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probe. Dr. Tobin declared that the assistant superintendent is "a fine-upstanding man."

During hearings held by the investigating body in June, charges were made that certain inmates had been beaten with rubber hose, that boys were forced to carry 25-pound cannon balls and that some inmates had been locked in a cellar as punishment.

Rev. H. P. Edwards, former cottage master at the school, made the charges which resulted in the investigation.

A greater discrimination by committing authorities, no commitments for dependency, neglect or mental deficiency and the development of a preventative program through family rehabilitation were among the many recommendations offered by the investigating group.

Others included suggestions of substitution, where possible, of foster home placements for detention in the institution; development of educational and vocational work; increase in hours devoted to school work; the framing of a clear policy of discipline and punishment and the more effective control of punishment by the superintendent and chief matron; adequate provision for religious instruction and addition of at least one and preferably two field workers.

The committee also recommended the establishment of a psychiatric clinic or at least provision for services of a psychiatrist or competent psychologist; establishment of a visiting committee of three; avoidance of transfer of young boys to the state prison; provision for routine physical examinations and a study of problems due to lack of facilities between the Industrial school and the House of Correction for handling the older juvenile delinquents and the so-called incorrigibles.

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