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NAPA STATE HOSPITAL  
IMOLA, CALIFORNIA

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO  
MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT. MAKE CHECKS  
PAYABLE TO NAPA STATE HOSPITAL  
ALWAYS MENTION NAME OF PATIENT, AND  
GIVE YOUR OWN ADDRESS IN FULL  
VISITING HOURS  
10 TO 12 A. M. 1 TO 4 P. M.

February 13, 1929

Miss Grace E. Barneberg,  
550 Dana Street,  
San Luis Obispo,  
California.

My dear Miss Barneberg:

I have answered your  
questionnaire as I see it. Reading amongst those  
mentally ill is mostly fiction. We have certain  
library days on which the patients call for books  
personally, the Attendants call with patients or  
for books for the patients on the Ward. I have  
been for some time looking around for a patient  
who could give more time to the library than what  
is now being given to it. I hardly believe it  
would be worth while, however, to have a full  
time paid employee.

I hope we will again have  
the pleasure of a visit from you to the Institution.

Very sincerely yours,

*G. W. Ogden*  
Medical Superintendent.

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1. Have those under your care a library? No
2. How many books?
3. How Supplied?
4. In charge of a trained librarian?
5. If no library, what reading is supplied and from what source?

Unused magazines are given to the hospital from month to month by the magazine dealers in Ukiah and Talmage.

6. What is the character of the books:

Haphazard?

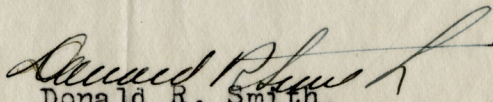
Well selected with a view to the needs of the users?

7. Would you favor a branch library of the State Library cared for by a trained librarian who could properly guide the readers?

Yes

8. Remarks:

Feb. 15, 1929

  
Donald R. Smith,  
Medical Superintendent,  
Mendocino State Hospital  
Talmage, Calif.

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1. Have those under your care a library? Yes
2. How many books? 3,000, or over
3. How supplied? Purchased by the hospital or donated.
4. In charge of a trained librarian? Yes
5. If no library, what reading is supplied and from what source?

6. What is the character of the books:

Haphazard?

Well selected with a view to the needs of the users? Yes

7. Would you favor a branch library of the State Library cared for by a trained librarian who could properly guide the readers?  
A trained librarian might not be understanding in the character of a library for general use in a hospital of this character, nor in guiding the readers

8. Remarks:

We have a good library of upwards of 3,000 well-selected books for our purpose with additions constantly being made. It is used by both patients and employees in large numbers who are more or less guided by an understanding person in charge of the library. If our library could be supplemented by books circulating from the state library, properly selected, it would be well.

Lucas D. Stetson

Medical Superintendent

Agnes State Hospital

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1. Have those under your care a library?

yes

2. How many books?

about 2000

3. How supplied?

Purchased by Hosp. out of special funds  
& donated by librarians a club & friends

4. In charge of a trained librarian?

no

5. If no library, what reading is supplied and from what source?

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6. What is the character of the books:

Haphazard?

Well selected with a view to the needs of the users?

selected

7. Would you favor a branch library of the State Library cared

for by a trained librarian who could properly guide the readers?

8. Remarks:

Do not know that this would  
be practical in an institution  
of this kind. Great loss  
in material due to destruction  
patients - T.B. cases etc.  
would however be interested  
in knowing more about  
what could be done.  
along lines of improving  
present library system.  
Hosp. could not pay a  
librarian -

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Patton State Hospital  
Patton Calif



1. Have those under your care a library? --Yes
2. How many books? -- About 3000
3. How supplied? -- Los Angeles County Free Library
4. In charge of a trained librarian? *Yes*
5. If no library, what reading is supplied and from what source?

6. What is the character of the books:

*Raphazard?*

*Well selected with a view to the needs of the users? -- Yes*

7. Would you favor a branch library of the State Library cared for by a trained librarian who could properly guide the readers?

We have the best of service from the Los Angeles County Free Library and through them have access to the State Library when we are in

8. Remarks: *need of that service.*

*We have an excellent co-operation arrangement with the L. A. County Free Library and are well pleased with our present Library service for our boys. — A department of institutional libraries might be still further helpful in increasing the efficiency of the service*

WHITTIER STATE SCHOOL

WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA.

*K. J. Scudder*  
*Superintendent*  
*puer*



State Prison at Folsom,  
Represa, California.

1. Have those under your care a library? Yes
2. How many books? 6000 volumes
3. How supplied? San Francisco News Co & Sacramento county Library.
4. In charge of a trained librarian? Education Director
5. If no library, what reading is supplied and from what source?

6. What is the character of the books: 75% fiction, 20% educational, 5% religious.  
Haphazard?

Well selected with a view to the needs of the users? Yes

7. Would you favor a branch library of the State Library cared for by a trained librarian who could properly guide the readers?

8. Remarks:

*Miss Prosser*

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State Prison*