

mates are compelled to cook, wash and sleep within the walls, because there is no other place within the institution for them. The second story (third floor) is divided into *nine* rooms, 10 by 20 feet, and ten cells 9 by 4 feet each. The cells are occupied by one person each, and the remaining nine rooms are occupied by *seventy-eight* human beings, who are crowded together like brutes, in damp rooms, with little or no ventilation, and the close and foetid atmosphere of the place was almost stifling to us as we entered the premises from the outside.

The fourth story is used for *Hospital purposes*, this being the only building within the enclosure which could be used for the purpose. Upon the same floor is a *Hospital Kitchen*, and sleeping apartments wherein are nightly confined *sixty-nine* persons, *twenty-one* of the beds being crowded together in the passage-ways of the building.

It will be found by the above detailed statement, that there are with in this "old building," which was condemned years ago, and was for many years shut up, and not used. *Two hundred and forty-three prisoners*, of which number *eighty-six* are females, confined in the basement. In this connection, the efficient Warden in reponse to a request from the committee, for detailed information, says: "The female portion I am ashamed to allude to, but circumstances compel me to use it, as it is being used. It is in a most deplorable condition, and is a disgrace to the State. The capacity of the basement is sufficient for about 30 prisoners, yet I am compelled to crowd into its narrow limits, 86 female convicts, and in case of any epidemic breaking out, with the accommodations at my command, I should dread the fearful result, for although I am provided with an attentive, vigilant and able Physician, whom I place every confidence in, I fear that medical skill could not control the fearful inroads of any such contagious disease, as has already visited the City Jail building. I certainly think, in justice to the prisoners, in justice to those having charge of the Institution and in justice to the cause of humanity, a speedy and effective remedy should at once be applied."

THE CHAPEL DORMITORY.

Finding it impossible to furnish accommodations of any kind for the rapid increase of prisoners arriving, the Board of Directors at the suggestion of the Physician, converted the former Chapel into a Dormitory, whereby temporary accommodation is afforded for 128 prisoners. Those occupying it are old men and boys, (short term prisoners,) all negroes. By this arrangement, they were afforded sleeping apartments, but some place being required for them to eat in, a