

quently served at supper-time. The cutlery on the table of the associated dining-room for females was not clean, to which the attention of the Medical Superintendent is called; and in order that everything connected with the tables and meals might be under close supervision, he will see that, before every meal, the tables are visited and inspected by a Medical officer, who should also remain during the meals.

The distribution of the patients in the various Asylum buildings was as follows:—in the *Cottages*, 90 men and 90 women, which number exhausts all the beds in those houses; in the *Refractory Wards* the beds were also full, viz.: 62 men and 62 women; and in the *Main Asylum* there were 248 men and 250 women. As the entire Asylum, exclusive of the two unfurnished wards in the basement of the Refractory Asylum, provided beds for 423 of each sex, there were, therefore, only 23 vacant beds for men and 21 for women, shewing the necessity for proceeding with the furnishing of the two remaining wards, which will add thirty-one additional beds for each sex to the existing Asylum accommodation.

The Main Asylum and the Cottages were in excellent order. The halls of two of the cottages have been greatly improved by painting the walls, and it would be well to continue the same work in the remaining houses. These cottages, at all times models of comfort and neatness, are now as cheerful and bright-looking as it is possible to make them. The use of so many stoves and fire-places in winter—viz., 13 stoves and 14 grates—is not only an expensive, but a very inefficient, method of heating the cottages, which it is desirable to remedy. To this end the Medical Superintendent is authorized to have the Engineer and his staff (without any outside labour) place pipes and appliances in the north cottage, with a view to heating it with hot water; but in placing the pipes, the Engineer will keep in mind that at some future day the Asylum and all its branches may be heated by steam generated at a central boiler-house. Since my previous visit to the