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<sup>1</sup> Terms expired, April 1, 1897.

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<sup>3</sup> Resignations accepted, February 23, 1898.

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## OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL.

DR. E. D. W. BENTHALL, Superintendent.  
ETTA RASMUSSEN, Teacher and Bookkeeper.  
K. DORAN, Cottage Manager.  
MOLLIE LEWIS, Cottage Manager.  
MARY E. HUCKINS, Housekeeper.  
FRED WILLIAMSON, Watchman.





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*To His Excellency,*

ALVA ADAMS,

*Governor of Colorado:*

Sir—The Board of Control of the State Industrial School for Girls, in accordance with law, respectfully submits this, its biennial report for the two years ending November 30, 1898.

During the first fifteen months of the period covered by this report, the school was located within the confines of the city of Denver, in a three-story building known as the St. Cloud hotel, without any grounds that might be used for cultivation or for the purposes of recreation of the inmates.

The wise, economical and beneficent management of the school during the entire period of its existence had done much towards effecting a reformation of the girls therein confined. The location and surroundings of the school, however, were not such as to permit the carrying out of the good work al-

ready begun. The periodical outbreak, which is seemingly a necessary part of the history of every institution of this character, came at a time when the management was poorly provided with the necessary facilities for restraining the inmates, and the good work so far accomplished was almost instantly undone.

The Board of Control tendered its resignation on January 25, 1898, and the new Board, consisting of Mrs. Job A. Cooper, Rev. B. A. Aylesworth and Dr. J. A. Blickensderfer, of Denver; Mrs. J. S. Gale, of Greeley, and Mrs. Touzalin, of Colorado Springs, assumed the duties of office on February 23, 1898. The school was, under the management of the new Board of Control, moved to Aurora, a suburb of the city of Denver. Here five cottages of six and eight rooms each, and a sufficient number of vacant lots to permit plenty of playground, were, on March 10, 1898, leased for a term of one year.

Thereafter, for a period of nearly four months, the success of the school, and even the possibilities of its further maintenance, were in grave doubt. Our faithful and competent superintendent, who was compelled to assume the duties of the position under most discouraging circumstances, with four assistants, maintained it intact until the present Board of Control assumed the management, July 15 last. We found the school practically without funds, with little credit and burdened with an outstanding indebtedness of more than fifteen hundred dollars, although but a few months before its treasury contained more than two thousand dollars.

After a period of five months of careful and painstaking effort, it is with satisfaction that we report the school without a cent of indebtedness. It has on hand, or that can be readily collected, funds sufficient to pay the entire running expenses, exclusive of rent and repairs, for the next four months. A complete set of books of account has, by great labor, been prepared by our competent bookkeeper, showing the financial transactions of the school since the present law,

which makes the state treasurer *ex-officio* treasurer of the institution, took effect, on April 28, 1897.

The day school has been reorganized and, under the direction of a very successful teacher, the girls are already being much benefited and are displaying enthusiasm and ambition in their studies.

The superior cottage matrons, with the loyal and observing watchman, have assisted the superintendent in establishing very satisfactory discipline, and instilling into the minds of the girls new and better ideas of life.

The school has now passed beyond the experimental stage and has become one of the necessary institutions of the state. To continue the work, so well begun, and to make it what it should be, the state must make suitable provision for an assured home that the school may call its own, and maintenance for its support. This provision should be sufficient to allow the management to give the girls committed to its care such assistance as shall not only effect a reformation, but such as shall fit them to become respectable, self-supporting women, when released therefrom.

Such a home should be made up of suitable, but not pretentious buildings, erected according to the most approved modern plans. There should be sufficient grounds to make it inviting and to provide full opportunity for the girls to till the soil, cultivate flowers and improve themselves by being brought into immediate contact with the beauties of nature's own development.

The girls should be given training in the care and raising of poultry, the care of milk and making butter, raising vegetables and small fruits, and be taught to do first-class laundry work, cooking, housekeeping in all its details, sewing and dressmaking.

With facilities such as will permit the carrying out of these high aims, the Board of Control may perform the duties imposed by law, "To prepare and adopt from time to time rules and regulations for said institution, for the government

of the inmates of the same, looking to their moral, physical, intellectual, social and industrial training.”

That the intent of the law may be carried out and a place provided that shall be a school in fact, rather than in name only, we respectfully recommend that the legislature be asked :

1. To make such provision that at least twenty acres of the school lands of the state, situate near the city of Denver, be set aside for the use of the State Industrial School for Girls.

2. To make an appropriation of \$25,000 for the purpose of erecting suitable buildings upon such lands.

3. To make an appropriation of \$30,000 for maintenance for the period of two years.

4. In the event that such appropriation for maintenance can not be made, to amend the present law, making a uniform rate of fifty cents per day for each girl, regardless of age.

5. To amend the present law providing for a Board of Control, so that no more than two members thereof shall belong to the same political party.

6. To so amend the present law as to require that all girls committed to the school shall be accompanied to the home by a woman.

We can not close this report without a fitting recognition of the invaluable services rendered by Superintendent Dr. E. D. W. Benthall, who has done so much to make the school what it now is.

We would likewise give full credit to the faithful assistants who, by their untiring energy and zeal for the work, and competency to perform their various duties, have so ably aided the superintendent in laying the foundation of this institution, which now promises such great success.

For the hearty support, given at all times, and for the kind and courteous treatment always accorded us, we return our deep appreciation.

Very respectfully,

W. S. WARD, President.

JOHN H. GABRIEL, Secretary.

BLANCHE L. DELAPLAINE.

MINNIE C. T. LOVE.

S. IZETTA GEORGE.



## Report of the Superintendent

of the

# State Industrial School for Girls

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*To the Honorable Board of Control of the State Industrial School for Girls:*

A short statement of the present condition of the school is all that I feel competent to report at this time.

On the 16th of April, 1898, I entered upon active service at the school, to aid in systematizing the work of the school.

A retrospective glance over the period from May 16 to July 1, during which time I was in charge, but not as superintendent, fills me with wonder that I continued to remain there until I was given some authority. On July 1, I was appointed superintendent, as the one filling that position when I arrived at the school had gone to the bedside of an invalid mother, May 10.

Good and capable people who were interested in the work, and who have aided materially in making the school what it now is, I found as its officers when I assumed the position of superintendent.

We have labored under great disadvantages, chief of which are small cottages, inconvenient for the work in nearly every particular, requiring more people to care for the num-

ber of girls than large cottages would do, in consequence of which the work can not be done as well.

The words of encouragement of the present Board of Control, when the burden seemed over-heavy, have lightened the load and renewed my courage. I may have erred in judgment, but my heart was in my work. Each day I have striven to do my best in the performance of that day's duties. This principle I have earnestly striven to impress upon the girls in their daily lives. No personal interest or pleasure has been allowed to weaken or mar my efforts for the improvement of those committed to my care. I have studied each girl personally, and the conditions of birth and environments that have been prime factors in giving them to state care. To the faults and errors in the social side of life can be charged the demand for such schools. Here the question, How can homes which the practical and plodding German and the emotional Italian unite to build produce harmonious children? may be studied. Other combinations almost innumerable and equally strange are presented for our study. It is a significant fact that less than twenty-four per cent. of the inmates of our school are purely American. Our girls are improving slowly, and, I trust, surely. We are aiming to be systematic in our training, and, if possible, inculcate habits of thrift and industry. The great needs of the school are suitable buildings, plenty of land and an assured maintenance fund.

The carefully prepared statistics I submit herewith for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted by

E. D. W. BENTHALL,

Superintendent.



**TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS' ATTENDANCE FROM COUNTIES.**  
FROM DECEMBER 1, 1896, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1898.

Counties.	1896.	1897.	1898.	Total.
Arapahoe .....	744	5,607	5,543	11,363
Bent .....	.....	.....	126	126
Boulder .....	62	478	.....	540
Chaffee .....	31	318	.....	349
Costilla .....	.....	291	42	333
Douglas .....	.....	.....	281	281
Elbert .....	.....	.....	170	170
Fremont .....	62	510	65	627
Garfield .....	.....	252	157	509
Huerfano .....	62	730	271	1,065
Kit Carson.....	31	284	.....	315
El Paso.....	329	4,065	1,755	5,765
Las Animas.....	62	440	54	740
Lake .....	155	1,205	224	1,574
Larimer .....	31	259	452	742
Mesa .....	.....	.....	48	48
Pueblo .....	217	1,601	1,460	3,279
Pitkin .....	31	19	.....	50
Yuma .....	31	365	103	509
	1,848	11,024	20,645	33,517

Average daily attendance, 46.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR TWO YEARS ENDING  
NOVEMBER 30, 1898.**

RECEIPTS.

Cash paid from old books.....	\$ 1,130 66
Cash on hand November 30, 1896.....	1,907 48
Cash received from counties.....	15,312 21
Amount of appropriation.....	5,000 00
Total .....	\$23,350 25

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## DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash expended.....	\$17,809 81	
Cash expended from appropriation.....	2,820 80	
Total .....		\$20,630 61
Amount of appropriation remaining.....		2,179 14
Amount of cash remaining.....		540 60
Total .....		\$23,350 35
Average monthly cost.....		859 61
Average daily cost per capita.....		.615
Average daily cost for maintenance.....		.298

## DISBURSEMENTS FOR TWO YEARS.

Clothing and shoes.....	\$ 1,548 72	
Groceries and meats.....	4,293 21	
Milk, butter and ice.....	566 63	
Fuel .....	1,229 18	
Electric light.....	441 05	
Drugs .....	179 12	
Stationery and school supplies.....	356 07	
Water rent.....	96 40	
General expenses and incidentals.....	1,311 12	
Total expense for maintenance.....	\$10,021 50	
Other expenses.....	567 85	
Hardware .....		
Furniture and fixtures.....	501 70	
Insurance .....	12 50	
Piano and cartage.....	106 50	
Salaries .....	5,410 76	
Medical attendance.....	58 25	
Rents, fixtures and improvements.....	3,951 57	
Total amount expended.....		\$20,630 61

## RECEIPTS FROM COUNTIES, FROM DECEMBER 1, 1896.

Arapahoe .....	\$ 7,615 25
Boulder .....	673 00
Chaffee .....	188 50
Costilla .....	165 50
Douglas .....	118 00
El Paso.....	3,176 20
Fremont .....	61 00
Garfield .....	195 85
Huerfano .....	464 53
Kit Carson.....	143 58
Lake .....	808 05
Larimer .....	232 50
Pitkin .....	501 75
Pueblo .....	956 50
Received but not accredited to any county.....	12 00
Total .....	<u>\$15,312 21</u>

AMOUNTS DUE FROM COUNTIES AND UNPAID  
NOVEMBER 30, 1898.

Arapahoe .....	\$ 201 50
Douglas .....	30 50
Elbert .....	43 25
El Paso.....	122 00
Garfield .....	63 00
Huerfano .....	85 25
Kit Carson.....	45 09
Larimer .....	240 00
Las Animas.....	715 50
Mesa .....	24 00
Pueblo .....	607 50
Yuma .....	227 25
Total .....	<u>\$ 2,404 75</u>

## MOVEMENT OF POPULATION.

Number of commitments to school since October 1, 1895.....	137
Number of different girls.....	133
Number of second commitments.....	4

POPULATION OF SCHOOL FOR TWO YEARS ENDING  
NOVEMBER 30, 1898.

Number in school December 1, 1896.....	61
Number committed since December 1, 1896.....	48
Total in school for two years.....	109

## PAROLS.

Number paroled since December 1, 1896.....	48
Number escaped and not returned.....	4
Number discharged by expiration of time.....	21
Number pardoned before expiration of time.....	4
Number in school November 30, 1898.....	32
Total .....	109

Number on parol December 1, 1896.....	8
Number paroled since December 1, 1896.....	44

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Number on parol whose term expired during two years.....	29
Number returned to school for violation of parol.....	4
Number now on parol.....	19

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Number on parol who are doing well.....	8
Number on parol who are not doing well.....	3
Number on parol whose conduct is not known.....	8

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## CAUSES OF COMMITMENT AND AVERAGE AGE.

Incorrigibility .....	67
Incorrigible and immoral.....	8
Habits of vice.....	3
Vagrancy .....	5
Wandering the streets.....	6
Immorality .....	3
Larceny .....	6
Uncontrollable .....	1
Had no home.....	3
Not a good home.....	1
Ran away from home.....	2
Attempted arson.....	1
Stoning cars.....	1
Not known.....	2
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>109</b>

## AVERAGE AGE OF GIRLS COMMITTED.

Of 107 girls.....	14 $\frac{2}{3}$ years
Of 2 girls.....	not known
<b>Total</b>	<b>109</b>

## PARENTAGE AND CIVIL CONDITIONS.

Number of girls whose fathers are living.....	65
Number of girls whose mothers are living.....	79
Number of girls who have step-fathers.....	23
Number of girls who have step-mothers.....	6
Number of girls whose parents separated.....	24
Number of girls who have no parents.....	4
Number of girls who do not know if parents living.....	10
Number of girls who have adopted parents.....	4
Number of girls who are Protestants or raised so.....	92
Number of girls who are Catholics or raised so.....	23
Number of girls whose religious training not known.....	17
Number of girls who are Jewish.....	1
Number of girls who are infidel.....	1
Number of girls who are Adventist.....	1
Number of girls who are Lutheran.....	2

## NATIONALITY OF GIRLS.

American .....	26
Irish-American .....	4
German-American .....	1
French-American .....	1
Colored American.....	11
Swiss-American .....	1
German .....	3
German-Italian .....	16
German-French .....	1
German-English .....	1
German-Irish .....	1
German-Scotch .....	1
Irish .....	4
Irish-French .....	1
Irish-Scotch .....	8
Irish-Dutch .....	1
Irish-Canadian .....	1
English .....	4
English-French .....	1
English-Welch .....	1
Holland .....	1
French .....	3
French-Scotch .....	1
French-Dutch .....	1
Spanish .....	1
Bohemian .....	1
Welch .....	1
Hungarian .....	1
Norwegian .....	1
Not known.....	9

## MEDICAL REPORT.

It has been impossible to prepare an accurate medical report for the period prior to April 10, 1898. There has been but a limited amount of prescribing necessary during the

summer, especially after fresh vegetables and fruits were regularly supplied in the dietary, which, with the out-of-door life, disposed of the sick headaches and kindred ailments. A healthier looking company of girls one rarely sees than our thirty-two girls at the present time.

A record of cases treated from December 1, 1896, to March 1, 1898, is nearly correct and is as follows :

Girls examined.....	33
Measles .....	4
Typhoid fever.....	2
Births .....	1
Miscarriages .....	1
Specific diseases.....	11
Gastritis .....	1
Toe nail removed.....	1
Acute rheumatism.....	1

From March 1, 1898, to November 30, 1898 :

Girls examined.....	7
Tonsillitis .....	2
Acute indigestion.....	4
Eyes fitted for glasses.....	2
Teeth extracted.....	12

E. D. W. BENTHALL,  
Superintendent and Physician.











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