

Another pleasant feature of the institution was the abundance of room everywhere. Each ward had one small room for soiled linen, one for clean linen, one for boots, and one for brooms, brushes, etc. These rooms, while small, were not dark closets but well lighted and well ventilated, and all tiled with clean white tile.

The dormitories in the Infirmary wards gave 67 feet of floor space to each patient, and in the other wards 50 feet of floor space. This does not seem large but it must be mentioned that every dormitory has windows on three sides. Every corridor, sitting room and dormitory in the whole institution is tiled to the height of about 4 feet and every room in which there is water, as bath rooms, kitchen, laundry, scullery, closets, etc., are provided with tiled floors, walls and ceilings. It was a new and pleasant experience for us to see an institution in which all these rooms were as well ventilated and as clean as any hospital ward.

Each of the 14 wards which together make up the Institution proper is a long, narrow, two-storey structure with a 12-foot verandah reaching nearly the whole length of the building. There are no basements and consequently the ground floor is low and the verandah is not over 18 inches above the ground. The building being narrow the dormitories are the full width of it, and the windows are on both sides of it giving direct and complete ventilation. Even the absence of basements appealed to us as it did away with the constant accumulation of rubbish which not only makes the place appear neater, but also helps to do away with many nuisances as rats, foul odors, contagion, etc.

The furnishings of the wards were not profuse but what they had were substantial and mostly of the mission pattern. There were few decorations except in the Convalescent Cottages. The large open windows, wide verandahs and plain furniture gave the place the appearance of a summer cottage in this country, and this appearance was impressed on us by the fact that nearly half of the patients of the institution had their dinner the day that