

know on what principle of good faith to the public and to the defenceless lunatics, or upon what principle of party government, such Commissioners could be sustained, who had been guilty of such a dereliction of duty in such matters. As soon, however, as Dr. Park went there, he set about making a reform, as a man of strong mind and vigour, under a full sense of duty, ought to do, and whether in so doing he acted prudently for himself or not, he did not stop to consider. In the first place he required that proper clothing be provided for the lunatics, and the naked be clothed; and that all the dirt and corruption should be cleaned away and all the rooms be made sweet and well ventilated; he likewise required that a proper bath should be provided (which had never been apparently even thought of by the Commissioners—neglect in so obvious and essential a particular being certainly unpardonable), and that all the lunatics should be kept properly washed and clean (and without a bath it could not be done), and not unnecessarily confined in cells. For acting in this manner, he had been rewarded with the antagonism of the Commissioners, which ended in their procuring his dismissal. It was also discovered further, that some of the Commissioners had friends in town who were in trade, and who occasionally got some little pickings from contracts furnished to the Asylum. He (Mr. B.) had been authorized to make those statements, as a ground why the Commissioners might have a little stronger antipathy against Dr. Park, than otherwise might have been the case. The greater part of the contracts were given to persons who had not tendered the lowest for them, and were given to relations of some of the Commissioners, who furnished inferior articles, while other persons who had tendered the lowest and best articles received a very small portion. Another thing was, that the servants in charge of the lunatics were allowed a certain portion

of strong drink daily, amounting to over \$100 a-quarter for beer, besides other liquors as brandy, wine, &c., and this Dr. Park would not allow to any of those who had anything to do with lunatics. He had taken this step not only as a matter of right in ordinary circumstances, but from the scandalous fact of seeing persons drunk and feverishly excited, when they had lunatics under their charge; and he (Mr. B.) was sure that he would be borne out by the medical gentlemen in the House, that none of those who were in the charge of lunatics, should be permitted the use of strong drink. This action of Dr. Park gave great umbrage to the Commissioners, and they directed that those servants should, in defiance of the orders of Dr. Park, be permitted to have beer, and passed a resolution to that effect. Their conduct towards Dr. Rolph was similar to that towards Dr. Park. Dr. Park had occasion to absent himself for a short time, during which Dr. Rolph performed his duties at the Asylum, and he soon perceived all the inconveniences of which he (Mr. B.) had spoken. He had occasion to find fault with keepers Hungerford and Craig, [the Visiting Commissioners not having at all visited for the week,] and to suspend them for causes which are thus officially reported by the Steward, in the documents before the House:

"1st. I only allow one hour for the keepers to have each meal, and they usually, as they say, had longer time."

"2nd. I have prohibited the cook, housemaids, and laundresses, going in and out of the institution without permission from the Medical Superintendent, Matron, or myself; this they were never used to before."

"3rd. The Steward will not advance money to the servants before it is due; this they have not been accustomed to."

"4th. The Steward will not allow the keepers boarding out of the institution to have any fire-wood from the stock belonging to the institution, as heretofore; the keepers say they always paid Mr.