

confined. In order that the latter instructions may be carried out, the Superintendent is authorized to engage a supernumerary, or relieving attendant, for the Refractory Asylum male wards.

I was present when the various meals were served, and found the food to be very good, and no complaints were made of insufficiency. The milk supply I still regard as insufficient, but steps are being taken to increase it. Meantime the Superintendent will give instructions to entirely stop the making of butter, and the Bursar will see that the officers' table is supplied with the best quality of dairy butter, as the contract provides for.

The Asylum, in all its departments, wards, corridors, &c., continues to be kept in most excellent order; also the Cottages; and there is considerable improvement in the appearance of the Refractory Wards.

The Farmer's house, referred to in previous Minutes, is now completed and occupied. The kitchen to the Refractory Wards is also finished and occupied, and the wards are all ready for occupation, with the exception of placing bars and shutters upon the windows, which work the Superintendent is authorized to have done at once.

There are still a good many wards without any wall decorations, and 150 more pictures will at once be ordered, which the Medical Superintendent will distribute to the best advantage, along with those already on hand.

Owing to the large amount of other carpenter-work that has been going on, the re-laying of the floors has been almost entirely suspended during the past two years. In the estimates of the coming year an appropriation will be asked for hard wood and materials, in order that the work may be resumed. An appropriation will also be asked for perforated setters and seats in the best wards.