

of the male attendants. The Superintendent was instructed to lay information against the attendant, which resulted in his being fined by the magistrate before whom the complaint was laid. The attendant was of course dismissed.

The Main Asylum and Cottages were found in their usual excellent condition of cleanliness and good order. In the Refractory Wards, however, owing partly to the character of the patients, and partly to structural defects and other causes, neither good order nor neatness generally prevailed, and in some parts of the building want of cleanliness was observable. Undoubtedly the proper care of refractory and dirty patients is attended with much that is unpleasant, as well as with constant anxiety; but as the officers and attendants upon the staff have presumably been selected owing to their special fitness for the work, I am of opinion that both the building and the patients should be in a better state than are found on this occasion. The Medical Superintendent has taken such action as it is hoped will result in bringing up the Refractory Branch to the excellent condition in which the other portions of the Asylum are found.

The darkness of the Refractory Wards is really a most serious defect, and it will be recommended to the Public Works Department that a cupola or dome be placed in the upper ward, at a point near the entrance, the circumference of which shall include the whole breadth of the hall. In this way not only will the entrance of that corridor be better lighted, but an improved means of ventilation will be provided.

The structures, alterations and furnishings ordered in my last Minute are in progress, but the Medical Superintendent will see that the basement wards in the Refractory Asylum are ready without fail on the 15th August, in order that accommodation may be provided for 20 patients that are to be transferred from the Kingston Asylum.

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