

yard fence of the Refractory Asylum will be brought under the notice of the Architect of the Public Works Department.

The re-distribution of the rooms in the Main-Building, according to the recommendation of the Medical Superintendent, is approved of, and authority is given to the Bursar to buy what is required to furnish the rooms for the third Assistant Physician, as per list hereto attached.

The quarterly requisitions have been carefully examined, and the Bursar will proceed to make the purchases at the lowest wholesale rates.

At this visit I inquired into the milk supply of the Asylum, and found that it was much smaller than the number of cows appeared to warrant. There are forty-three cows, from which number only 293 quarts are received. This short supply of milk is no doubt due to preventable causes; if not to an inferior breed of cows, it must be owing to improper care and milking, or want of attention to requisite changes and rotation. To whatever cause it is due, it is most important that the short supply should at once be increased, as the porridge in the morning, for which thirty quarts would suffice, has now to be taken with molasses or sugar instead of milk. The Medical Superintendent will be good enough to give the whole question his most careful consideration, with a view to bringing up the quantity of milk to 400 quarts without increasing the number of cows. It will be recommended that an appropriation be voted to enable the Asylum to obtain, by exchange or purchase, a stock of really good milch cows, and also that a small sum be allowed each year for the purpose of keeping up the quality of the stock by exchange, instead of retaining inferior cows without reference to the quantity of milk they give.

The *third* inspection of the Asylum took place in August, when the following Minute was made:—