STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INSTITUTIONS

SONOMA STATE HOME

ELDRIDGE, CALIFORNIA

February 15, 1929.

Miss Grace Barneberg, State Chairman, Institutional Relations, C.F.W.C., 550 Dana St., San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Dear Miss Barneberg:

In compliance with your request of February 9th, we are enclosing herewith your question-naire with our answers added thereto. As stated under remarks, we are behind your organization in this movement and trust that you will be successful in having established a department of institutional libraries in the State Library, one that would assure a branch library of suitable books with a trained librarian in charge in institutions such as ours.

Yours truly,

F.O.Butler, Med.Supt.

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- . Have those under your care a library? Yes
- 2. How many books? 1200 for employees, 650 for patients
- 3. How supplied? Formerly purchased, now practically all donated
- 4. In charge of a trained librarian? Telephone operator also serves as librarian, not trained for work.
- 5. If no library, what reading is supplied and from what source? Only secured through donations
- 6. What is the character of the books: Some medical, scientific Haphazard? Greater part haphazard well selected with a view to the needs of the users? Partially so.
- 7. Would you favor a branch library of the State Library cared for by a trained librarian who could properly guide the readers?

 We would be heartily in favor of such a step.
- 8. Remarks: The efforts of your organization to have established a Department of Institutional Libraries in the State Library has our endorsement. We are looking forward to the time when we might have established here a separate library building where we might have available books on medical, psychological and allied subjects for the use of our staff, also where our mechanics, farmers, etc., might have the different trades journals, and with a separate division therein to contain books for patients both fiction and educational subjects.

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