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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

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1857.

REPORTS

OF THE

WARDEN AND INSPECTORS

OF THE

MAINE STATE PRISON,

DECEMBER 31, 1856.

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1857.



WARDEN'S REPORT.

REPORT.

*To the President of the Senate, and
Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

In obedience to the laws of the State, I herewith submit the following as the Annual Report of the Maine State Prison for the year ending December 31st, 1856, embracing a period of nine months and fourteen days, from the 17th of March, 1856, to December 31st, 1856.

On taking charge of the prison on the 17th of March, I found ninety-three convicts. There have been discharged since, by pardon, twelve; by expiration of sentence, fourteen; by death, one; escaped and not re-taken, one. There have been received since, twenty-eight—one of whom is a female. The remaining number is ninety-three—four of whom are females; and they are employed as follows:

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|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Shoemakers on contract, 28 | | Wheelwrights, 18 |
| Making baskets, 14 | | Washers, 2 |
| Cooks, 2 | | Tailors, 5 |
| Lumpers, 5 | | Hospital, 6 |
| Waiters, 3 | | — |
| In Smith Shop, 10 | | Aggregate, 93 |

It will be perceived that our number is the same as when I took charge. There has been one death by suicide. Joseph J. Brown came here under sentence of death for the murder of his wife, and committed suicide by cutting his throat with a piece of looking-glass on the night of the twenty-seventh of August last. There has been one escape. Columbus Richardson, an old offender, made his escape on the night of May thirty-first, from the top of his cell, and has not been re-taken.

There has been but little sickness during the season; and a

general state of health now prevails among the convicts, with the exception of one Ezra Canney, who is now very low with consumption, from which he will probably never recover.

It will be seen by the several tables that the prison has been as prosperous as in any former year since its establishment. Our earnings in the several departments are eight thousand four hundred forty-seven dollars and seventy-seven cents, and our expenditures, exclusive of officers' salaries, six thousand forty-four dollars eighty-three cents, leaving a balance in favor of the several departments of two thousand four hundred two dollars ninety-four cents.

The past year has been probably as hard a year to support the prison as we shall see for some years to come; consequently an appropriation for the officers' salaries will be all that will be required for the ensuing year, with the exception of five thousand dollars, to be applied to the payment of some old debts which have been hanging over the prison for some years, with the expectation that the amount might be collected out of some old accounts in the hands of an attorney, which are about worthless, as I have not received a dollar from them during the past year.

It gives me great pleasure to say, that there has been no year that I can look back upon since I first became acquainted with prison duty, that gives me more satisfaction than the past one. There has been a cheerfulness among the convicts, which they have evinced in their industry in their several callings. There has been but very little punishment, and but little cause for it. The whole amount of punishment is some thirty nights in solitary and these for trifling offenses. All this I attribute in a great measure to the liberality with which the State has responded to the various calls upon its generosity in behalf of the convicts, and to the disposition of the subordinate officers to govern with mildness and decision, which has evidently been their wishes during the past year.

The sum of five thousand dollars was appropriated by the last Legislature for the payment of old debts, with the understanding that a like sum would be appropriated by the present Legislature. I have expended the above named sum in discharging those claims which were most pressing, and would most

earnestly recommend the payment of the balance at as early a day as practicable.

The sum of one thousand dollars was also appropriated for the building of an engine house, and the same has been expended for that purpose, and a suitable building erected.

The Warden expresses his obligations both to the committee from the council and the inspectors for the support they have uniformly given him in his efforts to improve the general condition of the prison and its inmates.

For a statement of the financial affairs of the prison, I would respectfully refer you to the able report of the board of inspectors, herewith annexed.

WILLIAM BENNETT, *Warden.*

THOMASTON, December 31st, 1856.

STATE PRISON.

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

| 1856. | | | 1856. | | |
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| Mar. 17. | For stock and tools on hand, | \$8,113 54 | Dec. 31. | By stock and tools on hand, | \$12,041 48 |
| | For balance officers' salaries account, | 4,627 56 | | By balance blacksmiths' account, | 2,119 57 |
| | For balance team account, | 478 86 | | By wheelwrights' bal. account, | 1,275 78 |
| | For balance fuel and lights account, | 846 46 | | By balance shoemakers' account, | 2,089 20 |
| | For balance convicts discharged account, | 323 62 | | By balance basket-making account, | 519 75 |
| | For balance subsistence account, | 4,015 85 | | By bal. lime quarry account, | 832 53 |
| | For balance building and repairs acct., | 981 73 | | By balance visitors' fees account, | 118 05 |
| | For balance expense account, | 1,853 88 | | By balance, | 3,282 92 |
| | For balance clothing account, | 1,037 78 | | | |
| | | <u>\$22,279 28</u> | | | <u>\$22,279 28</u> |

WILLIAM BENNETT, *Warden.*

LINCOLN, SS.—December 31st, 1856.

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.*

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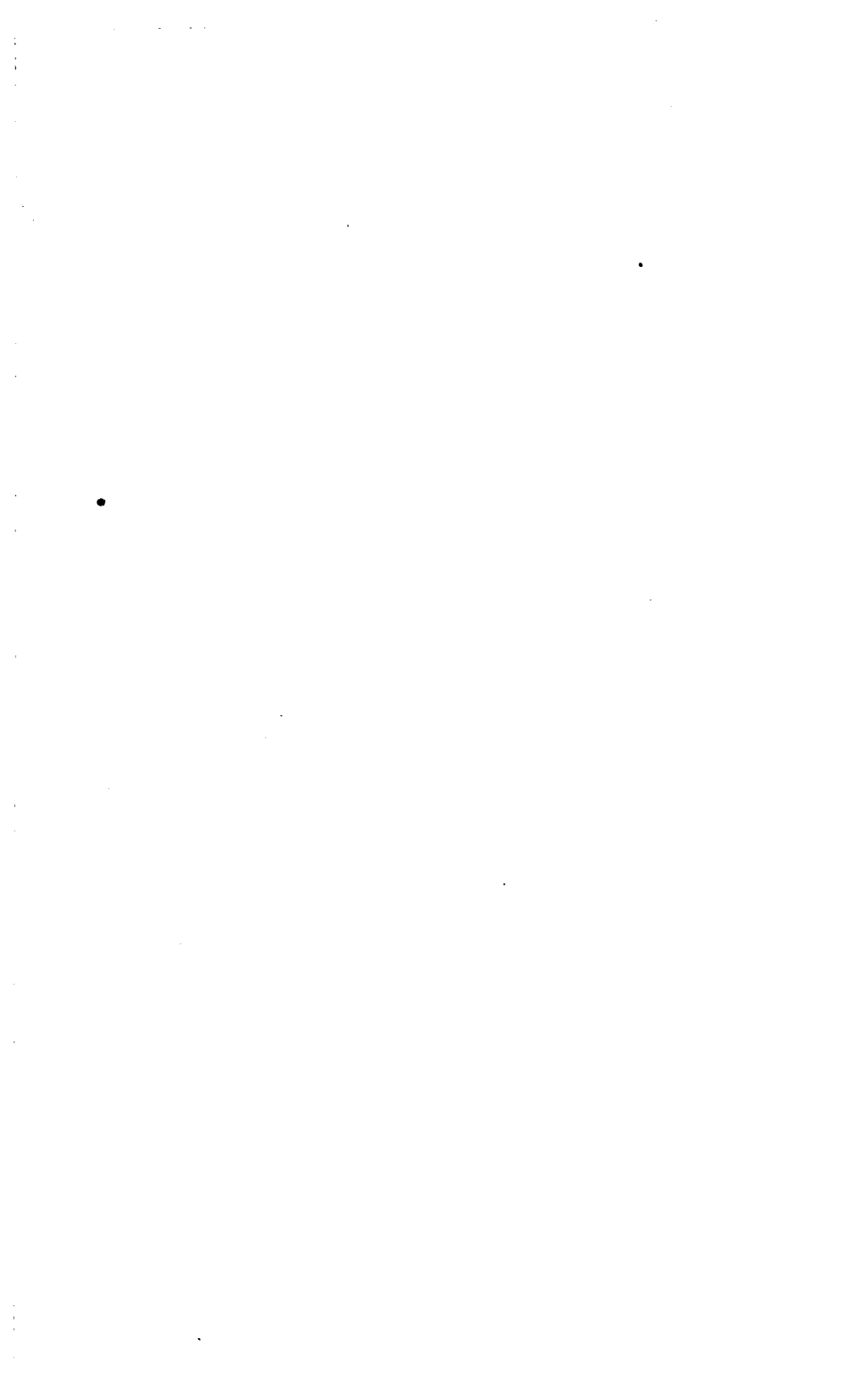
| County. | Names. | Sentence. | Crime. | When committed. | Place of Birth. | Age. | No. com. |
|---------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------|----------|
| Waldo, | Alexander, James, | 5 years, | Larceny, | Jan. 23, 1854, | Hampden, | 54 | 4 |
| do. | Baker, Asa, | 2 do. | do. | May 31, 1856, | Unity, | 17 | 1 |
| Hancock, | Beckett, Robert, | 5 do. | do. | Feb. 1, 1853, | Ireland, | 28 | 2 |
| Cumberland, | Brown, James, | 1 do. | Burglary, | Aug. 19, 1856, | Scotland, | 25 | 1 |
| Penobscot, | Burns, Richard, | 8 do. | Shopbreaking and larceny, | Sept. 1, 1856, | Enfield, | 22 | 1 |
| Cumberland, | Burns, John D., | 7 do. | Malicious burning, | Dec. 27, 1856, | Nova Scotia, | 20 | 1 |
| do. | Burns, Samuel, | 3 do. | do. | Dec. 27, 1856, | do. | 18 | 1 |
| York, | Brown, Jackson, | 4 do. | Larceny, | Oct. 19, 1854, | New York, | 19 | 1 |
| Washington, | Brigham, John, | 2 do. | Assault to ravish, | Jan. 11, 1855, | Ireland, | 40 | 1 |
| Sagadahoc, | Burnham, James, | 2 do. | Larceny, | Aug. 24, 1855, | Edgecomb, | 23 | 1 |
| Penobscot, | Conner, Ezra, | Life, | Murder—second degree, | Nov. 13, 1846, | Tuftenborough, | 42 | 1 |
| Lincoln, | Carpenter, George W., | 7 do. | Larceny, | March 16, 1852, | Phippsburg, | 22 | 1 |
| Penobscot, | Cilley, Charles, | 5 do. | do. | Dec. 18, 1852, | Atkinson, | 21 | 2 |
| Lincoln, | Cilley, John, | 4 do. | do. | Oct. 6, 1854, | New Hampshire, | 27 | 1 |
| York, | Chase, Lemuel G., | 3 do. | Adultery, | April 27, 1854, | Phillips, | 28 | 1 |
| do. | Collins, George H., | 6 do. | Larceny, | April 27, 1854, | Barnstead, | 26 | 1 |
| Cumberland, | Conly, Martin, | Life, | Murder, | Dec. 29, 1854, | Ireland, | 30 | 1 |
| Kennebec, | Chute, Oliver H., | 6 do. | Burglary and larceny, | Sept. 26, 1854, | Poland, | 30 | 1 |
| York, | Clough, Loren S., | 3 do. | Larceny, | April 19, 1855, | Fayette, | 28 | 1 |
| Sagadahoc, | Cripps, Charles, | Life, | Murder—second degree, | Sept. 13, 1855, | Brunswick, | 42 | 1 |
| Aroostook, | Dow, Mary Ann, | 3 do. | Arson, | Oct. 9, 1854, | New Brunswick, | 23 | 1 |
| Kennebec, | Dunton, Samuel, | 2 do. | Larceny, | Sept. 25, 1855, | Wiscasset, | 18 | 1 |
| Penobscot, | Dunroe, Michael, | 20 yrs. 30 days, | Obstructing Railroad, | Sept. 1, 1856, | Ireland, | 21 | 1 |
| Androscoggin, | Edwards, Collins, | Life, | Rape, | Sept. 16, 1854, | Gorham, | 39 | 1 |
| Lincoln, | Edgerly, Cyrus, | 3 years, | Larceny, | Oct. 6, 1854, | Sebec, | 22 | 1 |
| do. | Erskine, James, 2d, | 2 do. | do. | Nov. 2, 1855, | Bristol, | 27 | 1 |
| Kennebec, | Fellows, Russell S., | 10 do. | Assault to ravish, | Oct. 29, 1851, | Winthrop, | 25 | 2 |
| Penobscot, | Fox, Patrick, | 2 do. | Larceny, | Jan. 11, 1855, | Ireland, | 22 | 1 |
| Washington, | Foy, Edmund, | 2 do. | Shopbreaking, | Oct. 27, 1856, | Prince Edw'ds Isl., | 33 | 1 |
| Cumberland, | Farr, John, | 2 do. | Larceny, | Dec. 26, 1856, | Dedham, | 35 | 1 |
| do. | Farrine, Ann, | 4 do. | Notorious thief, | Dec. 27, 1856, | Cape Elizabeth, | 19 | 1 |
| Washington, | George, Lemuel, | 1 do. | Larceny, | Jan. 28, 1856, | Calais, | 23 | 1 |
| Penobscot, | Gove, W. W., | 5 do. | Storebreaking and larceny, | Sept. 1, 1856, | Passadumkeag, | 19 | 1 |
| Cumberland, | Gould, Josiah G., | 1 do. | Malicious burning, | Dec. 37, 1856, | Portland, | 18 | 1 |
| do. | Getchell, Benjamin, | Life, | Robbery, | Dec. 2, 1852, | Wiscasset, | 43 | 2 |

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| County. | Names. | Sentence. | Crime. | When committed. | Place of Birth. | Age. | No. com. |
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| Washington, | Hopper, George, | 1 yr. 6 mos., | Larceny, | Jan. 28, 1856, | England, | 48 | 1 |
| Franklin, | Howe, John, | 2 years, | do. | Nov. 12, 1856, | Clinton, Vt., | 25 | 1 |
| Androscoggin, | Hutchings, Charles H., | 10 do. | Arson, | May 23, 1856, | Frankfort, | 23 | 1 |
| Oxford, | Hale, John, | 6 do. | Larceny, | Dec. 11, 1856, | Waterford, | 67 | 1 |
| do. | Higgins, Edmund, | Life, | Rape, | June 6, 1850, | Denmark, | 40 | 2 |
| Cumberland, | Hickey, Charles, | 6 do. | Larceny, | Dec. 22, 1852, | East Machias, | 35 | 2 |
| York, | Haskell, William E., | 17 do. | do. | Oct. 26, 1853, | Unity, | 19 | 2 |
| Waldo, | Hardy, John, | 5 do. | do. | Jan. 20, 1853, | Nova Scotia, | 22 | 1 |
| Androscoggin, | Jackson, Charles G., | 4 do. | Adultery, | Feb. 16, 1856, | Winthrop, | 38 | 1 |
| York, | Kittredge, Joseph, | 6 do. | Larceny, | Oct. 19, 1854, | Haverhill, | 42 | 1 |
| Waldo, | Knowlton, Hozea, | 3 do. | do. | Jan. 11, 1855, | Appleton, | 24 | 2 |
| Androscoggin, | Kelton, Charles T., | 3 do. | Passing counterfeit money, | May 5, 1853, | Warwick, | 43 | 1 |
| Somerset, | Livingston, George, | 3 do. | Larceny, | Jan. 10, 1856, | England, | 27 | 2 |
| Hancock, | Lufkin, James, | 2 do. | do. | Nov. 13, 1856, | Sedgwick, | 29 | 1 |
| Lincoln, | Murray, Alexander, | 5 do. | do. | Dec. 8, 1852, | England, | 30 | 2 |
| Cumberland, | Marshall, William, | 4 do. | do. | Dec. 28, 1855, | Portland, | 27 | 3 |
| Washington, | Maxwell, Joseph H., | 5 do. | Shopbreaking, | May 8, 1854, | Dover, | 50 | 1 |
| Aroostook, | Matthews, James, | To be hanged. | Murder, | Oct. 9, 1854, | Virginia, | 54 | 1 |
| Hancock, | Magrath, John, | 6 do. | Larceny, | Nov. 2, 1854, | England, | 46 | 1 |
| Cumberland, | McLaughlin, James, | 3 do. | do. | Sept. 22, 1855, | Ireland, | 19 | 1 |
| do. | Makin, Luke, | 5 do. | Malicious burning, | Dec. 27, 1856, | Portland, | 18 | 1 |
| do. | Morton, John, | 1 do. | Pocket picking, | Aug. 19, 1856, | Ireland, | 19 | 1 |
| Penobscot, | McKinney, Wallis, | 2 do. | Counterfeiting, | Sept. 1, 1856, | Hollis, | 42 | 3 |
| do. | Pio, Margaret, | 1 do. | Adultery, | March 5, 1856, | Penobscot, | 28 | 1 |
| do. | Parks, Pizarro, | 2 do. | Burglary, | March 5, 1856, | Sturbridge, Mass., | 42 | 1 |
| Washington, | Palmer, Jacob, | 1 do. | Maiming—by shooting, | Oct. 27, 1856, | Buxton, | 44 | 1 |
| Cumberland, | Pendergast, Isaac, | 7 do. | Malicious burning, | Dec. 27, 1856, | Eastport, | 19 | 1 |
| do. | Ploughman, George, | Life, | Murder—sent. commuted, | Jan. 11, 1850, | England, | 59 | 1 |
| do. | Pero, Charles H., | 4 do. | Larceny, | Dec. 15, 1854, | Westport, | 19 | 1 |
| do. | Payton, Thomas, | 4 do. | do. | Aug. 28, 1855, | Halifax, | 25 | 1 |
| Kennebec, | Robbards, James, | 4 do. | do. | Jan. 10, 1856, | Guilford, | 39 | 1 |
| Penobscot, | Recknor, George, | 1 do. | do. | Sept. 1, 1856, | Germany, | 50 | 1 |
| York, | Rice, Thomas, | 4 do. | do. | Oct. 11, 1856, | Saco, | 27 | 1 |
| Cumberland, | Riddle, Thomas C., | 5 do. | do. | Dec. 27, 1856, | Scotland, | 30 | 1 |
| Penobscot, | Rollins, Benjamin, | Life, | Rape, | Nov. 28, 1851, | New Sharon, | 45 | 1 |

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|-------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----|---|
| Lincoln, | Richards, Nathan, | 15 years, | Shopbreaking and larceny, | Aug. 18, 1852, | Wayne, | 36 | 4 |
| York, | Rogers, William, | 7 do. | Malicious burning, | Oct. 19, 1854, | Buxton, | 23 | 1 |
| Penobscot, | Smith, Oliver C., | 2 do. | Burglary, | March 5, 1856, | Missouri, Pike co., | 23 | 1 |
| Cumberland, | Smith, William, | Life, | Assault to ravish, | Aug. 19, 1856, | Cabot, | 25 | 1 |
| Somerset, | Smith, Daniel, | 3 years, | Assault to maim, | Oct. 11, 1856, | Rome, | 21 | 1 |
| Kennebec, | Shaw, John R., | 10 years, | Arson, | May 25, 1850, | Augusta, | 38 | 1 |
| Lincoln, | Stowell, Henry S., | 12 do. | Shopbreaking and larceny, | Aug. 18, 1852, | Norwich, | 22 | 2 |
| Washington, | Smith, David, | 6 do. | Assault to ravish, | Oct. 14, 1852, | Ireland, | 19 | 1 |
| York, | Smith, William B., | To be hanged, | Murder, | Feb. 11, 1855, | Hyde Park, | 24 | 1 |
| Somerset, | Smith, Elliot R., | 2 years, | Larceny, | July 3, 1855, | Parkman, | 18 | 1 |
| Cumberland, | Smith, William H., | 4 do. | do. | Aug. 28, 1855, | New London, | 21 | 1 |
| Washington, | Scott, Timothy, | 2 do. | do. | Jan. 11, 1855, | Ireland, | 25 | 1 |
| Penobscot, | Staples, Esther, | 3 do. | Adultery, | April 18, 1855, | Kirkland, | 24 | 1 |
| Kennebec, | Thomas, B. F., | 2 do. | Larceny, | Sept. 17, 1856, | Waterville, | 18 | 1 |
| Cumberland, | Thorn, Thomas, | To be hanged, | Murder, | May 17, 1843, | Long Island, | 24 | 1 |
| York, | Tuttle, James W., | 12 years, | Breaking jail, &c., | Oct. 19, 1854, | Saco, | 29 | 1 |
| Hancock, | Vance, John, | 5 do. | Larceny, | Feb. 1, 1853, | Boston, | 18 | 1 |
| Penobscot, | Whitton, George W., | 2 do. | do. | Sept. 1, 1856, | Montville, | 18 | 1 |
| do. | Woodbine, Henry, | Life, | Burglary, | Nov. 14, 1850, | North Yarmouth, | 30 | 1 |
| do. | Watson, Alexander, | 3 do. | Larceny, | June 29, 1854, | England, | 20 | 2 |
| York, | Wilson, Robert, | 4 do. | do. | Oct. 19, 1854, | New York, | 22 | 1 |
| do. | Waters, John, | 10 do. | Assault to kill, | Oct. 6, 1855, | Ireland, | 21 | 1 |
| Waldo, | Connors, Samuel, | 5 do. | Adultery, | Dec. 30, 1851, | Cherryfield, | 37 | 1 |

INSPECTORS' REPORT.



REPORT.

*To the Hon. Governor and
Executive Council of the State of Maine :*

The Inspectors of the Maine State Prison would submit the following report :

There were confined in the prison, March 17, 1856, ninety-three; during the last nine months, twenty-eight have been received, fourteen discharged on expiration of sentence, twelve pardoned, one died and one escaped.

On assuming our duties we found four females confined in their cells, doing little or nothing. About the same time, our tailor was discharged, and upon examination, we found the bedding, clothing, &c., of the prisoners in a bad state. We therefore recommended the Warden to finish a shop, employ an overseer, and set them at work. He in his usually prompt manner at once accomplished it, and we are happy to state, it has been a good operation, for the bedding, which was in a bad state, having had no repairs for the year previous, has been thoroughly overhauled, and is now in good repair—in addition to this the prisoners' clothing has been all made in the shop.

We are satisfied the affairs of the prison are now in as good a state as they ever have been, and great credit is due Mr. Bennett, the present Warden, for the management of the same generally, as also for his admirable discipline, which we are happy to state is at this time all that the most fastidious could wish.

For the financial standing of the prison we would refer you to the tables annexed. Our footings do not show in some cases, so large balances as those of our predecessors, owing in part to forced balances, as in the shoe making department, they put down their earnings as commencing April 1st., 1855,

when they cover all, from February 4th, 1855, making a difference of four hundred and forty dollars in this one department.

We have endeavored in taking account of stock, to appraise things at their cash value as near as we could, and in very many cases, appraised articles lower than our predecessors; for instance, a pile of lime rock, that they called eight thousand four hundred casks, we called the same pile one thousand casks, wishing to give the state of the prison as it exists, instead of valuing things at two or three times their value, to make it appear that the prison is getting rich, when in fact such is not the case.

We are at a loss to know how the bedding, clothing, &c., which was valued April 1st, 1855, at five hundred dollars, should, after being worn nine months, be worth one thousand four hundred dollars, and no more surplus clothing on hand December 31st, than there was April 1st. With such appraisals, and such reports as these, staring us in the face, it is very hard work to come at the true state of things.

We visited Augusta in March last, and recommended to the committee on State Prison affairs, an appropriation of ten thousand dollars to pay the outstanding debts of the prison. The committee thought favorably of making the appropriation, but on account of the low state of the finances of the State, they appropriated only five thousand dollars. We would therefore recommend an appropriation of five thousand dollars to free the prison from debt, as many of the debts are overdue, and ought to be paid.

The instrument of the "inquisition" or thumb screw operation," we upon reflection abolished, believing it not to be humane to adopt a system of punishment known only in the dark ages, and adopted only by monarchical governments of the worst form. To give you an idea, we quote from the report of the Warden of last year:

"A careful examination of the subject of solitary confinement in cold damp cells, as a punishment for misdemeanors in prison, has led to the conviction that its effects on man's physical organism is highly deleterious; and the inquiry naturally suggested itself, whether some other mode, free from this objection and equally effective, could not

be adopted? Due reflection has led to the introduction of the following: A cell is prepared with an eye bolt protruding from the covering, through which as a pulley, runs an iron chain. To one end of this chain the hand cuffs of the subject are fastened, and the drawing down of the other end, extends the arms upward to any required distance. It will readily be seen that this punishment may be severe or not, at the option of him who inflicts it. So far as this experiment has been tried, it has proved perfectly satisfactory, subduing the most turbulent spirits in less than two hours time, giving the State the benefit of their labor, and themselves the satisfaction of knowing that their sentences are still advancing, which would not be the case were they in solitary."

In each of the departments of labor, the convicts manifest a due degree of industry, and subordination to all the wholesome discipline required by the laws and regulations of the prison, and are generally well satisfied with the mild and gentle treatment of the Warden and his gentlemanly deputy, to whom, together with the other officers of the prison, our thanks are due for the gentlemanly manner in which they have always received us on our visits, as also for information respecting their different departments, which has always been readily given.

ATHERTON W. CLARK, }
SETH O'BRIEN, } *Inspectors.*

CONVICTS.

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|---------|
| Number of convicts January 1, 1856, | 89 | Whole number received since July | |
| Received since, | 36 | 2, 1824, | 1,186 |
| | 125 | Discharged on expiration of sen- | 845 |
| Discharged on expiration of sen- | | tence, | |
| tence, | 17 | Discharged on writ of error, | 1 |
| Pardoned, | 13 | Pardoned, | 205 |
| Died, | 1 | Died, | 29 |
| Escaped and not re-taken, | 1 | Escaped and not re-taken, | 9 |
| | — | Removed to Insane Hospital, | 4 |
| Remaining December 31, 1856, | 93 | Present number December 31, | |
| | | 1856, | 93 |
| | | | — 1,186 |

CRIMES.

| | | | |
|----------------------------|----|--------------------------------|----|
| Larceny, | 43 | Shopbreaking and larceny, | 4 |
| Rape, | 3 | Assault with intent to ravish, | 4 |
| Arson, | 3 | Assault to maim, | 1 |
| Obstructing railroad, | 1 | Assault to kill, | 1 |
| Burglary, | 4 | Adultery, | 5 |
| Passing counterfeit money, | 1 | Robbery, | 1 |
| Shopbreaking, | 2 | Storebreaking and larceny, | 1 |
| Murder, | 4 | Breaking jail, &c., | 1 |
| Murder—second degree, | 2 | Maiming by shooting, | 1 |
| Murder—sentence commuted, | 1 | Counterfeiting, | 1 |
| Notorious thief, | 1 | Pocket picking, | 1 |
| Burglary and larceny, | 1 | | — |
| Malicious burning, | 6 | Aggregate, | 93 |

Employment of Convicts December 31, 1856.

| | | | |
|----------------|----|-------------------|----|
| In Smith Shop, | 10 | Making baskets, | 16 |
| On contract, | 28 | Waiters, | 2 |
| Wheelwrights, | 20 | Lumpers, | 4 |
| Tailors, | 5 | Sick in Hospital, | 4 |
| Cooks, | 2 | | — |
| Washers, | 2 | Aggregate, | 93 |

Nationality of Convicts December 31, 1856.

| | | | |
|---------------|----|----------------|----|
| From Ireland, | 10 | From Denmark, | 1 |
| Scotland, | 2 | United States, | 67 |
| England, | 6 | | — |
| Provinces, | 6 | Aggregate, | 93 |
| Germany, | 1 | | |

Sex and Color of Convicts.

| | | | |
|--------------|----|----------------|----|
| White Males, | 86 | White Females, | 4 |
| Negro | 3 | Aggregate, | 93 |

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures in the various Departments from March 17, 1856, to Dec. 31, 1856.

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|--|------------|------------|
| <i>Wheelwright Department.</i> | | | |
| 1856. | | | |
| March 17. | For stock and tools on hand, . . . | \$2,734 70 | |
| | For charges to department since, . . . | 3,679 77 | |
| | | | \$6,414 47 |
| Dec. 31. | By stock and tools on hand, . . . | 3,656 22 | |
| | By credits to department, . . . | 4,955 55 | |
| | | | 8,611 77 |
| | Balance in favor of department, . . . | - | 2,197 30 |
| — | | | |
| <i>Shoemaking Department.</i> | | | |
| 1856. | | | |
| March 17. | For stock and tools on hand, . . . | - | 195 00 |
| Dec. 31. | By stock and tools on hand, . . . | 300 00 | |
| | By credit to department, . . . | 2,089 20 | |
| | | | 2,389 20 |
| | Balance in favor of department, . . . | - | 2,194 20 |
| — | | | |
| <i>Blacksmithing Department.</i> | | | |
| 1856. | | | |
| March 17. | For stock and tools on hand, . . . | 2,106 88 | |
| | For charges to department since, . . . | 1,268 72 | |
| | | | 3,375 60 |
| Dec. 31. | By stock and tools on hand, . . . | 1,833 46 | |
| | By credit to department, . . . | 3,236 35 | |
| | | | 5,069 81 |
| | Balance in favor of department, . . . | - | 1,694 21 |
| — | | | |
| <i>Basketmaking Department.</i> | | | |
| 1856. | | | |
| March 17. | For stock and tools on hand, . . . | 846 49 | |
| | For charges to department since, . . . | 93 16 | |
| | | | 939 65 |
| Dec. 31. | By stock and tools on hand, . . . | 576 38 | |
| | By credit to department, . . . | 764 64 | |
| | | | 1,341 02 |
| | Balance in favor of department, . . . | - | 401 37 |
| — | | | |
| <i>Lime Quarry.</i> | | | |
| 1856. | | | |
| March 17. | For stock and tools on hand, . . . | 333 24 | |
| | For charges to department since, . . . | 236 76 | |
| | | | 570 00 |
| Dec. 31. | By stock and tools on hand, . . . | 1,462 40 | |
| | By credit to department, . . . | 1,068 29 | |
| | | | 2,530 69 |
| | Balance in favor of department, . . . | - | \$1,960 69 |

Receipts and Expenditures—(Continued.)

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| | | <i>Team Department.</i> | | |
| 1856. | | | | |
| March 17. | For stock and tools on hand, | | \$193 50 | |
| | For charges to department since, | | 578 69 | |
| | | | | \$772 19 |
| Dec. 31. | By stock and tools on hand, | | 364 50 | |
| | By credit to department, | | 99 83 | |
| | | | | 464 33 |
| | Balance against department, | | - | 307 86 |
| | | <i>Subsistence Department.</i> | | |
| 1856. | | | | |
| March 17. | For stock on hand, | | 533 43 | |
| | For charges to department since, | | 4,451 11 | |
| | | | | 4,984 54 |
| Dec. 31. | By stock on hand, | | 774 63 | |
| | By credit to department, | | 435 26 | |
| | | | | 1,209 89 |
| | Balance against department, | | - | 3,774 65 |
| | | <i>Fuel and Lights Department.</i> | | |
| 1856. | | | | |
| March 17. | For stock on hand, | | 201 25 | |
| | For charges to department since, | | 846 46 | |
| | | | | 1,047 71 |
| Dec. 31. | By stock on hand, | | - | 525 64 |
| | Balance against department, | | - | 522 07 |
| | | <i>Clothing Department.</i> | | |
| 1856. | | | | |
| March 17. | For stock on hand, | | 502 86 | |
| | For charges to department, | | 1,233 53 | |
| | | | | 1,736 39 |
| Dec. 31. | By stock on hand, | | 1,291 56 | |
| | By credit to department, | | 195 75 | |
| | | | | 1,487 31 |
| | Balance against department, | | - | 249 08 |
| | | <i>Expense Account Department.</i> | | |
| 1856. | | | | |
| March 17. | For stock on hand, | | 458 19 | |
| | For charge to department since, | | 1,853 88 | |
| | | | | \$2,312 07 |
| Dec. 31. | By stock on hand, | | | 1,120 90 |
| | Balance against department, | | - | \$1,191 17 |

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures not included in the foregoing.

| | | | |
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| 1856. | Received from the state treasury, . . . | \$11,825 00 | |
| | visitors, . . . | 118 05 | |
| | old accounts, . . . | 49 85 | |
| | | | \$11,992 90 |
| | Expended for officers' salaries from March 17, 1856, to December 31, 1856, . . . | \$4,627 56 | |
| | Expended for convicts discharged, . . . | 323 62 | |
| | building engine house, . . . | 1,420 17 | |
| | building and repairs, . . . | 850 04 | |
| | payment of old accounts, . . . | 2,297 40 | |
| | payment of notes and interest, . . . | 2,756 64 | |
| | | | 12,275 43 |
| | | | \$282 53 |

Statement of Stock and Tools.

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| 1856. | | | |
| March 17. | Amount of stock and tools, . . . | | \$8,113 54 |
| Dec. 31. | Amount in wheelwright department, . . . | \$3,656 22 | |
| | shoemaking do. . . | 300 00 | |
| | blacksmithing do. . . | 1,833 45 | |
| | basket making do. . . | 576 38 | |
| | lime quarry do. . . | 1,462 40 | |
| | team do. . . | 364 50 | |
| | subsistence, do. . . | 774 63 | |
| | fuel and lights do. . . | 525 64 | |
| | clothing, do. . . | 1,291 56 | |
| | expense, do. . . | 1,120 90 | |
| | building & repairs do. . . | 135 79 | |
| | | | 12,041 48 |
| | | | \$3,927 94 |

Recapitulation of Balances in the Different Departments.

| | | | |
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| | Balance in favor of wheelwright department, . . . | \$2,197 30 | |
| | shoemaking do. . . | 2,194 29 | |
| | blacksmith do. . . | 1,694 21 | |
| | basket making do. . . | 401 37 | |
| | lime quarry do. . . | 1,960 69 | |
| | | | \$8,447 77 |
| | Balance against team department, . . . | 307 86 | |
| | subsistence department, . . . | 3,774 65 | |
| | fuel and lights do. . . | 522 07 | |
| | clothing do. . . | 249 08 | |
| | expense do. . . | 1,191 17 | |
| | | | 6,044 83 |
| | Balance in favor of income, . . . | | \$2,402 94 |

STATE PRISON.

Statement of Notes and Accounts.

| | | | |
|-----------|--|------------|------------|
| 1856. | | | |
| March 17. | Amount due from individuals on notes and accounts, | \$1,568 62 | |
| | Amount due to individuals on notes and accounts, | 10,171 38 | |
| | | | \$8,602 76 |
| 1856. | | | |
| Dec. 31. | Amount due from individuals on notes and accounts, | \$2,934 91 | |
| | Amount due to individuals on notes and accounts, | 9,434 20 | |
| | Prison owes this amount over debts due, | . | \$6,499 29 |

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.



REPORT.

To the Inspectors of the Maine State Prison:

GENTLEMEN:—With the close of the year, it becomes my duty as physician to that institution, to make my annual report to you of its sanitary condition.

My labors as physician commenced June 1st, 1856; and hence you will perceive that I have not been quite a year at the prison.

The health of the convicts has generally been good. There have been but two cases of typhoid fever, and those were of a mild type. During the summer months, acute diarrhea, dysentery, &c., have prevailed, as is usual at that season of the year; but they all readily yielded to prompt and energetic treatment. We also had one case of *coup de soleil*; a quarryman working out in the hot sun of July was thus stricken down. They were obliged to discontinue operations in the quarry department, on account of the heat, for a number of days. The quarry is so situated as to concentrate the rays of the sun, and therefore such casualties are sometimes unavoidable—they can only be prevented by the timely removal of the men.

Since cold weather commenced, the health of those confined here has been better; but a few “lay in,” and those are mostly troubled with *rheumatism*, in its different forms. Quite a number have been kept from labor on account of abscesses forming on the hands. Samuel Conners, who had been confined to his cell for the last year or more, (the greater part of his time,) has, for the most part of my term of duty, been out, and is now doing active labor.

There are several cases of chronic disease, most of which were contracted before entering this prison; some of them are

assuming a milder form—no doubt owing a great deal to the strict diet and regimen to which they are subjected. They for the most part perform a certain amount of labor. There is one case of confirmed phthisis. Ezra Canney has now been confined to his cell for the last four months, and in all probability will never be much better. His cough is bad, and his expectoration is enormous.

During the time I have been on duty, but one death has occurred, and that was from suicide. Joseph J. Brown, who was committed to the prison for the murder of his wife, was probably driven by compunctions of conscience to commit this deed. He accomplished his object with a piece of looking-glass, which he removed from the frame which he had in his cell. The incision was on the right side of the neck, and about two inches in length, severing entirely the *external jugular vein*. A coroner's inquest was held, and a verdict rendered in accordance with the above facts.

It is believed that for general good health and for freedom from disease, that this institution will compare favorably with any of a like character in this country. It requires a large portion of the officers' time to keep the inmates clean, for the most of them seem to have a desire to neglect personal cleanliness entirely; the fine opportunities they have for bathing they would avoid if permitted.

I return my thanks to the Warden, for his kind attentions and good feelings towards those unfortunate men over whom he is placed, and for the consideration with which he has treated my every wish. To the Deputy Warden I am also under great obligations; and to all of the subordinate officers of the prison.

Very respectfully submitted.

H. C. LEVENSALER,

Physician to the Maine State Prison.

THOMASTON, January 1, 1857.