

The condition of the water-closets in the Asylum is very satisfactory. With hardly an exception they are quite free from bad odour. The chief exception is in the female ward just opened, in which it is quite evident there must be some serious defect, which requires immediate attention. There are two water-closets in corridor I. C. and I. D., of flat I., and only one in the corresponding ward on the male side, which is reported to answer all purposes. I would suggest that the closet I. C. be closed, and that the room be used for mops, brooms, and cleaning arrangements, which are now kept in the bath-room and store-room, causing a bad smell and a good deal of confusion.

It was noticed that the straw used for the new beds in the Refractory Ward is quite musty; the bad smells of an Asylum are quite enough without adding this one to them. The Superintendent will see that the matter is remedied. It is very desirable that the painting of the Refractory Wards shall be gone on with, as the lower wards particularly have a very dingy look.

The condition of the lobby in the main building, at the base of the lifts, is very bad, and the bad air permeates all the adjoining rooms. The close, vitiated air is much aggravated by the odour from the food going up the lifts, causing a bad, sour smell, which extends to the officers' dining-room. The greatest cleanliness will have to be enforced, and the floors and wood-work should be all well painted, in order to diminish the bad smells, and a means of ventilation into a flue, or by some other effective way, will have to be devised. The Medical Superintendent will be good enough to give the matter his attention.

The Superintendent reports that the Public Works Department has left out of the specifications the work of constructing a brick drain from the filterer through the Asylum garden. This oversight will be brought to the notice of the