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Condemnation of the Local Asylum's Sanitation.

State Health Authorities Take Vigorous Action.

MATHEWS AND BAILEY HERE.

Sewerage and Plumbing Miserable and Worthless.

Request the Local Health Board To Act.

WILEY'S CLAIM SUSTAINED.

President Joseph M. Mathews, of the State Board of Health, and Dr. William Bailey, a member of the State Board and ex-President of the National Board, both of Louisville, visited the Lexington Asylum yesterday and made an inspection of the sanitary surroundings of the institution. The result of the inspection was that they issued a letter to the local Board of Health recommending that the sewerage and plumbing of the asylum be immediately condemned. They say that the plumbing is not only deficient, but absolutely worthless and that the sewerage should be condemned at once if the interests of humanity are to be regarded.

This strong condemnation of the asylum's sanitation is in line with what Superintendent Wiley has claimed for some time. In his report to the Governor, which was written three months ago, he pointed out the great need of improvement in this regard and gave some startling results of the miserable sewerage of the institution. The Board of Commissioners have also taken notice of this condition and have asked the Legislature for an appropriation with which to remedy the evil.

The full report of the State Health authorities to the local board follows:

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 9, '98.
To the Honorable Board of Health of Lexington, Ky.

Gentlemen.—We have this day, as representatives of the State Board of Health of Kentucky, thoroughly investigated the plumbing and sewerage of the Eastern Lunatic Asylum. We find that the plumbing is not only deficient, but absolutely worthless from a sanitary point of view. The sewerage is not only inadequate, but should be condemned at once because of the fact that, in its present condition, diseases, epidemic or endemic, are liable to take place; in other words, we believe that immediate action for the sake of humanity, the health and life of the patients herein confined, should be taken to condemn both the plumbing and sewerage of this institution. We desire, therefore, to call your attention to these facts, and not only to suggest, but to insist that immediate action be taken by your body to carry into effect this condemnation of both plumbing and sewerage of the Eastern Lunatic Asylum.

Very respectfully,
(Signed.) JOSEPH M. MATHEWS,
WILLIAM BAILEY.

HEALTH BOARD

Appoints a Committee to Investigate the Asylum.

The new Board of Health met this morning and organized. Dr. W. O. Bullock was elected President and Dr. J. C. Carrick Secretary. The new board is composed of Drs. W. O. Bullock, J. C. Carrick, R. C. Falconer, Joseph Bryan and T. W. Tuggle.

The board heard the report from the State Health authorities regarding the sanitary condition of the Lexington asylum and appointed a committee to look into the matter at once and report back to the board. The committee appointed consisted of Drs. Falconer and Tuggle.