the school children of Wisconsin were either directly or indirectly interested in the competitions for premiums offered for displays of educational work by your Board. The City of Milwaukee schools took a deep interest in the Educational Department of the State Fair again by sending in addition to the school work in competition for premiums, a splendid display of kindergarten work, constructive work of the grades and in manual training work done in grades and high schools. West Allis furnished a very good exhibit. County superintendents, city superintendents, and the teachers throughout the state are taking hold of the work connected with the Department in such a manner as to indicate that this year it will be almost necessary to use the entire building for School Exhibits. There ought to be erected a building similar to the one we have, and connected with an archway, in which the University, Normal Schools, Charitable Institutions and other State Schools might exhibit and advertise the merits of the good work they are doing, and thereby permitting the rural, village, and city schools use of the entire present building for their exhibition purposes.

The Educational Display always proves one of the most interesting at the State Fair. It has a great Educational value which cannot be easily overestimated if managed and directed as it should be.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Hazelwood
Superintendent

To the Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture,

Gentlemen: In submitting to you our report of this most philanthropic of all departments, permit me first to thank our gracious 'Board of Managers' for kindly accepting the suggested recommendations of last year, which resulted in a very marked improvement throughout the Cottage.

Generous-hearted friends provided the necessary furnishings consisting of thirteen chairs—including seven very nice rockers—one cot, blankets, pillows, pictures, linen—in fact about everything needed.
Holton & Hunkel (Wholesale Florists) gave us, daily, an unlimited supply of roses and other choice flowers.

The stretcher borrowed from the Central Police Station we were specially requested to "forget to return."

With the improved accommodations we were enabled to entertain a larger number of patrons. The Rest Rooms were occupied nearly all the time. The check room did a nice business, despite the fact that we were not allowed to advertise it.

The more thorough equipment in Hospital branch made it possible to give excellent care in any emergency. Dr. Wright, official physician, called regularly at stated hours; also provided immediate response in case of "special call." Though the demands were not as heavy as in previous years, the services of Miss Shepheard, professional nurse, relieved your matron of a great deal of work and responsibility, thus giving the much needed time for general supervision.

The nursery was presided over by "older heads."—all good mothers experienced in the care of little ones. Ten was the largest number checked at any one time, and twenty, the largest number for one day.

The change of plumbing made it possible to keep the "pay lavatory" clean and in good order,—the worth of which can only be measured by the dollars and cents recorded. $44.70 being the receipts for "Milwaukee Day."

To say that Rest Cottage is appreciated is only to reiterate an old story. The beautiful compliments of patrons, commending reports of the daily press, and the encouraging words of President McKerrow, Secretary True, Messrs. Wylie, Cox, Hill, Nelson, and others, made glad our hearts, and aided much in making our work a success.

I would suggest that in the future all help in this department be paid in the regular way—by order of the Secretary on the State Treasurer; that receipt books be provided for the Hospital branch, also another book cabinet for the dispensary; and that inasmuch as Rest Cottage is a Woman’s Building, that the janitor’s offices be dispensed with and a colored maid employed. Screens are needed for both doors and windows.

I recommend that our building be exempt from concessioners and last, but by no means least, if possible enlarge the building.

MRS. NORAH E. R. PERKINS.

Matron.