

The entire site of every dwelling-house should be covered with concrete, Portland cement or other impermeable material.

The footings of every house should stand upon concrete.

Every wall should have a damp-proof course of slate, asphalt, or otherwise.

No staircase should be less than 3 ft. wide with proper openings for ventilation, and should be always external to the rooms.

No habitable room should be less than 9 ft. in height, or less than 150 ft. superficial area. It should be provided with a window at least 16 square feet in size, and a fire-place.

Every room in a basement, having an external wall and provided with a window and fire-place, should have an open area from 6 in. below the flooring along the whole length of the external wall, and at least 4 ft. wide. The ceiling of such room should be at least two-thirds of the height of the room above the top of the area wall, or surface of pavement of street. The surface of the said area should be covered with cement concrete.

Every house intended for human habitation, unless every room can be lighted and ventilated from a street or open space, should have an open space in the rear thereof of at least 150 square ft. in area, and never less than 10 ft. in width in any part. Such space to belong exclusively to the house.

All block buildings, meaning thereby buildings intended for the occupation of numerous families, and more than 25 ft. wide in their largest frontage, should have staircases and passages external to the walls of the house, to provide ready escape in case of fire, and to prevent the spread of disease.

A suite of rooms in such houses intended for the occupation of a separate family should have no communication with other rooms; and each suite of rooms should be entered directly from the street or outer staircase. The houses and rooms should be so arranged that thorough ventilation is secured.

In the case of block buildings, at least half of the superficial area should be left open, for ventilation, and a space of at least 30 ft. in depth should be left between the wall of each block, or of one block and of any other house, back and front.

The water-closet, or other contrivance for the like purpose should be always detached from the house, or so situated that there should be space for a current of air between the house and the closet.

The water supply for drinking, cooking, &c., should be separate from the closet, and should be constant.