul, Minn.

Gentlemen:-

I have your letter of January 16th enclosing letter from Rev. Alexander Harris addressed to Governor Johnson about Adelard Cunin a boy of this Institution. At your meeting held in December you authorized his release and he was already released. His people would telephone us that they had employment but failed to tell us who it was that offered to employ him except in one instance and they said at the Golden Rule. Investigation by Miss Johnston disclosed that they had offered him no employment whatever. We were waiting and hoping they would find him employment or that we would but in the mean time he has lost his standing by misconduct here, the offence being of such a nature that I do not feel like overlooking it. On the last visiting day in December, the mother of another inmate, Swan Johnson, brought to him quite a supply of chewing tobacco which she succeeded in passing to him and he concealed it in his clothing, took it to the carpenter shop and there concealed it. Both of these boys worked in the carpenter shop. Cunin was taken in as a partner on the tobacco deal. Another boy working in the carpenter shop who was not in the deal with these two boys found the tobacco and he concealed it from them. This angered Cunin and he layed waiting for the third boy who was considerable smaller than himself and while the boy was passing from the school house to the family, he jumped out from the building, struck him a vicious blow in the face. For this offence he

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was degraded one month.

From the above you will see that he was guilty of really two quite serious offences, first taking part in the concealing and using tobacco and second for assault upon another inmate.

I am sorry that this occurred knowing that his mother needs him and only illustrates that in many instances the parents or people of inmates of Institutions like this are the ones that suffer more than the inmates themselves in cases of this kind. If in view of this statement of facts you still desire this boy to be released I will do so although I feel that he richly deserves to remain here for a time on account of his conduct.

Yours very truly,

Superintendent.

Minnesota State Training School

Red Wing, Minn., Jan 18 1909

TO THE FAMILY MANAGER A FAMILY

Adelard Dunning No. 3067

IS REPORTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Talking in assembly, (aloud) immediately after entering and kept it up for quite awhile.

EXPLANATION

I am quite certain that he did this several times before

E. F. Matzold

Officer

To the Superintendent

After fully investigating the above report I would recommend that he

Have 50 credits

H. E. Scott

Family Manager

JAN 20 1909

The above report and recommendation is approved,

J. H. W.
Superintendent

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State Training School

Red Wing, Minn., July 22 19 09

Name Adelard Cunin No 3067

Received Sep. 3, 1907 from Ramsey county, for Incorrigibility

Paroled Feb. 27, 1909 Sent to % his mother

P. O. St. Paul, Minn. Minn., has this day been returned to the Institution for the following: Under arrest for petit larceny

Approved:

J. P. Whiting
Superintendent.

Albert C. Hayes
State Agent.



Take all the nostalgia
I send you.

Hold

POSTCARD



Regards from all.

This side for Correspondence.

I just thought I
would drop you a
postal to see how you
are getting along. I
will be out to see you
soon expect me maybe
Saturday morning Andy
and I. With best love
from Florence. XX

This side for Address.

Adelauid Cuinin
Red Wing
Minn.
Box B.

BE SURE TO WRITE, Ad.



Please
write
as soon
as you
can and
tell me
when you
come home
don't
forget
Ad.

How you stop

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POST CARD

THIS SPACE MAY BE USED
FOR CORRESPONDENCE.



Dear Friend:

"If you would write
me a letter I will
think a lot more
of you. I am working
at the Western
Automobile Co."

Your Old Pal,
H. Ellingson,

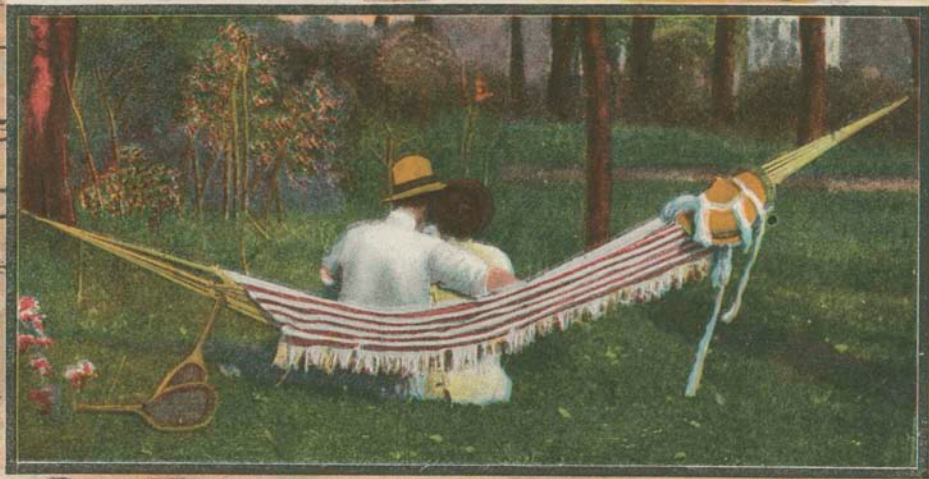
1037 PAYNE AVE.

St. Paul Minn. (OVER)

Mrs. Adelard Cumins,

% State School,

Red Wing, Minn.



POST CARD



This side for Correspondence.

*Is the weather
very warm here
it certainly is up
here.
from your loving
sister Florence.*

This side for Address.

Missent to Hastings, Minn.

Edvard Curran

Red Wing

Minn.

Box B.



POST CARD



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This side for Correspondence.

This side for Address.



Missent to Hastings, Minn.

Adeline Cunnin

Red Wing

Minn.

Box B.

From Florence.

Barracks, Fort Snelling, Minn. Getting ready for camp.



Post Card



How is the
boy getting along
you know
the boy that was
in the county jail
with you the
little fellow. is a
respector again for
larceny and he
will write to you. answered

W. H. Canning

Box B.

Red wing
Winn



Post card Post' arte Carte postale

Cartolina Postale — Leve' zc Lap — Dopisnice — Brefkort

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Tarjeta postal — Cartão postal

Union postale Universelle



With best love
and wishes -

How are you
getting along.

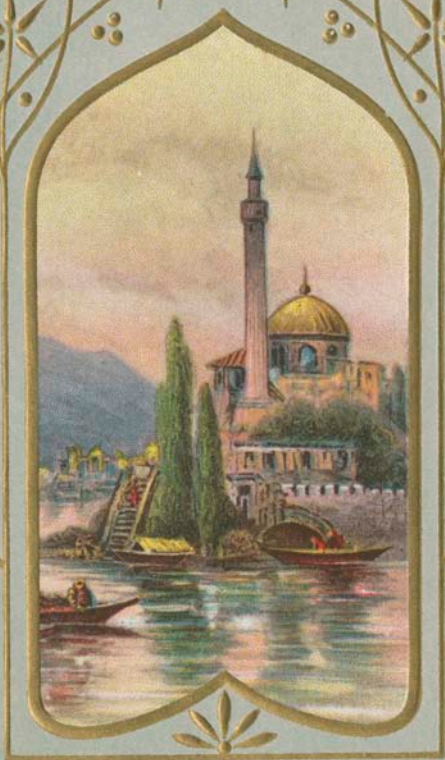
From your
loving sister
Florence.

Adelard Cumin

Red Wing

Minn.

Box B.



A Happy Birthday



Post CARD



THIS SPACE MAY BE USED FOR WRITING

THIS SIDE FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY

Well Saturday
was your birth-
day.

Handwritten in blue ink:
Red Wing Minn.

Adelard Cunin
Red Wing Minn.
Box. B.

With best wishes from
your sister Florence.

Aug. 27, 1909.
St. Paul.

Dear Brother, -

I thought I would drop you a few lines to find out how you were getting along. Have you got any badges yet. I suppose you are behaving yourself. Are you down here until you earn your honor or for two years. I seen Louella and Rosie Lobeile down to the Bath House the other evening and I seen Laril Monday night playing ball up near the house.

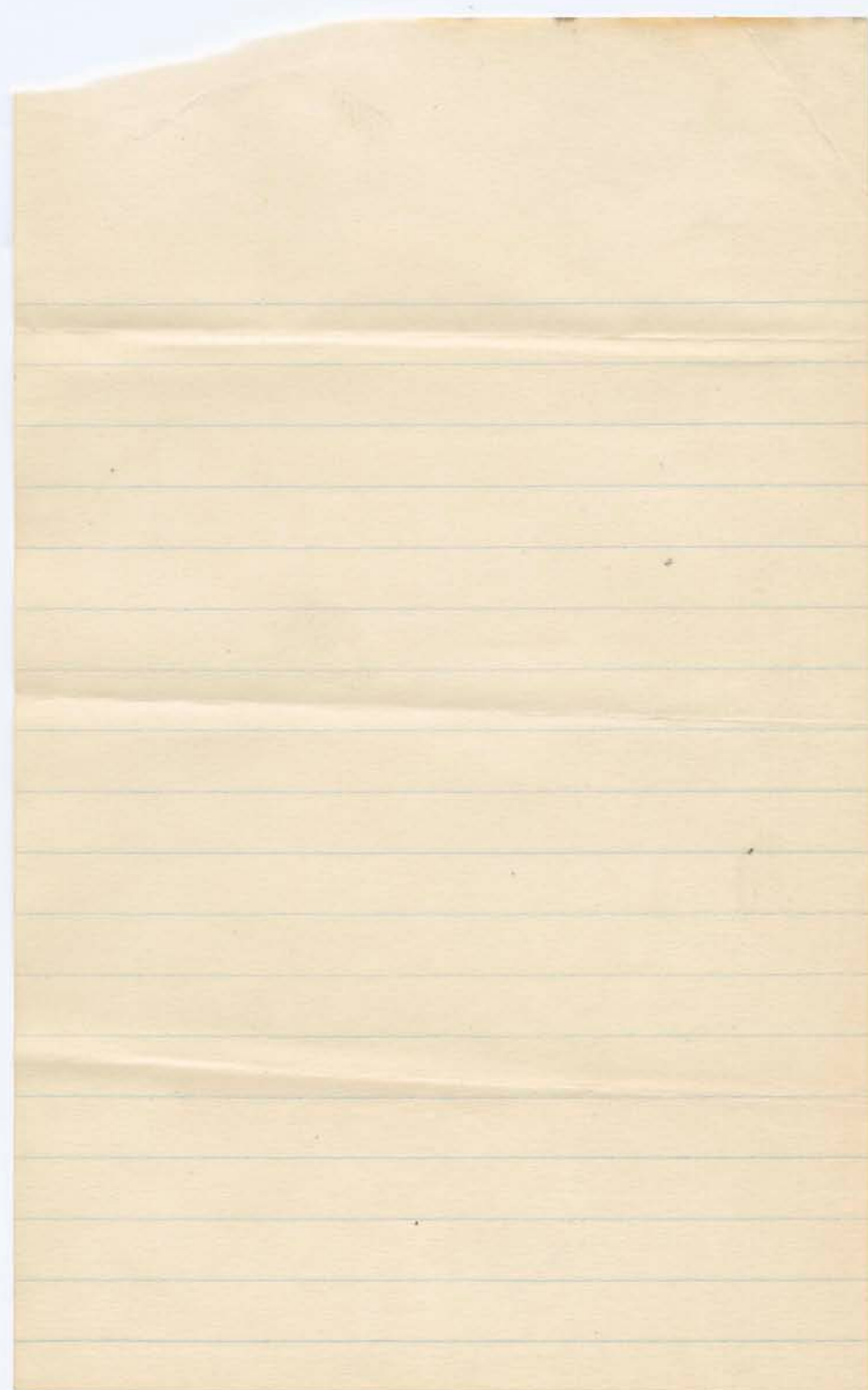
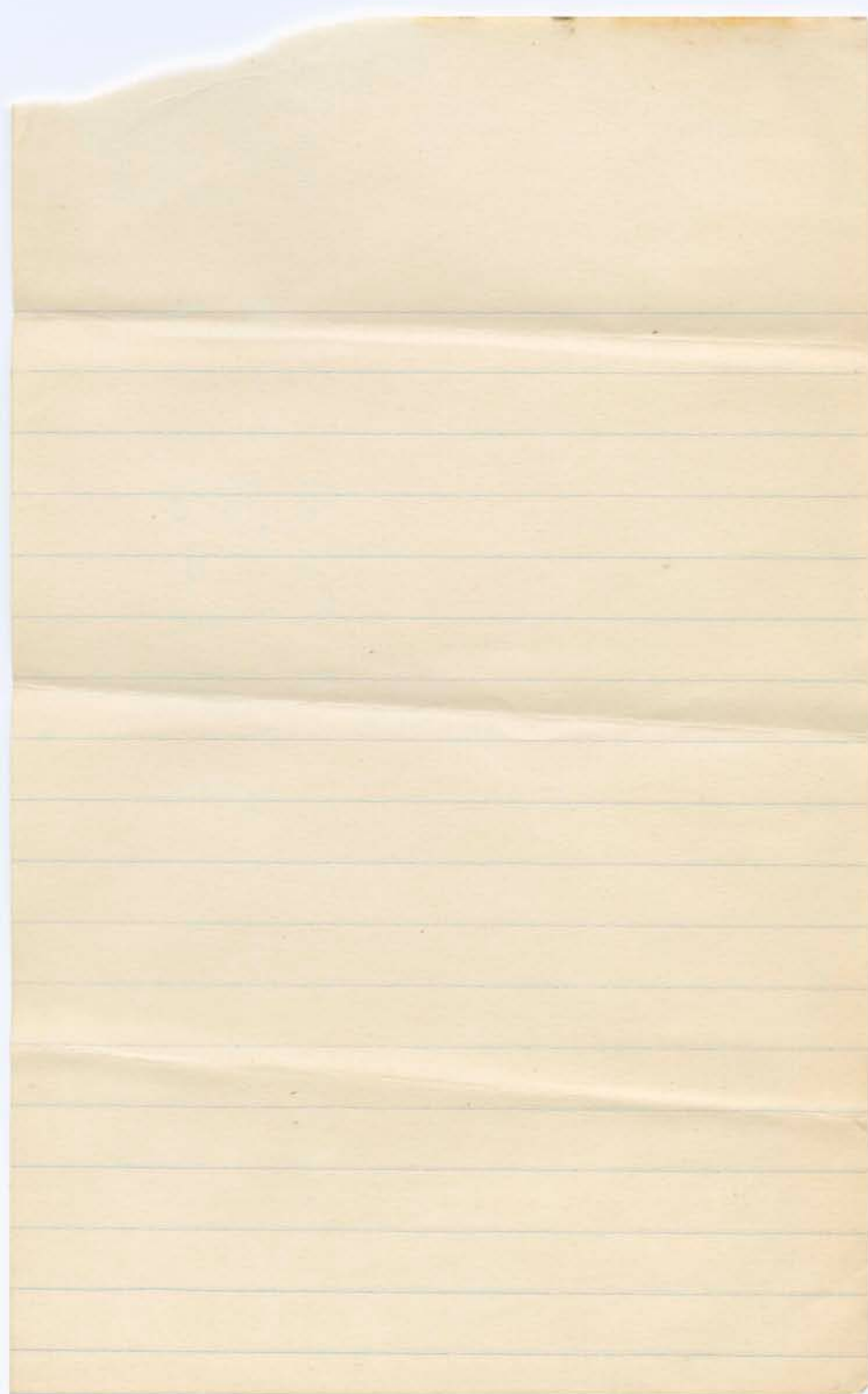
I am going to a wedding the 8th of Sept. out 405 University. Ave. our forelady is getting married. How is Steve getting along and

When will he get out, send him
my best regards.

I guess I will close for this
hoping to hear of you soon..

Sealed with a kiss.

From your loving sister
Edwence



File
Adelard



Red Wing

Minn.

732

P. O. B.

*Don't think there is
his sister*

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1909

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Minnesota State Training School

Red Wing, Minn., Aug 30 1909

TO THE COMPANY MANAGER _____ COMPANY _____

Edward Curran No. _____

IS REPORTED FOR THE FOLLOWING :

for throwing
catching mitt hard
breaking looking glass
in basement the mitt was

EXPLANATION

laying on his seat had
no cause to throw it he
is ugly very since his return
J. H. Scott

Officer

To the Superintendent

After fully investigating the above report I would recommend that he

lose one month

J. H. Scott

Company Manager

SEP - 6 1909

The above report and recommendation is approved

C. J. M.
Superintendent

File No. _____

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Sept. 15, 1909.

Chief of Police,

East Grand Forks, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

On September 1st two boys, Adelard Cunin, #3067 and Rudolph Behnke, #2075, escaped from this Institution. A few days ago we succeeded in capturing Behnke in St. Paul and returned him to the school. After considerable sweating he told us that Cunin left St. Paul last Monday night for your city where he intended to remain until about Thanksgiving time. He is described as follows:-

Nineteen years old, height about 5' 6" or 7", complexion dark, eyes gray, hair brown and not very long.

He is of a medium build, of a rather sullen disposition and has very little to say.

Behnke tells us that he went there to visit one Mike Mc Dermott who was formerly an inmate at this Institution and who is now working in a restaurant there. This Mc Dermott is a red headed fellow about twenty one years of age, rather tall and slim. If he is in your town, you no doubt know him.

Superintendent Whittier is away and he asked me to write you regarding this matter as we are very anxious to get hold of this fellow as he and Behnke committed several burglaries while in St. Paul and I am satisfied that he will continue along these

#2.

lines in whatever city he may visit.

If you can succeed in getting him, arrest and hold, wiring us at our expense and an officer will come for him.

A reward of \$10.00 will be paid for his capture. You may find him across the river in Dakota and will say that you are clothed with authority to arrest him either in Dakota or Minnesota.

Hoping that you will be able to get hold of him, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Asst. Superintendent.

TGK-FCN