

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF INSTITUTIONS

Industrial Home for the Adult Blind

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Oakland, California

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Miss Grace E. Barneberg, Chairman
Division of Institutional Relations
California Federation of Women's Clubs
550 Dana St.
San Luis Obispo, California

My dear Miss Barneberg:

Your communication addressed to the previous Superintendent of this Home on February 9, has just been received by me.

This is a blind institution, and the books received here by the blind are all in the Braille and Moon type, some are in the New York Point System. Most of these books come from the California State Library at Sacramento; some come from the east. The State Library also has a teacher in the Braille and Moon who visits here every Tuesday.

Our people are receiving splendid service at this time from the State Library, and I am delighted with the treatment the blind are receiving from them. Your interest in the matter is to be commended.

I do not know how the other institutions of the state are taken care of, but as far as the blind of this Home are concerned, they have all the reading matter they desire through the present arrangement with the State Library.

Yours very truly,

Fred F. Bebergall

FRED F. BEBERGALL, Supt.

FFB:lc

Ventura School for Girls.
Ventura.

1. Have those under your care a library? *yes*
2. How many books? *Total of 2618 including text books - (See list)*
3. How supplied? *County library & purchased direct*
4. In charge of a trained librarian? *No*
5. If no library, what reading is supplied and from what source?

6. What is the character of the books:

Haphazard? *No*

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

well selected

Fairly

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

Would be excellent, but our population is not large enough to warrant a librarian. More books would be appreciated.

8. Remarks:

The principal of the School department acts as librarian, and all books are censored before being placed in the hands of the girls.

Thanks for the interest -

Appreciatively yours,

Oliver P. Walton -

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RE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Fiction

500

These books were gifts to the school principally from the County Library. They were selected by the County Librarian and approved before being sent to the cottages. It could hardly be called haphazard selection, and yet not exactly scientific. Besides these books there are usually about two hundred County Library books of fiction in circulation.

Supplementary Reading
Books

525

This number includes single copies used by the teachers, books of recitations, plays, etc.; multiple copies of books used to enrich the literature work. These books used for supplementary reading were chosen with a definite aim in view:

1. To emphasize a timely issue.
2. To arouse interest in the history and development of their own state.
3. To increase their interest in and their knowledge of their own country.
4. To increase their interest in and knowledge of the countries that have contributed most largely to California population.
5. Inspirational books to raise their standards and ideal.
6. Recognized literature, etc.

Elementary and Intermediate
text books

Up to Date 821

(more than less) 271

Out of Date

High School text books
other than those used by the
Commercial Department

182

Commercial text books
used exclusively by
the Commercial Department

Up to Date 164

Out of Date 27

Reference Books
Encyclopoedias,
Dictionaries for
individual use

128

Total Books 2618