

W. B. Baker, recalled

By Mr. Baker:

I never make appointments of attendants there. They are made by the superintendent. They are selected by him in each case, and generally after considerable discussion, and some times after having written by his order several letters to know what we can about the person before he or she knows that we are investigating the case. The rates of salaries are fixed by the trustees. I simply do the work of hiring them, writing the letters. Some of the help not regular, that does not go onto the pay roll, are some times hired by the steward; but not ~~any~~ regular employees who have to do with patients and are under the superintendent. When I have employed an attendant it has been under the direct orders of the superintendent. And I have never known in more than 2 or 3 cases what the employees politics were, and that accidentally. I never knew the question to be asked or to have any influence either in hiring