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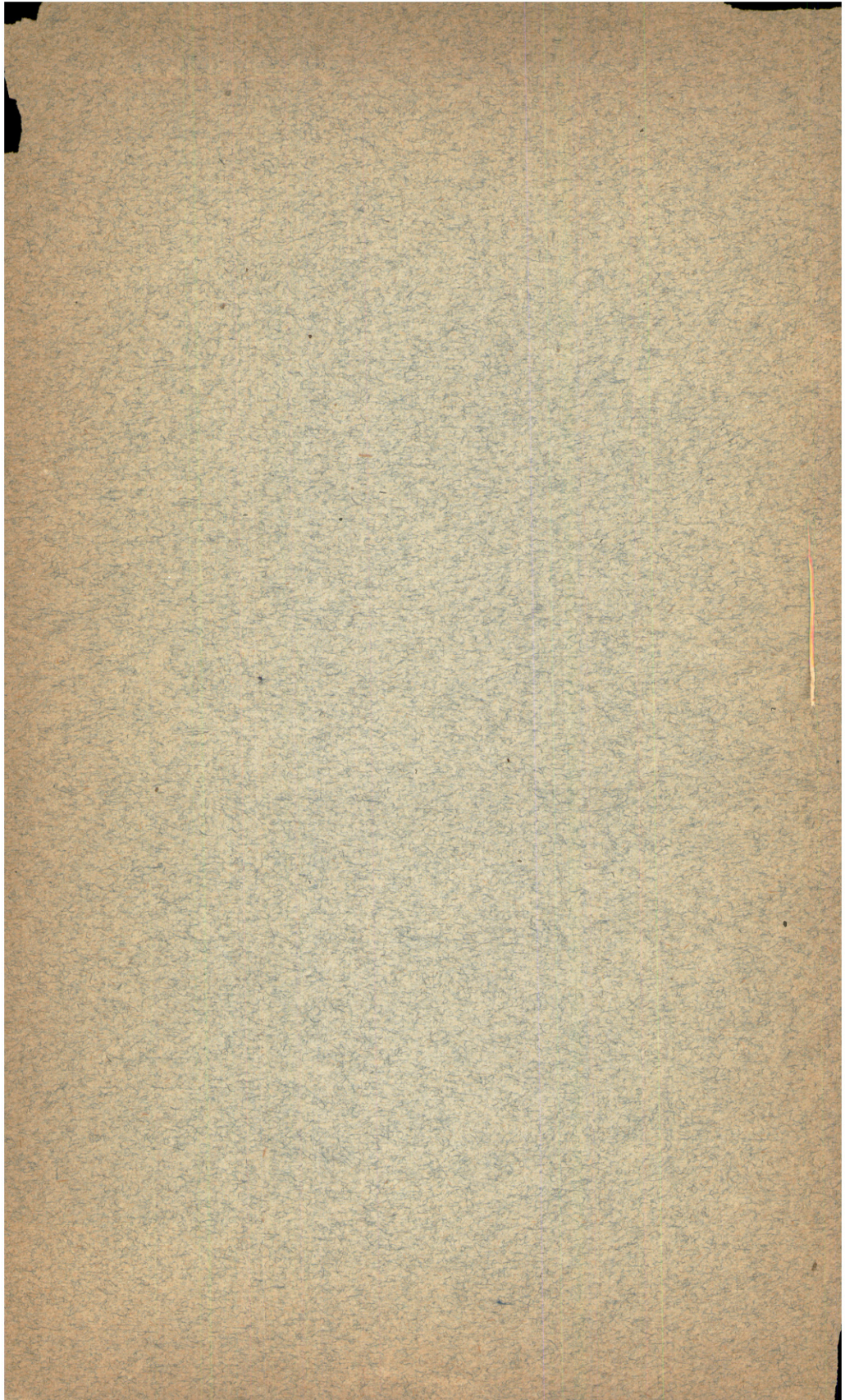
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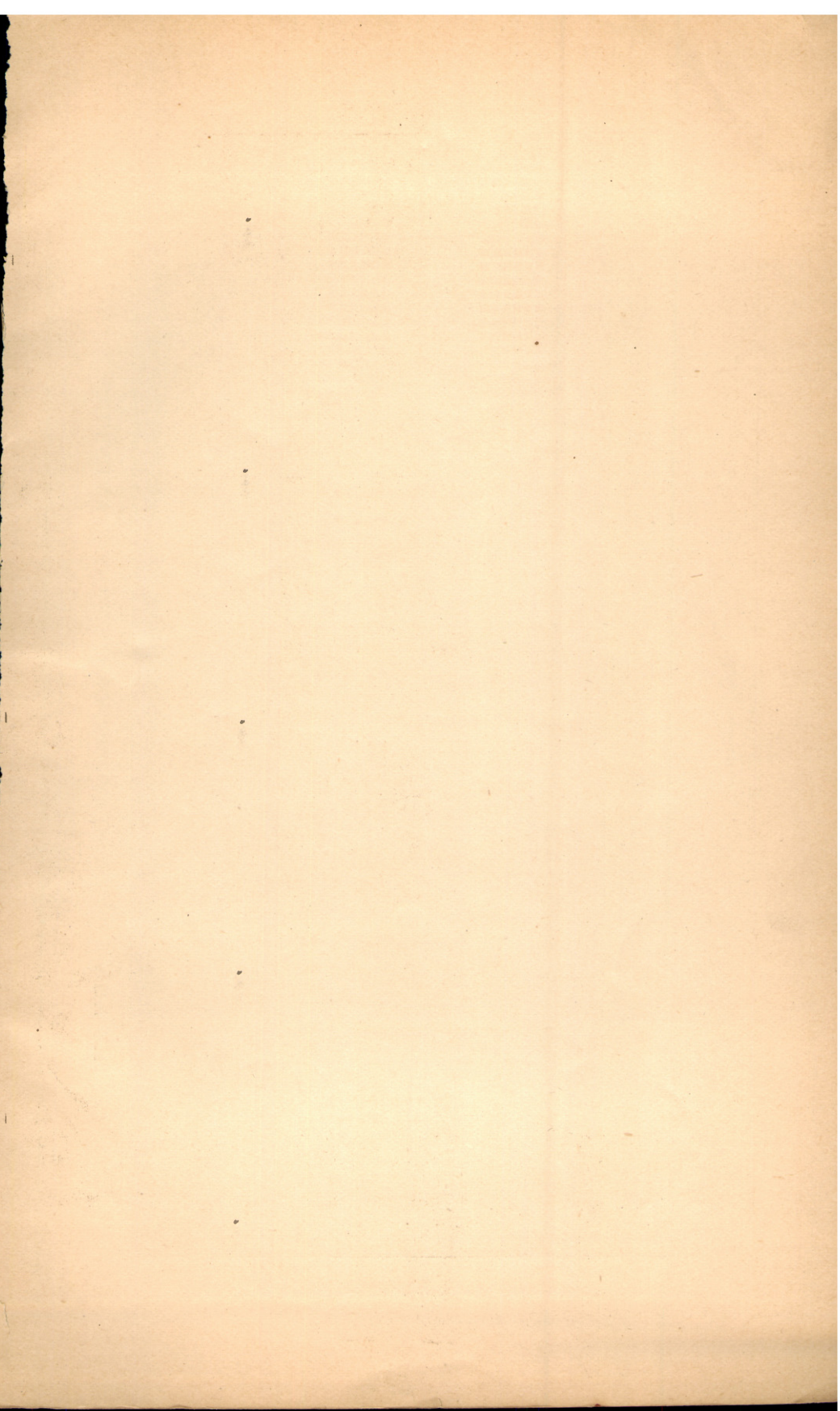
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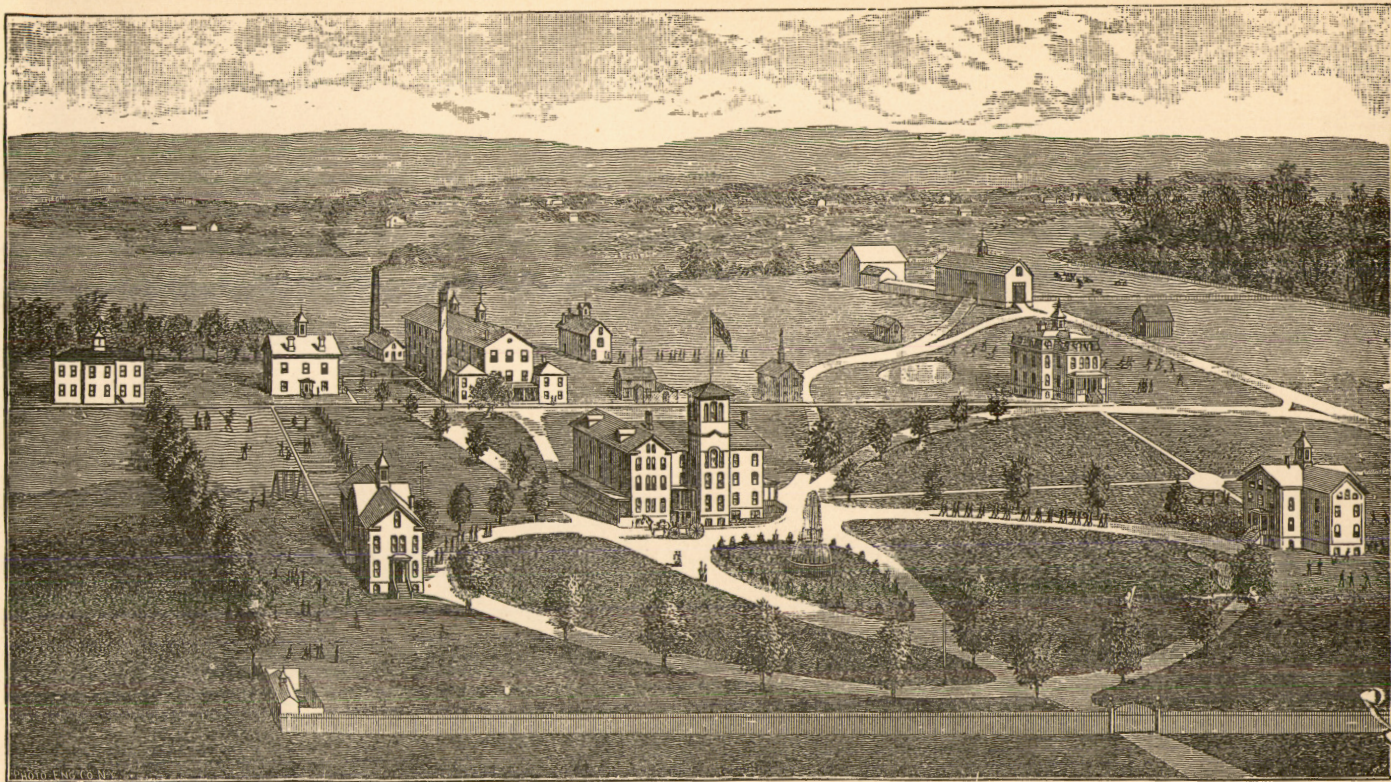
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FRANKLIN MURPHY.....	Essex County.....January 1st, 1889.
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N. S. RUE.....	Monmouth County.....January 1st, 1891.
Col R. A. DONNELLY.....	Mercer County.....January 1st, 1891.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT.

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*To His Excellency Robert S. Green, Governor of the State of New Jersey :*

The Trustees of the New Jersey State Reform School for Juvenile Delinquents, in compliance with the statutory law, take pleasure in forwarding the accompanying, their twenty-fourth annual report.

Last year we asked for certain legislation, all of which we feel grateful to the Legislature for granting. The amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) given for a library has not as yet been expended.

The additional appropriation given for lighting purposes, making a total of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), will, we think, be sufficient for the purpose. We have drawn from the State Treasurer, on account of this appropriation, five thousand dollars (\$5,000). There is remaining in our hands of the amount drawn a balance of \$4,423.62, as will be seen by reference to the Treasurer's report.

The "Brush System" of electric lights, which is the one selected, has not been in operation a sufficient length of time to warrant us in passing judgment upon it as to its efficiency, but we are assured that, when complete, it will answer all the purposes of the institution. When the committee of the Legislature visits the School, the members will be able to judge for themselves.

The sanitary condition of the School has been greatly improved, and of the appropriation of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for this and other purposes, we still have an unexpended balance of \$5,710.80.

Since our last report we have established a printing department, which, we have every reason to believe, will be of much use in giving to at least a portion of the inmates, a knowledge of a trade that will be of benefit to them when they leave our care.

We have, as suggested in our last report, established the graded system in the schools, which we are now prepared to say we think an improvement over the old system.

The results obtained from the farm have been very satisfactory. For particulars we refer you to the report of the Farm Committee.

We also refer you to the Treasurer's report for the financial condition of the institution to November 1st.

The health of the inmates has been satisfactory, for which we are indebted to a kind Providence, and more than usual attention on the part of our physician, Dr. Zandt.

The act approved March 21st, respecting the confinement of persons under the age of sixteen years, detained in the jails, work-houses, penitentiaries and other places of confinement in the several counties of the State, will, we hope, be an aid to reform, and under this head we beg to call your attention to Table No. 6, which will show that, notwithstanding the existence of the law alluded to, it is not in all cases complied with.

We fully appreciate all the responsibilities resting on us as Trustees, and are doing all in our power for the reformation of those committed to our care. In concluding, we copy the closing paragraph from our last year's report:

"The Trustees desire to express a hope that the Board of Control, and the members of the Legislature, will visit the School, and thus be able to judge for themselves as to the desirability of building an intermediate prison, or discipline building, as suggested by the Superintendent, and appreciate more fully the nature and extent of the good work performed in this, one of the most important institutions of the State."

NATHANIEL S. RUE,

*President.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

*Treasurer's Annual Report for Fiscal Year Ending October 31st,  
1888. R. A. Donnelly, Treasurer, in Account with the New  
Jersey State Reform School.*

### MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

*Dr.*

To balance of cash on hand November 1st, 1887.....	\$2,088 37
To check received from State Treasurer on account of appropriation for quarter ending December 31st, 1887.....	\$6,000 00
To Superintendent's cash receipts for November, 1887.....	473 68
To cash (check) from State Treasurer, balance of appropriation for quarter ending December 31st, 1887.....	4,234 87
To Superintendent's cash receipts for December, 1887.....	576 41
To Superintendent's cash receipts for January, 1888.....	315 51
To Superintendent's cash receipts for February, 1888.....	185 11
To cash (check) from State Treasurer on account of appropriation for quarter ending March 31st, 1888.....	5,000 00
To Superintendent's cash receipts for March, 1888.....	223 52
To cash (check) from State Treasurer, balance of appropriation for quarter ending March 31st, 1888.....	5,574 25
To Superintendent's cash receipts for April, 1888.....	1,369 44
To Superintendent's cash receipts for May, 1888.....	332 37
To cash (check) from State Treasurer on account of appropriation for quarter ending June 30th, 1888.....	5,000 00
To draft on Bank of New York from Smith & Barnhurst.....	42 90
To cash (check) from State Treasurer, balance of appropriation for quarter ending June 30th, 1888.....	5,791 75
To Superintendent's cash receipts for June, 1888.....	574 68
To Superintendent's cash receipts for July, 1888.....	120 80
To cash (check) from State Treasurer on account of appropriation for quarter ending September 30th, 1888.....	5,000 00
To Superintendent's cash receipts for August, 1888.....	1,031 13
To cash (check) from State Treasurer, balance of appropriation for quarter ending September 30th, 1888.....	5,806 37
To Superintendent's cash receipts for September, 1888.....	498 64
To Superintendent's cash receipts for October, 1888.....	1,338 43
	49,399 84
	\$51,488 21

*Cr.*

By amount paid for salaries, labor and material, medical attendance, &c., as per approved October vouchers.....	\$3,516 01
By amount paid as above as per approved November vouchers.....	4,041 43
By amount paid as above as per approved December vouchers.....	4,555 90
By amount paid as above as per approved January vouchers..	3,350 53

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By amount paid as above as per approved February vouchers,	\$4,752 89	
By amount paid as above as per approved March vouchers.....	2,909 72	
By amount paid as above as per approved April vouchers.....	6,065 36	
By amount paid as above as per approved May vouchers.....	4,814 49	
By amount paid as above as per approved June vouchers.....	3,151 92	
By amount paid as above as per approved July vouchers.....	3,361 79	
By amount paid as above as per approved August vouchers....	5,986 59	
By amount paid as above as per approved September vouchers,	4,157 86	
		<u>\$50,664 49</u>
Balance in favor of maintenance account.....		\$823 72

## TEN-THOUSAND-DOLLAR APPROPRIATION OF 1887.

Dr.

To balance of cash on hand November 1st, 1887.....	\$3,903 55	
To cash (check) from State Treasurer, balance of appropriation,	5,000 00	
		<u>\$8,903 55</u>

Cr.

By amount paid for labor and material as per approved November vouchers.....	\$54 95	
By amount paid as above as per approved December vouchers,	179 20	
By amount paid as above as per approved January vouchers...	55 16	
By amount paid as above as per approved February vouchers,	1,149 34	
By amount paid as above as per approved March vouchers.....	199 15	
By amount paid as above as per approved April vouchers.....	7 83	
By amount paid as above as per approved May vouchers.....	4 20	
By amount paid as above as per approved June vouchers.....	174 32	
By amount paid as above as per approved July vouchers.....	203 22	
By amount paid as above as per approved August vouchers....	730 05	
By amount paid as above as per approved September vouchers,	435 33	
		<u>3,192 75</u>
Balance in favor of ten-thousand-dollar account.....		<u>\$5,710 80</u>

## APPROPRIATION FOR LIGHTING PURPOSES.

Cr.

By amount paid for labor and material as per approved August vouchers.....	\$196 42	
By amount paid as above as per approved September vouchers,	379 96	
		<u>\$576 38</u>

Dr.

To cash (check) received from State Treasurer on account of appropriation.....		<u>\$5,000 00</u>
Balance in favor of appropriation for lighting.....		<u>\$4,423 62</u>

## SUMMARY OF BALANCES.

Maintenance account.....	\$823 72
Ten-thousand-dollar appropriation, 1887.....	5,710 80
Appropriation for lighting.....	4,423 62
Total balance.....	<u>\$10,958 14</u>

The undersigned, members of the Auditing Committee, have examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer, and compared the vouchers and footings of the several items forming the same, and found them correct.

PATRICK FARRELLY,  
P. H. WYCKOFF,  
*Auditing Committee.*

## REPORT OF THE FARM COMMITTEE.

*Dr.*

To inventory 1887, farm produce.....	\$7,813 10	
To inventory 1887, live stock.....	4,028 69	
To inventory 1887, implements.....	3,298 53	
To inventory 1887, fertilizers.....	220 00	
		\$15,360 32

To cash paid for labor.....	\$1,608 01	
To cash paid for machinery and tools.....	533 51	
To cash paid for wagons, harness, &c.....	247 98	
To cash paid for live stock.....	3,230 90	
To cash paid for grain and feed.....	25 78	
To cash paid for fertilizers.....	755 02	
To cash paid for plants and seeds.....	314 21	
To cash paid for farm improvements.....	130 42	
To cash paid for farm products.....	4 06	
		6,849 89
To profits for fiscal year ending October 31st, 1888.....		2,570 53
		\$24,780 74

*Cr.*

By cash for live stock sold.....	\$1,789 86	
By cash for produce sold.....	1,294 29	
By cash value of products consumed.....	3,623 40	
By cash value of live stock consumed.....	986 89	
By cash inventory 1888, farm produce.....	8,262 55	
By cash inventory 1888, live stock.....	5,463 00	
By cash inventory 1888, implements.....	3,210 75	
By cash inventory 1888, fertilizers.....	150 00	
		\$24,780 74

NATHANIEL S. RUE,  
P. H. WYCKOFF,  
*Committee.*

# REPORT OF THE FARM COMMITTEE.

## PRODUCTS OF FARM FOR 1887-88.

Wheat .....	760 bushels.
Rye .....	750 "
Oats.....	770 "
Corn .....	3,100 "
Potatoes (white) .....	2,003 "
Onions.....	121 "
Potatoes (sweet).....	593 "
Beets (cattle).....	620 "
Beets.....	136 "
Turnips.....	682 "
Carrots.....	130 "
Radishes .....	20 "
Beans .....	127 "
Pease.....	79 "
Tomatoes .....	182 "
Corn (green).....	237 "
Cucumbers.....	17 "
Cucumbers (pickle).....	5 "
Asparagus .....	685 bunches.
Cabbage.....	4,290 heads.
Egg plants.....	61
Peppers .....	120
Squashes .....	240
Celery .....	870 bunches.
Lettuce .....	40 bushels.
Strawberries .....	1,137 quarts.
Raspberries .....	133 "
Blackberries.....	60 "
Currants .....	270 "
Grapes.....	2 bushels.
Apples.....	786 "
Peaches.....	96 baskets.
Watermelons .....	1,344
Muskmelons .....	1,783
Hay .....	140 tons.
Wheat straw.....	30 "
Rye straw.....	40 "
Oat straw.....	15 "
Corn stalks.....	12,800 bunches.

NATHANIEL S. RUE,  
P. H. WYCKOFF,  
*Committee.*

# GENERAL INVENTORY.

NEW JERSEY STATE REFORM SCHOOL, NOVEMBER 1st, 1888.

*Dr.*

To general inventory November 1st, 1887.....	\$46,943 90	
To profit and loss (credit).....	17,378 93	
		\$64,322 83

*Or.*

By furniture and household articles.....	\$12,245 86	
By stationery, books, &c.....	1,138 80	
By clothing .....	4,000 64	
By provisions, stores and supplies.....	6,876 74	
By piping, blacksmith and other tools and machinery.....	7,599 47	
By pumps, engines, boilers, tanks, hose, &c.....	7,041 60	
By farm produce.....	8,262 55	
By live stock.....	5,468 00	
By wagons, carriages and harness.....	2,292 15	
By implements .....	934 60	
By fertilizers.....	150 00	
By heating apparatus.....	4,023 05	
By water and sanitary fixtures.....	4,294 37	
		\$64,322 83

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

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*To the Board of Trustees of the State Reform School:*

GENTLEMEN—I herewith submit my report for the fiscal School year ending October 31st, 1888. No great or marked events have occurred to specially note its progress.

We have received by commitment one hundred and eight (108) boys during the year, and returned for cause, or upon expiration of indenture, forty-seven (47), together with those remaining at the opening of the year, making a total of four hundred and twenty-four (424). Table IX. will show how those going out were disposed of and the number remaining at the close of the year.

We cannot say that the year's work, upon the whole, has been more encouraging than those immediately preceding it. Many pleasant reports have come to us of numbers of our released boys who are making a noble fight against wrong, and who are winning for themselves respected positions among good citizens. These pleasant reports are encouraging to us in our efforts—would that we might have good reports of all, but we are sorry to say that as in former years so in the one just closed, our hearts have from time to time been made heavy by the news of wrecks by the way; and although it is but human to expect some to fall away, each new case adds a pang of disappointment only to be overcome by thus seeing the need of greater efforts and the recollection of those restored to good citizenship, and trusting to Him who "willeth not that any should perish," to bless and prosper our efforts. In these respects we presume our experience differs but little, if any, from that of others engaged in similar work.

We were pleased to note that our Governor and Legislature last winter were disposed to help us in our work, by passing and approving an act forbidding juveniles under sixteen years of age to be confined in jails and prisons with adult prisoners. We sincerely believe this to be a step in the right direction.

As we have said before, we would prefer to have boys, who are to be sent here, never see the inside of a jail. In our report for 1887 thirty-three (33) boys were reported as having spent twenty (20) or more days in jail, and twenty-two (22) who were not in jail; this out of a total of ninety (90) for the year. For 1888, in Table VI.,

you will see that of a total of one hundred and eight (108) boys, ninety-one (91) spent more than twenty days in jail, showing, by comparing the two years, that but little improvement has as yet been made.

We have had a less number of boys returned for cause than last year.

The general health of the boys has been good, although we have lost by death three (3) boys, as the physician's report will show.

We have in the hospital a matron and nurse, and we are prepared at short notice to care for sick boys, and we feel that by regularity in all that pertains to daily life and prompt treatment, we are able to master most complaints before they become serious. In the early spring we had several cases of pneumonia, but all yielded to prompt treatment and careful nursing, and the boys recovered.

During the year we celebrated all the public holidays with appropriate exercises, in which all took willing part. On Arbor Day we planted a number of fine maple trees for the adornment of the grounds. The one holiday peculiarly our own was the day of our excursion to the shore, we cannot say sea-shore, although we were in sight of it, as we spent the day on the banks of the Manasquan river, near Point Pleasant. All enjoyed the ride to and from the shore in a special train, and as for the camp and its enjoyments, all, with one accord, voted it as enjoyable a one as we ever had. The responsibility of taking an excursion of over three hundred and fifty (350) persons, three hundred (300) of whom were minors full of the exuberance of youth, and with many the novelty of such a ride in the country, cannot be understood unless experienced, but the satisfaction of having all returned home without mishap of any kind fully repaid for all efforts and care, and we believe it an expense which is fully repaid.

School work in the grades has been regularly and faithfully pursued during the year, although much difficulty constantly arises to interfere with perfect grading in a school of this character by the constant coming and going of scholars, and by the almost universal low standing of those received.

The hours for school, labor, recreation and sleep remain the same as reported last year. You will find a list of studies taught, and the number in each study in each grade, in the table of schools.

Labor in all departments has received regular attention during the year. A larger number of boys were utilized at farm work than in some previous years; and I am pleased to refer you to the report of the Farm Committee, as compared with other years, for results.

We made but one kiln of seventy thousand (70,000) bricks this year, as we did not begin work in the brick-yard until after harvest.

Work in the shirt factory and shops received due attention. In connection with the shops I may mention the printing office, which was established in February last, in which a number of boys have

been regularly employed in setting and distributing type and other office work, under the instruction of a thoroughly competent printer. We issue a semi-monthly four-page paper, "The Advance," concerning which we have received many pleasant compliments. A copy of each issue is given to every boy to read, after which he can send it home to his friends. Each issue is anxiously looked for and eagerly read. We have a number of paying subscribers and exchanges besides our complimentary list, making in all quite a respectable circulation.

Beside the printing of this paper, we do our institution job printing. We are satisfied that the establishment of this industry was a proper step, as it tends to educate boys, and at the same time gives them an idea of a trade. I cannot say teaches them a trade, for, as will be seen by note under Table IX., the average time spent in the institution by the boys going out during the year, was two years, four months and two days, and this time is extended beyond that spent here by the brightest and best, by the longer time spent here by dullards and unruly ones; besides, we must have a boy here a while to become acquainted with him, and find out his capabilities before we can place him in a trade, consequently, no boy can be fully taught a trade while here.

The connecting link between the School and the released boys is maintained by the Visiting Agent, whose report we append, as you will doubtless be interested in the detail as shown in the statistics therein. Beside the number of boys in the School, you will see from his report that we have out of the School, five hundred and forty-seven (547) boys still subject to our control, who must be looked after by the Visiting Agent; you will also note the percentage of those doing well is a little higher than reported in former years. Just how much of this is owing to the fact that they are looked after, we cannot tell, but we believe much of it is owing to that cause. During the last year we were startled by the assertion made by a Reformatory Superintendent, regarding the statement of another (who claimed that eighty per cent. of those going out of his school were reformed), that he ventured to say that the said Superintendent had no record of, or knew the whereabouts of eighty per cent. of those having gone out during the year. Our Visiting Agent reports having reached three hundred and nineteen (319) boys out of a total of three hundred and twenty-two (322) who have gone out in the three years preceding, and ending September 1st, 1888; many have been visited a number of times.

In the line of improvements in the institution, a great deal of attention has been given during the year to the sanitary changes in the family buildings.

The old objectionable pails have been or are being done away with, and opening out of each dormitory is a neat water-closet of the most approved pattern, set and connected in the most scientific manner as

to ventilation, &c. In each family building there has been fitted up a neat, comfortable bath and toilet-room for the use of adults of the building. Both of these features are recognized as long-felt wants—in fact we already begin to wonder how we ever got along without them. The work is not yet entirely completed, but is being pushed forward as rapidly as circumstances will admit.

The establishment of an electric light plant has also taken much time and attention. We are not yet ready to report it in operation, but are promised that it will be at an early day.

On the lawn we have erected a neat pavilion for a band-stand, which is an ornament to our grounds and a great convenience for the use of our band.

On the farm, improvements are continually being made in fences, beside, during the year, many rods of underdrains which had been laid years ago, and which had become stopped, had to be dug up and relaid, beside which there was a quantity of new ditches dug, and tile put in them.

Our orchards, both pear and apple, have received considerable care and attention in the line of grafting with choice varieties of fruits, and new peach orchards and berry patches have been planted with a view of furnishing an abundance of fruit for home consumption.

An effort was made to increase our supply of water by extending the pipe which collects the supply, but after going about one hundred feet the water-bearing strata dipped so low that we could not carry it to our present reservoir, and the result was not satisfactory. The time has come when we must look for an increased supply of water, as we fear that during a dry season we will suffer for want of it.

Our brass band continues to be a marked feature in our School, and affords much pleasure to all, as well as profit in the way of instruction to those in it; recently it has been supplemented by a fife and drum corps, six pieces of each. This corps is composed entirely of colored lads, who are just as anxious to make themselves heard as their white brothers in the brass band. Military drills are continued, and our boys have been highly commended for the manner in which they execute military movements.

In our last annual report we called your attention to the need of an intermediate reformatory, for an older class of boys than those admitted here (those between sixteen and twenty-five years of age) for first offense. We were pleased to note that Governor Green in his message favored the establishment of such an institution, also that many members of the Legislature were in favor of it, in fact we have heard but one objection to our recommendation; that was, as to its being established on the School farm under the same Board of Trustees. We were honest in our recommendations, but we hope that such an objection may not deprive New Jersey of such an institution; we will give it our best wishes and help in whatever part of the State it may be thought best by a majority of the people to place

it. We are more than ever impressed with the necessity of such an institution, and hope its establishment may not be long delayed, and that when it is established, commitments thereto may be until the subject be reformed—not for any definite time. We hope to see the State laws so amended that sentences to all penal institutions in the State may be under the indeterminate system. We fail to see why a morally insane person should be committed for a definite period any more than the mentally insane; the morally insane should be confined until reformed, or for life, just the same as the mentally insane. Many States are adopting this system, and sooner or later we believe it will be the only—the universal plan.

In conclusion, we wish to extend our thanks to the reverend clergy who have, during the year, without compensation, assisted us in our chapel services.

To the press of the State who have regularly mailed us copies of their papers, and to you, gentlemen of the Board, who have so unanimously and so heartily sustained, counseled and aided us in the discharge of our duties, of the faithful and efficient corps of co-workers who are laboring together with us, we can only speak in highest terms; their loyalty to the interests of the School, and cheerful readiness to perform whatever is for its highest good, it seems to us, increase with each year (and some have spent over half a score of years in the service of this School), and we feel that whatever degree of success has been obtained, is largely owing to the fact that so generally have the interests of the School become entwined with the interests of the individual as to make the purpose one.

And *last, first* and more than all earthly powers, we are indebted to a loving Heavenly Father for His favors and sustaining help, and we hope, so far as poor mortal can, to be worthy of His continued favor in the future.

Very respectfully submitted,

IRA OTTERSON,  
*Superintendent.*

# TABLE OF STATISTICS

FOR FISCAL YEAR OF 1887 AND 1888.

TABLE No. 1.

Number of boys remaining October 31st, 1887.....	269
Number of boys committed during the year.....	108
Number of boys returned during the year.....	47
	155
Number of boys cared for during the year.....	424
Number of boys discharged and absent on leave.....	126
Number of boys remaining October 31st, 1888.....	298

TABLE No. 2.

FROM WHENCE, AND IN WHAT MONTH COMMITTED.

COUNTIES.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	Total.
Atlantic.....		1											1
Bergen.....													
Burlington.....													
Camden.....							1	1	3	2		1	8
Cape May.....													
Cumberland.....			1		1							1	3
Essex.....	2		3	2	1	1		1		1	1	2	14
Gloucester.....													
Hudson.....	6	2	4	2	2		2	4	1		1		24
Hunterdon.....								1			1		2
Mercer.....	3	3		1									7
Middlesex.....						2							2
Monmouth.....									2		2	1	5
Morris.....					1		2		3	1	1		8
Ocean.....	1	1									1		3
Passaic.....			2		4	5	3	3	1	3	2		23
Salem.....	1												1
Somerset.....						1				1	1		3
Sussex.....							1						1
Union.....					1			1					2
Warren.....							1						1
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>108</b>

TABLE No. 3.

FOR WHAT OFFENSES COMMITTED.

Grand larceny.....	5	Vagrancy and disorderly conduct....	6
Petit larceny.....	49	Vagrancy and incorrigibility.....	8
Breaking and entering.....	7	Incorrigibility.....	9
Entering and larceny.....	4	Assault and battery.....	4
Malicious mischief.....	5	Indecent assault.....	1
Obtaining under false pretense.....	1	Rape.....	2
Horse stealing.....	1	Manslaughter.....	1
Embezzlement.....	1		
Disorderly conduct.....	4	Total.....	108

TABLE No. 4.

AGE WHEN COMMITTED.

Eight years.....	1	Thirteen years.....	22
Nine years.....	0	Fourteen years.....	26
Ten years.....	8	Fifteen years.....	30
Eleven years.....	7		
Twelve years.....	14	Total.....	108

TABLE No. 5.

MORAL CONDITION.

Have lost father.....	21	Fathers been arrested.....	15
Have lost mother.....	21	Mothers been arrested.....	2
Have lost both.....	11	Other members of family arrested....	14
Have step-father.....	4	Boys previously arrested.....	30
Have step-mother.....	3	Boys who have used tobacco.....	77
Have intemperate fathers.....	26	Boys who have used intoxicants.....	7
Have intemperate mothers.....	9		

TABLE No. 6.

NUMBER OF DAYS SPENT IN JAIL BEFORE AND AFTER TRIAL.

One day.....	4	Sixteen days.....	3
Two days.....	2	Seventeen days.....	1
Three days.....	5	Eighteen days.....	1
Four days.....	2	Twenty days.....	1
Five days.....	2	More than twenty days.....	14
Six days.....	6	More than thirty days.....	5
Seven days.....	8	More than forty days.....	7
Eight days.....	1	More than fifty days.....	3
Nine days.....	4	Three months or more.....	4
Eleven days.....	2		
Twelve days.....	3		
Thirteen days.....	2	Not in jail at all.....	21
Fourteen days.....	6		
Fifteen days.....	1	Total.....	108

TABLE No. 7.

## BIRTHPLACE OF BOYS.

New Jersey.....	74	Rhode Island.....	2
Pennsylvania.....	2	Iowa.....	1
Maine.....	1	England.....	5
North Carolina.....	1	Scotland.....	2
Ireland.....	4	Switzerland.....	2
Germany.....	2		
New York.....	12	Total.....	108

TABLE No. 8.

## BIRTHPLACE OF PARENTS.

	Fathers.	Mothers.
New Jersey.....	15	24
Pennsylvania.....	2	4
Maryland.....	2	1
Illinois.....	1	...
South Carolina.....	...	1
Ireland.....	31	29
Switzerland.....	3	2
Don't know.....	30	25
New York.....	2	4
New Hampshire.....	...	1
Virginia.....	2	2
North Carolina.....	1	...
England.....	5	5
Scotland.....	6	4
Germany.....	8	6
Total.....	108	108

TABLE No. 9.

## DISPOSAL OF DISCHARGED BOYS.

Released on their own recognizance.....	69
Indentured.....	38
Escaped.....	7
Discharged—twenty-one years old.....	6
Died here.....	3
Returned to jail.....	2
Returned because of unsound mind.....	1
Total.....	126

The average time spent in the institution by those disposed of during the past year was two years, four months and two days.

CONFINEMENT OF BOYS AFTER BEING ARRESTED, AND BEFORE BEING BROUGHT TO  
THE SCHOOL.

COUNTY FROM WHICH COM- MITTED.	Number of boys com- mitted.	Average number of days spent in county jail.	State of Confinement.
Morris .....	9	12 $\frac{3}{4}$	All in same room as men.
Union .....	3	32	Partially separated.
Hudson .....	13	41 $\frac{2}{3}$	Some separated, majority not.
Cumberland .....	5	25 $\frac{1}{3}$	Separated from men.
Passaic .....	17	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	Same room as men.
Somerset .....	3	3	Separated from men.
Essex .....	7	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	Some separated, mostly not.
Camden .....	8	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	Some separated, mostly not.
Hunterdon .....	2	24	Not separated from men.
Monmouth .....	6	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	Not separated from men.

TABLE No. 10.

## SCHOOL REPORT.

*First Grade, 35.*

## First Division, 8.

Reading,  
Natural Philosophy,  
Spelling and Dictation,  
Review of the whole,  
Cube Root,  
Business Forms.

National Fifth Reader,  
Physiology,  
Geography,  
Arithmetic,  
Writing from Copy.

## Second Division, 11.

Reading,  
U. S. History,  
Spelling and Dictation.  
Arithmetic,  
Writing from Copy.

National Fourth Reader,  
Alcohol and Hygiene,  
Geography,  
Ratio and Proportion.

## Third Division, 17.

Reading,  
Alcohol and Hygiene,  
Geography,  
Percentage,

National Fourth Reader,  
Spelling and Dictation,  
Arithmetic,  
Writing from Copy,  
Barnes' Third Reader.

TABLE No. 10.—Continued.

<i>Second Grade, 40.</i>		
<b>First Division, 19.</b>	Reading, U. S. History, Spelling and Dictation, Map of Western States, Compound Numbers,	Barnes' Fourth Reader, Alcohol and Hygiene, Geography, Arithmetic, Writing from Copy.
<b>Second Division, 13.</b>	Reading, Alcohol and Hygiene, Geography, Arithmetic, Mental Work,	Barnes' Fourth Reader, Spelling and Dictation, Map of Middle States, Decimal Fractions, Writing from Copy.
<b>Third Division, 4.</b>	Reading, Alcohol and Hygiene, Geography, Arithmetic, Common Fractions, Writing from Copy.	Barnes' Fourth Reader, Spelling, Elementary, U. S. Money, Fundamental Rules,
<i>Third Grade, 37.</i>		
<b>First Division, 21.</b>	Reading, Spelling,  Geography, Arithmetic, Writing from Copy.	Barnes' Fourth Reader, Elementary Speller, Reed's Word Lessons, Map of Southern States, Common Fractions,
<b>Second Division, 16.</b>	Reading, Spelling, Geography, Arithmetic, Writing from Copy.	Barnes' Third Reader, Reed's Word Lessons, Oral, Common Fractions,
<i>Fourth Grade, 51.</i>		
<b>First Division, 19.</b>	Reading, Spelling,  Geography, Arithmetic, Writing from Copy.	Barnes' Third Reader, Elementary Speller, Reed's Word Lessons, Map of United States, Common Fractions,
<b>Second Division, 30.</b>	Reading, Spelling, Geography, Arithmetic, Writing from Copy,	Barnes' Third Reader, Elementary Speller, Oral Lessons, Fundamental Rules, Barnes' Second Reader.

TABLE No. 10.—*Continued.*

<i>Fifth Grade, 55.</i>	
First Division, 11.	
Reading, Spelling, Geography, Arithmetic, Writing from Copy.	Barnes' Third Reader, Dictation, Map of United States, Factoring,
Second Division, 17.	
Reading, Spelling, Geography, Arithmetic, Writing from Copy.	Barnes' Third Reader, Dictation, Map of North America, Fundamental Rules,
Third Division, 27.	
Reading, Spelling, Geography, Arithmetic, Writing from Copy.	Barnes' Third Reader, Dictation, Elementary, Fundamental Rules,
<i>Sixth Grade, 56.</i>	
First Division, 31.	
Reading, Spelling, Arithmetic,	Barnes' Second Reader, Elementary, Fundamental Rules.
Second Division, 13.	
Reading, Arithmetic, Writing from Copy.	Barnes' First Reader, Fundamental Rules,
Third Division, 12.	
Reading, Arithmetic, Writing on Slate.	Primer, Notation and Numeration,

TABLE No. 11.

## WORK DONE IN THE SHOE SHOP.

Number of pairs of shoes made during the year.....	451
Number of pairs of shoes repaired during the year.....	2,377

TABLE No. 12.

Number of pieces handled in the institution laundry.....	146,781
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TABLE No. 13.

## WORK DONE IN INSTITUTION TAILOR SHOP.

Number of pairs of pants made.....	1,196
Number of pairs of pants repaired.....	4,288
Number of coats made.....	852
Number of coats repaired.....	2,770
Number of shirts made.....	660
Number of shirts repaired.....	10,161
Number of flannel shirts repaired.....	2,328
Number of pairs stockings repaired.....	2,985
Number of pillow slips made.....	374
Number of pillow slips repaired.....	77
Number of bed ticks made.....	55
Number of bed ticks repaired.....	158
Number of pillow ticks made.....	3
Number of pillow ticks repaired.....	40
Number of bolster ticks made.....	1
Number of bed spreads repaired.....	14
Number of bed blankets repaired.....	90
Number of napkins made.....	41
Number of towels made.....	433
Number of towels repaired.....	418
Number of sheets made.....	330
Number of sheets repaired.....	165
Number of table cloths made.....	71
Number of table cloths repaired.....	195
Number of aprons made.....	30
Number of aprons repaired.....	914
Number of caps made.....	307
Number of mittens made.....	236
Number of pairs overalls made.....	107
Number of straw hats bound.....	214
Number of carpets made.....	3
Number of carpets repaired.....	18
Number of stand covers made.....	8
Number of curtains made.....	33
Number of dish cloths made.....	10
Number of napkins repaired.....	16

TABLE No. 14.

## LIST OF SALARIED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.

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IRA OTTERSON.....	Superintendent.
MRS. S. E. OTTERSON.....	Matron and Principal of School.
GEO. W. SHINN.....	Visiting Agent.
JOHN F. BABCOCK.....	Printer.
LEVI W. WALKLETT.....	Bookkeeper.
JOHN D. BOWNE.....	Engineer.
MYRON E. LARKIN.....	Officer No. 1 Family.
PATRICK J. McDONALD.....	Officer No. 2 Family.
THOMAS H. DILLON.....	Officer No. 3 Family.
ELWELL A. SHEMELEY.....	Officer No. 4 Family.
AMASA BARRINGER.....	Officer No. 5 Family.
JOHN S. CARSON.....	Officer No. 7 Family.
MRS. A. S. LARKIN.....	Teacher No. 1 Family.
MRS. M. A. McDONALD.....	Teacher No. 2 Family.
MRS. A. E. BOWNE.....	Teacher No. 3 Family.
MISS H. M. SCHENCK.....	Teacher No. 4 Family.
MRS. A. A. BARRINGER.....	Teacher No. 5 Family.
MISS M. E. SUTTON.....	Teacher No. 7 Family.
JOSEPH B. NAYLOR.....	Steward.
MISS M. E. DONAHAY.....	Matron of Main Building.
MRS. J. S. FARR.....	Cook.
CHARLES PATTERSON.....	Baker.
MISS MAGGIE PARK.....	Tailoress.
MRS. M. E. SHEMELEY.....	Laundress.
MRS. J. A. DILLON.....	Inspectress in Factory.
MRS. KATE ENRIGHT.....	Boys' Dining Room (main building).
MISS ELLA THOMAS.....	Boys' Dining Room (Nos. 5 and 7).
FREEMAN F. DRISCOLL.....	Assistant Officer.
ANNA DRISCOLL.....	Matron of Hospital.
CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT.....	Farmer.
THOMAS ELLIOTT.....	Watchman.
JOHN H. ELLINGHAM.....	Fireman.
GEORGE RHODES.....	Fireman.
JOHN H. ENRIGHT.....	Painter.
CHARLES SODEN.....	Shoemaker.
JOHN WHITLOCK.....	Laborer.
WILLIAM WAGNER.....	Coachman.

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TABLE No. 15.

## BRICK-YARD

<i>Dr.</i>		
To brick on hand as per inventory of 1887.....	212,012	
To brick made during the year.....	70,000	
		282,012
<i>Cr.</i>		
By brick sold during the year.....	83,250	
By brick used in boiler-room.....	27,400	
By brick used in band-room.....	1,500	
By brick used in No. 1 building.....	4,000	
By brick used in No. 2 building.....	4,000	
By brick used in No. 3 building.....	3,500	
By brick used in No. 4 building.....	3,350	
By brick used in carriage-house.....	8,000	
By wall brick on hand.....	5,000	
By brick on hand as per inventory 1888.....	130,000	
By loss during the year.....	12,012	
		282,012

## DRAIN TILE.

<i>Dr.</i>		
To tile on hand as per inventory of 1887.....	25,595	
<i>Cr.</i>		
By tile sold during the year.....	5,730	
By tile used in No. 1 building.....	875	
By tile used in reservoirs.....	450	
By tile used on farm.....	5,680	
By loss from damaged kiln.....	12,860	
		25,595

## PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

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*To the Honorable the Trustees State Reform School of New Jersey :*

In presenting my annual report for the year ending October 31st, 1888, concerning the health and sanitary condition of the institution, there is little or nothing to say. It is a matter of congratulation that we have been entirely exempt from severe or epidemic forms of disease. The year under review has brought its usual amount of mild sickness characteristic to its seasons, but, with two exceptions, there have been no cases of a serious or prolonged nature. There are three deaths to record; two of an hereditary nature, the third by accident. John D. Earle, of No. 2 Family, after a brief acute illness, died of hypertrophy of the heart, on December 9th, 1887. James Henry Burton (colored), also of No. 2 Family, after an extended sickness, died on the 11th of May, 1888, phthisis pulmonalis. Emil Saackie, of No. 4 Family, while skating on the institution pond near reservoir, broke through the ice, and before help could reach him was drowned. I was sent for immediately and tried every means known to the profession to restore him to life, but without avail. This occurred on the 10th of March, 1888.

The improved arrangements made in the different family buildings as regards the closets for use of boys and other occupants, meet with my heartiest approval.

The water, as to quality and quantity, is still in an excellent condition. The only recommendation I would make is, that the inner walls of the hospital building be lathed and plastered, as I think it is still damp.

Very respectfully,

H. D. ZANDT, M.D.,  
*Physician State Reform School New Jersey.*

December 5th, 1888.

# ANNUAL REPORT OF VISITING AGENT

FOR YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31ST, 1888.

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GENTLEMEN—It is my duty and pleasure to present at this time my yearly report. After all that can or may be done for the boys while in this institution, you have realized that much still remains to be done in various ways outside, both in the care required in selecting and placing or sending them out to proper homes and occupations, carefully avoiding the bad with their surrounding influences, and in keeping a watchful eye and guardianship over them during their minority. For this work, with all the details connected therewith, I was appointed over three years ago, under a system the Trustees not long previous had inaugurated, the workings and results of which will be found as follows:

First in order and importance is the *home visiting* while the boys are in the institution. Total number of visits made to homes of their parents and friends throughout the State and neighboring cities, among the various nationalities and conditions in life from which our boys are found in the School now or during the past year, was one hundred and eighty-six (186). The benefit derived from this knowledge, in no other way to be acquired, is vitally essential in properly disposing of these youths after having obtained their honors.

## OUT-BOYS.

Total number of records made of boys reached during the year who are out on indenture, release or discharge, under the laws and regulations governing the same, most of whom have been personally seen, counseled and conversed with, and of the others' reliable information obtained, was four hundred and sixty-six (466); conditions rated and graded as follows:

A 1. (Doing exceedingly well).....	43.	Eighty per cent. of whole.
No. 1. (Doing well).....	329.	Eighty per cent. of whole.
No. 2. (Not doing well).....	75.	Twenty per cent. of whole.
No. 3. (Doing badly).....	19.	Twenty per cent. of whole.

I have upon my active visiting list five hundred and forty-seven (547) boys who are outside of this institution on indenture, release or parole, who were committed for terms during minority, and are now still under the legal jurisdiction and supervision of said institution, who have reached, or will arrive at the following ages during the year 1888:

Boys.....	2	1	6	9	17	32	40	65	89	97	89	100
Years .....	9	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21

Average age, eighteen years.

Of the three hundred and twenty-two (322) boys released in the three years ending September 1st, 1888, three hundred and nineteen (319) have been reached, their whereabouts and condition ascertained and recorded in office of institution.

#### VISITORS.

Four hundred and fifty-five (455) visits have been made to the boys here by their relatives and friends during the year, chiefly on the regular monthly visiting days (an average of thirty-eight per month received and taken charge of by me upon those days).

The proper performance of these duties in all their detail, can but have a great power and influence on these youths for good, by encouraging those inclined to do right, and showing others the perils and folly of wrong-doing with the eye of the institution upon them; thus holding fast and saving as far as possible the benefits derived from the care, discipline and instruction received while at the School, otherwise a very large percentage of which would undoubtedly be lost and wasted. The apparent appreciation of my best efforts to do my whole duty in this important service by your honorable body and citizens of the State generally, gives me great satisfaction and encouragement for future work.

Respectfully,

G. W. SHINN,

*Visiting Agent New Jersey State Reform School.*

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