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# REPORTS

OF THE

## WARDEN AND INSPECTORS

OF THE

# MAINE STATE PRISON,

AND OF THE

## PHYSICIAN AND CHAPLAIN.

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# WARDEN'S REPORT.



# REPORT.

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*To his Excellency the Governor, and the  
Honorable Council of the State of Maine :*

The Warden of the Maine State Prison submits the following Report, to show the operations of the Prison from December 1st, 1853, to December 1st, 1854.

December 1st, 1853, found us with sixty-nine convicts. Since that time forty-two have been received. The number discharged by expiration of sentence is fourteen, and five have been pardoned. The present number, December 1st, 1854, is ninety-two, and during the past season have been employed as follows, viz :

In the Lime Quarry, . . . . .	17	In Smith's Shop, . . . . .	11
Basketmaking, . . . . .	1	Tailors, . . . . .	3
On Contract Shoemaking, . . . . .	30	Cooks, . . . . .	2
Wheelwrights, . . . . .	17	Waiters, . . . . .	2
Washers, . . . . .	2	Sick in the Hospital, . . . . .	2
Lumpers, . . . . .	3		—
In Solitary, . . . . .	2	Aggregate, . . . . .	92

It will be seen that twenty-three have been added to our number since my last Report, one of whom is a colored man and one a white female. The general health of the prisoners has been good. No death, escape, nor any serious accident, has occurred in this institution during the past year.

It gives me much pleasure in stating that the conduct of the prisoners has been remarkably good. They have

worked diligently and cheerfully at their various occupations, as our account with the several departments will show. But very little punishment has been inflicted and that of a mild nature.

There has been no material change in the business operations of the Prison, since my last Report. The following table will show the earnings of the several departments, and also the expenses, exclusive of officers' salaries and Building and Repairs.

Dr.		Cr.	
Fuel, . . . . .	\$912 61	Wheelwrights, . . . . .	\$2233 51
Convicts discharged, . . . . .	256 03	Shoemaking, . . . . .	2463 30
Team, . . . . .	324 99	Lime Quarry, . . . . .	1987 23
Expense Account, . . . . .	1133 39	Blacksmithing, . . . . .	1972 03
Subsistence, . . . . .	4444 06	Basketmaking, . . . . .	469 12
Clothing, . . . . .	723 50	Fees from Visitors, . . . . .	145 11
Balance in favor, . . . . .	1475 72		
	\$9270 30		\$9270 30

By the above table it will be seen that the amount of earnings in the several departments, is nine thousand two hundred and seventy dollars and thirty cents, while our expenses have been seven thousand seven hundred and ninety-four dollars and fifty-eight cents. Owing to an advance in the price of all kinds of provisions, together with the increase in the number of convicts, our subsistence account shows one thousand sixty-eight dollars and fourteen cents more than last year; but notwithstanding this, the earnings of the several departments show a balance over and above our expenses, of fourteen hundred seventy-five dollars and seventy-two cents.

The sum of two thousand dollars was appropriated the last year to finish the wall and rebuild and enlarge the Blacksmith shop. It will be seen that our Building and



Repairs' account greatly exceeds this amount. This account shows four thousand six hundred and sixty-eight dollars and ninety-four cents expended during the past year, but in this sum is included a new fire engine at a cost of about twelve hundred dollars, which should have been reckoned as stock on hand; and had it been done so, would have reduced the account to three thousand four hundred and sixty-eight dollars and ninety-four cents.

This amount it will be seen we have earned from the labor of the convicts during the past year, after paying our expenses, excepting officers' salaries; but owing to the increase in the number of convicts and the large amount of rock now quarried—as much as can be disposed of for two or three years to come—we must prepare some employment for at least twenty-five convicts in-doors; consequently some new building must be erected, or the wheelwrights' shop enlarged, to accommodate them. Should the present high prices of all kinds of provisions continue, the Prison will not be able to complete these improvements without some aid from the State.

A Resolve was passed by the last Legislature authorizing me to dispose of a lot of land adjoining the Prison, the proceeds to be appropriated to the purchase of a fire engine. I have succeeded in making sale of the same, and realized the amount of eleven hundred and ten dollars, including the old lime kilns and shed, and have purchased one of Hunneman & Co.'s best six and a half inch cylinder tubs. A fire company has been organized in the vicinity, to work it, consisting of about fifty members, in appropriate uniform, principally young men which

for enterprise and efficiency will compare favorably with any other company in the State. This, together with the large reservoir and cisterns in the yard filled with water, renders it almost impossible that this institution should ever again be destroyed by fire.

A knowledge of the religious and moral condition of the prisoners may be found in the Report of the Rev. O. J. Fernald, Chaplain of the Prison, whose unremitting efforts to improve the morals and promote the happiness and welfare of the convicts, are worthy of the highest praise.

By an appropriation of one hundred dollars in 1850, I was enabled to purchase a Library for the use of the convicts, and commenced lighting the prison to enable them to spend their evenings in reading. By an act of 1854, appropriating fifty dollars annually for replenishing the Library, I have been enabled to add quite a number of volumes of valuable reading matter. I have also commenced a school for the purpose of learning all who could not read and write, and I think we can see the beneficial results in the diminution of punishment, and in their general deportment.

Our Library now contains over two hundred volumes. Some of these, however, have been presented by Edward Fenno, Esq., of Augusta, who has from time to time contributed much valuable reading matter, for which he has our thanks.

A catalogue of our Library is hereto annexed.

The Warden here expresses his obligations to the Committee of the Council, the Hon. Gideon Tucker, and to

the Board of Inspectors, Thomas W. Hix and Charles T. Starrett, Esquires, for the support they have uniformly given him in his efforts to improve the general condition of the Prison and its inmates.

I should not do justice to my own feelings, were I to close this Report without speaking in commendation of the subordinate officers connected with the Prison, for their constant desire to conduct the Institution in a spirit of kindness rather than severity. To the Clerk of the Prison I would return my thanks for his untiring devotion to, and fidelity in, the discharge of the duties connected with his office. The Physician, Doct. John W. Robinson, has been not less attentive in his department, but has been remarkably successful in arresting disease and preserving a large degree of health.

The Inspectors have visited the Prison during the present month, taken an account of stock, and will make a full Report upon its finances and general affairs. I would refer you to their Report.

WILLIAM BENNETT, *Warden.*

THOMASTON, Nov. 30th, 1854.

## Dr. The State Prison in account with the State of Maine. Cr.

1854.	For Stock, &c., on hand		1854.	By Stock, &c., on hand	\$11,805 46
Nov. 30.	Nov. 30th, 1853,	\$10,338 59	Nov. 30.	By cash received from	
	For bal. of convicts			visitors, . . . .	145 11
	discharged account,	256 03		By balance of shoe-	
	For balance of subsist-			making account, .	2,463 30
	ence account, . . .	4,718 87		By balance of Lime	
	For balance of officers'			quarry account, .	1,421 20
	salaries account, .	5,236 64		By balance of black-	
	For balance of building			smithing account,	1,756 84
	and repairs account,	4,432 52		By balance of wheel-	
	For balance of expense			wrights' account, .	1,996 50
	account, . . . .	1,176 28		By balance of basket-	
	For balance of fuel and			making account, .	562 17
	lights account, . . .	1,089 82		By balance against the	
	For balance of clothing			prison, . . . .	8,095 87
	account, . . . .	997 70			
		\$28,246 45			\$28,246 45

WILLIAM BENNETT, *Warden.*

LINCOLN, ss.—January 3d, 1855.

Personally appeared, William Bennett, and made oath that the above account, by him subscribed, is true to the best of his knowledge and belief. Before me,

A. RICE, *Justice of the Peace.*

## CONVICTS.

Number of convicts Nov. 30, 1853,	69	Whole number received since Ju-	
Received since,	42	ly 2, 1854,	1121
	—	Discharged on expiration of	
	111	sentence,	804
Discharged on expiration of sen-		Discharged on writ of error,	1
tence,	14	Pardoned,	184
Pardoned,	5	Escaped and not retaken,	8
Remaining Nov. 30, 1854,	92	Died,	28
	—	Removed to Insane Hospital,	4
	111	Present number Nov. 30, 1854,	92
			1121

## CRIMES.

Larceny,	53	Adultery,	2
Arson,	4	Assault to Ravish,	4
Burglary,	4	do. to Kill,	2
Forgery,	2	Robbery,	1
Murder,	2	Shopbreaking and Larceny,	4
do. sentence commuted,	1	Embezzlement,	1
do. second degree,	1	Robbing the Mail,	1
Manslaughter,	4	Receiving stolen goods,	1
Shooting and Maiming,	1		—
Breaking Jail, &c.,	1	Aggregate,	92
Rape,	3		

Convicts in the State Prison, Nov. 30th, 1854.

County.	Names.	Sentence.	Crimes.	When Committed.	Place of Birth.	Age.	No. com'tals.
Kennebec,	Allen, Elisha T.	6 years,	Arson,	Oct. 29, 1850,	Fairfield,	21	1
Waldo,	Alexander, James	5 do.	Larceny,	Jan. 23, 1854,	Hampden,	54	4
Cumberland,	Boyle, Enoch	6 do.	do.	Oct. 29, 1852,	Richmond,	17	1
Hancock,	Beckett, Robert	5 do.	do.	Feb'y 1, 1853,	Ireland,	28	2
York,	Brown, Jackson	4 do.	do.	Oct. 19, 1854,	New York,	19	1
Penobscot,	Canny, Ezra	Life.	Murder—second degree,	Nov. 13, 1846,	Tuftenboro',	42	1
Waldo,	Connors, Samuel	5 years,	Adultery,	Dec. 30, 1851,	Cherryfield,	37	1
Lincoln,	Carpenter, Geo. W.	7 do.	Larceny,	Mar. 16, 1852,	Phippsburg,	22	1
Penobscot,	Cilley, Elias	5 do.	do.	Dec. 18, 1852,	Atkinson,	21	2
York,	Chase, Lemuel G.	3 do.	Adultery,	Apr. 27, 1854,	Phillips,	28	1
do.	Collins, Geo. H.	6 do.	Larceny,	Apr. 27, 1854,	Barnstead, N. H.	26	1
Washington,	Coffin, Samuel H.	1 do.	Shooting and Maiming,	May 8, 1854,	Durham,	46	1
Kennebec,	Chute, Oliver H.	6 do.	Burglary and Larceny,	Sept. 26, 1854,	Poland,	30	1
do.	Crocker, Enos	2 do.	Assault to Ravish,	Sept. 26, 1854,	Patricktown,	28	1
Lincoln,	Cilley, John	4 do.	Larceny,	Oct. 6, 1854,	New Hampshire,	27	1
York,	Delay, Morris	10 do.	Manslaughter,	Oct. 7, 1851,	Lebanon,	43	1
Hancock,	Dodge, Freeman	3 do.	Larceny,	Feb'y 1, 1853,	Burnham,	24	1
Penobscot,	Dalton, Peter	1 do.	do.	June 29, 1854,	Ireland,	23	1
Aroostook,	Dow, Mary Ann	3 do.	Arson,	Oct. 9, 1854,	New Brunswick,	23	1
Kennebec,	Egan, John	1 1-2 do.	Larceny,	Oct. 4, 1853,	Ireland,	26	1
Washington,	Elliot, William	2 years,	do.	Jan. 23, 1854,	New Brunswick,	21	1
Maine Dist.US	Emery, Josiah	10 do.	Stealing from the Mail,	July 3, 1854,	Berwick,	40	1
Androscoggin,	Edwards, Collins	Life.	Rape,	Sept. 16, 1854,	Gorham,	39	1
Lincoln,	Edgerly, Cyrus	3 years,	Larceny,	Oct. 6, 1854,	Sebec,	22	1
Kennebec,	Fellows, Russell S.	10 do.	Assault to Ravish,	Oct. 29, 1851,	Winthrop,	25	2
do.	Fielding, Jeremiah	4 do.	do.	May 29, 1851,	Ireland,	30	1
Penobscot,	Fee, John W.	3 do.	Larceny,	Dec. 28, 1853,	Calais,	24	1
Lincoln,	Gorman, Robert	4 do.	do.	Mar. 16, 1852,	Ireland,	26	1
Cumberland,	Getchell, Benjamin	Life.	Robbery,	Dec. 22, 1852,	Wiscasset,	43	2
Penobscot,	Gates, James	1 year,	Larceny,	Dec. 28, 1853,	Perry,	23	1
Cumberland,	Graham, Reuben	2 do.	do.	Apr. 8, 1854,	Nova Scotia,	19	2
Oxford,	Higgins, Edmund	Life.	Rape,	June 6, 1850,	Denmark,	40	2
Kennebec,	Hall, John B.	3 years,	Larceny,	Sept. 4, 1852,	Portland,	22	1
Cumberland,	Hickey, Charles	6 do.	do.	Dec. 22, 1852,	East Machias,	35	2

York,	Haskell, William E.	17 years,	Larceny,	Oct. 26, 1853,	Unity,	19	2
Waldo,	Hardy, John	5 do.	do.	Jan. 20, 1853,	Nova Scotia,	22	1
Oxford,	Johnson, Levi W.	4 do.	do.	Dec. 4, 1850,	Vermont,	28	1
Somerset,	Jacobs, Samuel H.	7 do.	Assault to Kill.	Jan. 6, 1854,	Pittsfield,	32	1
Lincoln,	Kenza, Charles	10 do.	Burglary,	Sept. 26, 1846,	New York,	30	4
York,	Kittredge, Joseph	6 do.	Larceny,	Oct. 19, 1854,	Haverhill,	42	1
Cumberland,	Leighton, Timothy	5 do.	do.	Apr. 2, 1850,	Falmouth,	45	2
Waldo,	Larrabee, Rufus A.	7 do.	Manslaughter,	Dec. 30, 1851,	Monroe,	22	1
York,	Livington, George	2 do.	Larceny,	Oct. 26, 1853,	England,	25	1
Penobscot,	Mitchell, Joseph	7 do.	Manslaughter,	Dec. 3, 1849,	Oldtown,	28	1
Somerset,	Merrill, John	6 do.	Larceny,	Jan. 30, 1850,	Newport,	21	1
Oxford,	Monk, Elijah	6 do.	do.	Sept. 4, 1852,	Buckfield,	40	1
Lincoln,	Murray, Alexander	5 do.	do.	Dec. 8, 1852,	England,	30	2
Cumberland,	Marshall, William	2 do.	do.	Dec. 22, 1852,	Portland,	24	2
Penobscot,	McClure, John W.	2 do.	do.	Mar. 16, 1853,	Thorndike,	29	2
Cumberland,	McKenney, Wallis,	2 do.	Forgery,	Aug. 3, 1853,	Hollis,	37	2
Penobscot,	McDonald, _____	2 do.	Embezzlement,	Dec. 28, 1853,	Nova Scotia.	25	1
Washington,	Maxwell, Joseph H.	5 do.	Shop Breaking.	May 8, 1854,	Dover,	50	1
Aroostook,	Mathews, James	To be hanged	Murder,	Oct. 9, 1854,	Virginia,	54	1
Somerset,	Mann, James	1 year,	Assault to Kill,	Oct. 9, 1854,	Vermont,	64	1
Hancock,	McGrath, John	6 do.	Larceny,	Nov. 2, 1854,	England,	46	1
Cumberland,	Owen, Thomas	5 do.	do.	July 5, 1851,	Portland,	24	2
Washington,	O'Conner, John	2 do.	do.	Oct. 17, 1854,	Ireland,	33	1
Cumberland,	Ploughman Geo.	Life,	Murder—sen. commuted,	Jan. 11, 1850,	England,	59	1
do.	Potter, George T.	4 years,	Larceny,	July 5, 1851,	Portland,	14	1
Androscoggin,	Perkins, Alexander	3 do.	do.	Sept. 16, 1854,	Minot,	24	1
Cumberland,	Richardson, Oliver D.	12 do.	do.	July 1, 1843,	Otisfield,	37	5
Penobscot,	Rollins, Benjamin	Life.	Rape,	Nov. 28, 1851,	New Sharon,	45	1
Lincoln,	Richards, Nathan	15 years,	Shopbreaking and larceny	Aug. 18, 1852,	Wayne,	36	4
do.	Resseim, Nelson,	3 do.	Larceny,	Dec. 8, 1852,	France,	34	1
Kennebec,	Randall, Reuben P.	2 do.	do.	Sept. 26, 1854,	China,	25	1
Somerset,	Richardson, Columbus	20 do.	Burglary,	Oct. 9, 1854,	Litchfield,	38	3
York,	Rogers, William	7 do.	Malicious Burning.	Oct. 19, 1854,	Buxton,	23	1
Kennebec,	Shaw, John Jr.	10 do.	Arson,	May 25, 1850,	Augusta,	38	1
Cumberland,	Soule, Isaac	4 do.	Larceny,	May 29, 1851,	Freeport,	51	1
Lincoln,	Stowell, Henry S.	12 do.	Shopbreaking and larceny	Aug. 18, 1852,	Norwich,	22	2
Oxford,	Smith, William	10 do.	Assault to Ravish,	Sept 4, 1852,	Cabot,	16	1
Washington,	Smith, David	6 do.	do.	Oct. 14, 1852,	Ireland,	19	1

**Convicts in the State Prison, Nov. 30th, 1854.—Continued.**

County.	Name.	Sentence.	Crimes.	When Committed.	Place of Birth.	Age.	No. com'tals.
Waldo,	Smith, Franklin A.	2 years,	Manslaughter,	Oct. 20, 1853,	Lisbon,	29	1
Somerset,	Smith, Albert F.	2 do.	Larceny,	Apr. 15, 1854,	Greenfield,	25	1
York,	Stevens, William	4 do.	Receiving stolen goods,	Apr. 27, 1854,	Winthrop,	62	2
Penobscot,	Smith, Sam'l B.	3 do.	Pass'g forg'd orders & larc'y.	June 29, 1854,	St. Johns,	22	1
Androscoggin,	Swan, Emery	1 1-4 do.	Larceny,	Sept. 16, 1854,	Woodstock,	33	1
York,	Samson, George	4 do.	do.	Oct. 19, 1854,	Newport, R. I.,	26	1
Cumberland,	Thorn, Thomas	To be hanged,	Murder,	May 17, 1843,	Long Island,	24	1
Penobscot,	Tibbetts, Samuel H.	2 years,	Larceny,	Dec. 18, 1852,	Excter,	24	1
York,	Tuttle, James W.	12 do.	Breaking Jail, &c.,	Oct. 19, 1854,	Saco,	29	1
Cumberland,	Van Antwerp, Charles	4 do.	Larceny,	Dec. 22, 1852,	Brooklin,	19	1
Hancock,	Vance, John	5 do.	do.	Feb'y 1, 1853,	Boston,	18	1
Cumberland,	Williams, John D.	7 do.	do.	Mar. 22, 1848,	Vienna,	24	1
Penobscot,	Woodbine, Henry	Life,	Burglary,	Nov. 14, 1850.	Indiana,	30	1
Lincoln,	Worthing, Ensign	15 years,	Shopbreaking and larceny,	Aug. 18, 1852,	Corinth,	17	2
Somerset,	Welch, William	2 do.	Pass'g counterfeit money,	Jan. 11, 1854,	Ireland,	37	1
Penobscot,	Webb, James	1 do.	Larceny,	Mar. 31, 1854,	Hallowell,	23	1
Kennebec,	Wing, Charles D.	1 do.	Passing an altered bill,	Apr. 8, 1854,	Vassalboro'	21	1
Penobscot,	Watson, Alexander	3 do.	Larceny,	June 29, 1854,	England,	20	2
Somerset,	Welch, Cyrus	11-2 do.	do.	Oct. 9, 1854,	Casco,	18	1
York,	Wilson, Robert	4 do.	do.	Oct. 19, 1854,	New York,	22	1



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 Tragedies of the Wilderness,  
 The Foresters,  
 Thirty Years from Home, or a Voice from the Main Deck,  
 The Life of William Penn,  
 — Elements of Character,  
 — Life and Character of the Rev. Sylvester Judd,  
 — Old Brewery, New York,  
 — Alhambra,  
 — Life of Isaac T. Hopper,  
 — Money Boxes and Other Stories,  
 — Days of Bruce, by Grace Aguilar,  
 — Lamplighter,  
 — Mysterious Parchment, or the Sattannic License,  
 — Fireside, an Aid to Parents,  
 — Juvenile Naturalist,  
 — Maiden and Married Life,  
 — News Boy,  
 Thrilling Adventures,  
 The Australian Wanderers,  
 — Life of Jesus,  
 — Canadian Crusoes,  
 — Friends of Christ,  
 — Christian Doctrine of Prayer,  
 — African Crusoes.  
 View of Ancient and Modern Egypt,  
 Voyages of Commerce and Enterprise.  
 Which is the Wiser,  
 Webster's Pronouncing Dictionary,  
 What-not, by Mrs. Mary A. Dennison,  
 Wood's Illustrated Natural History.



# INSPECTORS' REPORT.



## REPORT.

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*To the Governor and Council of the State of Maine :*

The Inspectors of the Maine State Prison have attended to their duty during the brief time of their service, and submit the following Report for the year ending December 31st, 1854.

We find the prisoners in as favorable a condition as men can be under the circumstances. No labor is spared on the part of the Warden, or his subordinates in office, to minister to the physical, intellectual and moral good of the convicts. And in this connection we would notice the fact that the Warden has by a judicious expenditure of money and careful selection of books, replenished and enlarged the Prison Library. The books had become much read and much worn, and were consequently of but little interest to the prisoners. The new books, however, are sought with eagerness and read with avidity; and the time is thus spent in reading which would otherwise be idly, and might be mischievously spent. "We find," says the Warden, in connection with this subject, "that as the desire for reading increases the cause for punishment decreases."

From the record of punishment it appears that with

ninety-two convicts this year there have been found sixty days of solitary confinement. Last year, it will be remembered, that with sixty-nine convicts there were fifty-five days spent in solitary confinement. These facts show, in proportion to the number, a large decrease of punishment. A comparison of present figures with the past will show a very gratifying change in this respect. In 1848, with *sixty-seven* convicts, there were inflicted *two hundred and forty-five days* of punishment; during the past year, with *ninety-two* convicts, *sixty* days. And yet the prisoners are more industrious, better disposed, and earn more for the State than in any previous years. The kind and parental mode of governing the convicts, adopted by the Warden, commends itself to every friend of humanity.

The Prison yard is now completely enclosed by a stone wall, substantially and beautifully constructed. This wall was commenced several years since and has just been completed, three hundred and fifty feet having been built this year. It has been constructed of stone taken from the Prison quarry and by the labor of the prisoners. It is ornamental to the appearance of the Prison, and absolutely necessary to the safe keeping of the prisoners. In addition to this, the Prison has been improved by the re-building and enlargement of the blacksmith's shop, the building of a bathing house, and many other improvements which we cannot notice in detail. But notwithstanding so many improvements have been made and the cost of supporting the Prison so greatly increased, the earnings of the Prison exceed its expenses, exclusive of



officers' salaries, building and repairs, fourteen hundred and seventy-five dollars and seventy-two cents.

Though the improvements at the Prison in erecting and enlarging buildings, to a casual observer would seem to be complete, yet to those more acquainted with the details of business carried on here, it is very apparent that another building of a capacity to accommodate at least twenty-five convicts, is absolutely necessary for the employment of those men who formerly worked in the lime quarry. Raising the roof of the wheelwright shop and adding another story, would secure this object and increase the architectural beauty of the building.

But this cannot be done without aid from the State. We would therefore recommend that three thousand dollars be appropriated for this object.

We would unite in the opinion expressed in the Inspectors' Report of last year, that "the free exercise of the pardoning power has a beneficial influence upon the conduct of the prisoners." It encourages to industry and integrity; and such are the unfortunate circumstances under which some are thrown into Prison as to strongly recommend them to Executive clemency. We can also cordially unite with our predecessors in according to Mr. Bennett, since he has had charge of the Prison, a remarkable adaptedness to the station he fills. He has the affection of all the convicts who can be reached by mild and persuasive measures; while he governs the more incorrigible with judicious decision. Few men, our observation has convinced us, have the necessary qualifications combined in Mr. Bennett for conducting the affairs

of the Prison in a manner so beneficial to the convicts, and so profitable to the State.

Mr. Perkins, who for twenty years has held the office of Clerk of the Prison, has no superior in fitness for his position. All the subordinate officers have our thanks for the attention shown us in our visits to the Prison, and for the fidelity with which they endeavor to subserve the best interests of the State.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

T. W. HIX,  
CHAS. T. STARRETT, } *Inspectors.*

JANUARY 1, 1855.

**Statement of Net Profits and Expenditures in the different Departments from Nov. 30th, 1853, to Nov. 30th, 1854.**

WHEELWRIGHTS.		
Cr.	By balance of account,	1996 50
"	By Stock increased,	237 01
	Net gain,	<u>\$2233 51</u>
SHOE-MAKING.		
Cr.	By balance of account. Net gain,	\$2463 30
BLACKSMITHING.		
Cr.	By balance of account,	1756 84
"	By Stock increased,	215 19
	Net gain,	<u>\$1972 03</u>
LIME QUARRY.		
Cr.	By balance of account,	1421 20
"	By Stock increased,	566 03
	Net gain,	<u>\$1987 23</u>
BASKET-MAKING.		
Cr.	By balance of account,	562 17
Dr.	For Stock reduced,	93 05
	Net gain,	<u>\$469 12</u>
FEES FROM VISITORS.		
Cr.	By balance of account. Net gain,	\$145 11
FUEL AND LIGHTS.		
Dr.	For balance of account,	1089 82
Cr.	By Stock increased,	177 21
	Amount Expended,	<u>\$912 61</u>

## Statement of Net Profits, Expenditures, &amp;c. (Continued.)

CONVICTS DISCHARGED.		
<i>Dr.</i>	For balance of account. Amount expended, . . . . .	\$256 03
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TEAM.		
<i>Dr.</i>	For balance of account, . . . . .	333 99
<i>Cr.</i>	By Stock increased, . . . . .	9 00
	Amount expended, . . . . .	\$324 99
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EXPENSE ACCOUNT.		
<i>Dr.</i>	For balance of account, . . . . .	1176 28
<i>Cr.</i>	By Stock increased, . . . . .	42 89
	Amount expended, . . . . .	\$1133 39
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SUBSISTENCE.		
<i>Dr.</i>	For balance of account, . . . . .	4718 87
<i>Cr.</i>	By Stock increased, . . . . .	274 81
	Amount expended, . . . . .	\$4444 06
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BUILDING AND REPAIRS.		
<i>Dr.</i>	For balance of account, . . . . .	4432 52
"	For Stock reduced, . . . . .	236 42
	Amount expended, . . . . .	\$4668 94
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CLOTHING.		
<i>Dr.</i>	For balance of account, . . . . .	997 70
<i>Cr.</i>	By Stock increased, . . . . .	274 20
	Amount expended, . . . . .	\$723 50
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OFFICERS' SALARIES.		
<i>Dr.</i>	For balance of account. Amount expended, . . . . .	\$5236 64

## Statement of Notes and Accounts.

Due sundry persons on notes, . . . . .	\$3,236 63	
Due sundry persons on books, . . . . .	4,370 17	
		7,606 80
Due from sundry persons on notes, . . . . .	1,037 28	
Due from sundry persons on books, . . . . .	3,649 78	
		4,687 06
Prison owes this amount over the debts due, . . . . .		\$2,919 74



# CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.





## REPORT.

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*To the Inspectors of the Maine State Prison :*

GENTLEMEN :—It becomes my duty as Chaplain of the Prison to submit to you my Annual Report.

One of the benefits Christianity has conferred upon the world, is, that communities where its influence prevails, seek to reclaim the guilty violators of law, to restore those, who either through a long course of vice, or a single false step, have forfeited their station in society, and to awaken the better principles of their nature ; thus promoting at once the good of those within, and of those without the Prison walls. Our own Prison, in almost all respects, is fitted to advance the physical and moral well being of its inmates, who are furnished with wholesome diet, pure air, sufficient clothing, continual, but not oppressive employment ; and who have also the use of a well selected Library.

During the past year the Sabbath service, and the school for instruction in the common branches, have been conducted by the Chaplain as in former years. By the kindness of the Deputy Warden, and other officers, I have had free access to the convicts at all times, and have become acquainted with their characters and habits. Most of them declare their resolution to lead a better life

when they are once more free; and one or two hope to connect themselves with a Christian Church. It is to be hoped that neither the company of the bad, nor the indifference of the good, may drive them back into their old paths.

By an act of the Legislature, the religious services in the Prison are henceforth to be conducted by the different clergymen of Thomaston, in rotation. I would respectfully suggest, that they also be requested to offer a short prayer each evening, after the convicts have been locked in their cells. Such a petition, being the last sound that would fall upon his ears before the silence of the night, would do more than anything to reclaim the wanderer, and lead him to repentance.

I cannot close without briefly alluding to the kindness which the Warden has constantly shown to the prisoners under his care, notwithstanding the severe trials to the patience inseparable from the guardianship of criminals—kindness which was expected of him by all who have known his active sympathy with the poor and suffering.

O. J. FERNALD, *Chaplain.*

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.



# REPORT.

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*To the Inspectors of the Maine State Prison :*

GENTLEMEN:—As Physician to this Institution it may be appropriate to submit to you my first annual Report.

The general health of the convicts during the past year has been unusually good. No epidemic has swept through their ranks, and no deaths have occurred among their number. In the months of August and September Diarrhœa prevailed to some considerable extent, and several cases eventuated in Dysentery, but generally of a mild character and readily yielding to treatment. Late in autumn, it was feared that Typhoid Fever, then prevailing to an alarming extent in Thomaston and the adjacent towns, would commence its ravages within our walls, but extreme care in reference to the habits, diet and cleanliness of the prisoners, I have no doubt had much to do in warding off this calamity. But one case of this disease came under my care in the Hospital, and this of a comparatively mild type. During the present year several cases of chronic disease of the lungs have been noticed. Some of these have been brought into activity by previous habits and abuses acting upon a constitution already predisposed to pulmonary disease.

One was the case of young Freeman, whose lungs

became extensively diseased, and who for years has been suffering from the direful and life-destroying effects of secondary Syphilis. Ulceration of the throat and fauces had gone on to such an extent that it was with the utmost difficulty deglutition could be accomplished. He was a non compos mentis, and as his health was rapidly declining, he received an Executive pardon, and was returned to his friends in Boston.

As is usually the case in similar Institutions, Rheumatism either acute or chronic, real or feigned, imposes much care and trouble upon the officers and physician. Some of these are worthy of notice. Jewell will be remembered as having been either confined to his bed in the Hospital or hobbling about with crutches ever since his incarceration. During the last year his Rheumatism became complicated with valvular disease of the heart, and he also received the Governor's pardon and was conveyed to his family.

Woodbine, colored, still is in his cell, and without doubt, the interests of the prison dictate his remaining there. He is suffering from Rheumatism.

Hickey is the only convict whose case in any way simulates insanity, and is one which occasions more trouble and anxiety than any other in Prison. He was at one time in the Insane Hospital, but the Superintendent of that Institution soon came to the conclusion that his insanity was feigned, in which opinion I fully concur.

It gives me much pleasure to notice the constant, unceasing efforts of the Warden to relieve the mental anxieties and increase the physical comforts of those unfortunate

beings who are thrown upon his care. A large and convenient bathing house has been erected during the present summer in the Prison yard, which I hope will have an important influence in enhancing the health and cheerfulness of the convicts.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. ROBINSON, M. D.,

*Physician to Maine State Prison.*