

beds are not suitable for hospital purposes, are out of date, uncomfortable, and not fitted with proper springs, and these should, in our opinion, be discarded. Ostermoor and straw mattresses are commonly used. There is electric light in every room, operated from the main corridor. The number of bath tubs is below the actual requirements, and in some parts of the building one for thirty patients is provided. The clothes closets are in some parts without ventilation, and the lavatories are, in many instances, without proper outlet for foul air. The wards in general were clean and well kept. Ninety per cent of the male patients frequent the airing court, which is devoid of the offensive features so often met with in places of this kind. The women fortunately have no airing court, consequently are taken into the beautiful grounds surrounding the institution. Small balconies give opportunity for ward patients to get fresh air.

RESTRAINT

No restraint is used, but there are many strong rooms where patients are secluded. In our opinion, there was more seclusion than should be found in such an institution. This is owing to the fact that not enough outlet in the way of occupation is provided.

FIRE PROTECTION

Fire protection is ample on all floors except the top storey which is now being used as nurses' quarters. This is undoubtedly a fire trap, and the objectionable features should be remedied as soon as possible.

OCCUPATION

Of 200 male patients, 50 were working outside, and 20 in the vocational room. The women are not supplied with varied occupations. This side of the work might be further developed than has been the case. A series of rewards exist for those who do outside work—better food, and luxuries such as tobacco are given to these men.

RECREATION

There is a large recreation hall containing a pipe organ and piano; local talent provides concerts from time to time during the autumn and winter. Once a week during these seasons a moving picture show is provided. An annual sport day is one of the events, and the women who can be trusted are given suitable rewards under supervision—afternoon teas, etc. A weekly paper is published during the winter months and edited by the superintendent.