

VIEW CARD COLLECTOR
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Ref. to _____

Madame,

I think you are being unfair
to the Supt of Palk State School.
I lived there for 2 yrs when my
father was the preacher for the
school. He was taken on a tour
of the school. Some retarded people
were kept in padded cells with
nothing for their own protection as
well as for the protection of the
employees. In my opinion I
think the crater or play pens.

would be even better as they could
at least see other people & not
feel so alone. They are like little
children in many respects yet they
have the strength & sometimes (to
them) a reason for misusing it.

The cribs & playpens (cages to you)
are a more humane way of treating
them. You put shackles on a
maniac to constrain them. You
put criminals behind bars. Even they
see other people.

We were not afraid of the
retarded people who came down to
the local stores. They were the ones
who could be trusted. I feel sorry
for the people who must be kept

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in playpens but since their minds
are childish they have to be
watched over + constrained when
necessary.

Parents cannot always provide
the type of care they need but the
personnel at these places are trained
to care for these people.

Not all of them were retarded but
some were there because of other
crippling defects. One girl of 20-30
yrs was twisted grotesquely
from arthritis but her hands

did beautiful embroidery work.
Her parents were wealthy & didn't
want bothered with her.

I'm sure these people are better
cared for than left in their homes
or left at large.

Most sincerely,

Louise Sherman.