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OF THE

WARDEN AND INSPECTORS

OF THE

MAINE STATE PRISON,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1857.

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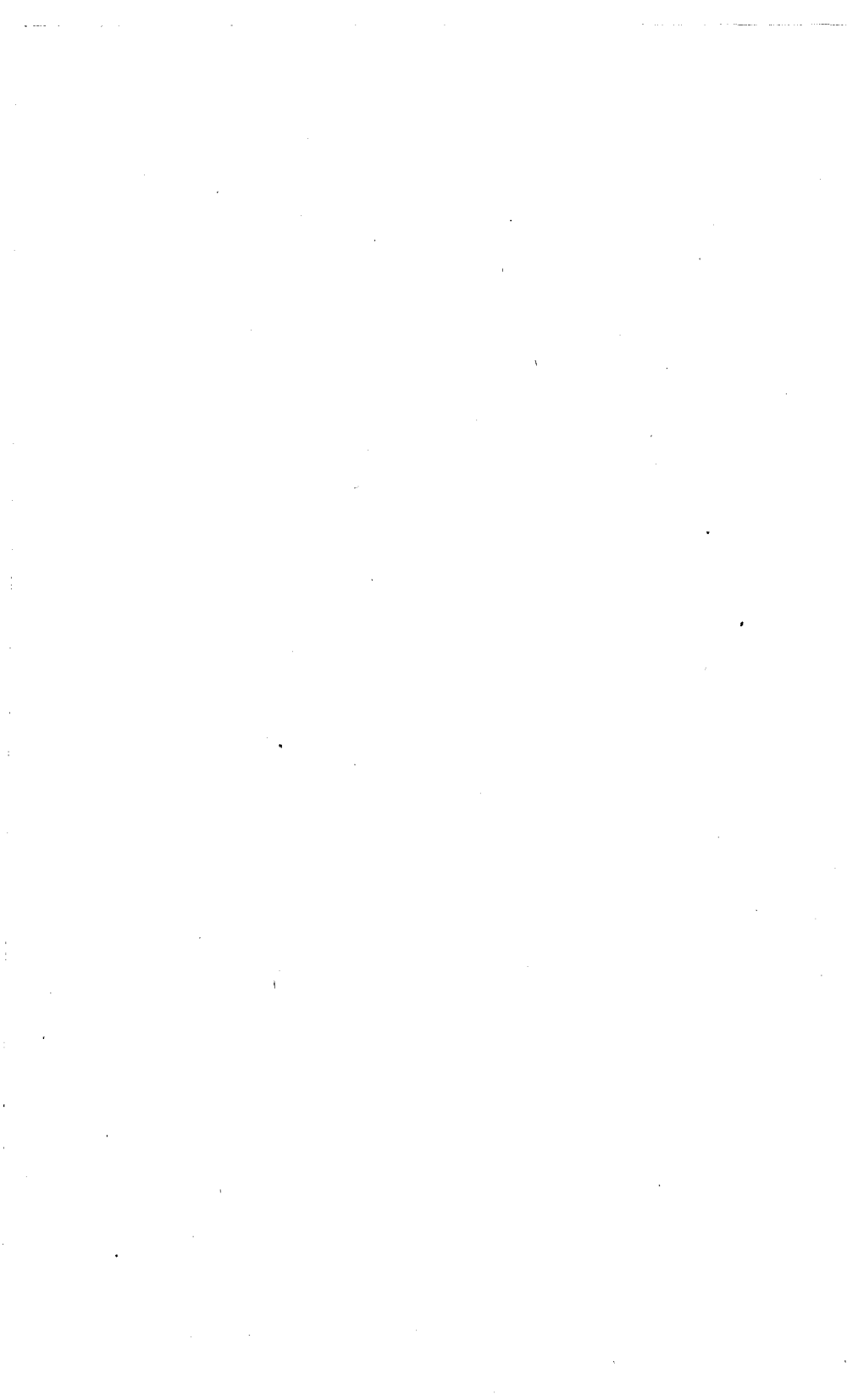
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WARDEN'S REPORT.

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# REPORT.

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

GENTLEMEN :—The Warden of the State Prison respectfully submits the following

## R E P O R T .

The problem, whether the Prison ever has, or can be made to support itself, has long since been solved. The numerous appropriations made from time to time to meet its expenses, sufficiently demonstrate that up to the present time it never has supported itself. This point being conceded, then, that the Prison must necessarily be an expense to the State, wisdom would seem to dictate that its expenses be kept within such limits as shall comport with the times, and the due safety and welfare of the unfortunate beings for whom this Institution was provided. When I took charge of the Prison for the second time, on the 11th day of February last, I found in it 89 convicts. Since that time 51 more have been brought in, which, after deducting those who have left, increases the number to 113. This increase of number had to be met by an additional increase of force, which, with the crowded state of the shops, and the extreme pressure in financial matters, has had a tendency to increase, as would be expected, the expenses of the Prison.

The main Prison contains 108 cells, and with our present number of prisoners, five of them have to be confined in the Hospital. Should the number be much increased, as there is a strong indication at present, it will be impossible to receive them without building an additional number of cells. Indeed, it is not impossible that, within five years, we shall need accommodations for over 150 convicts. It is for you, gentlemen, to decide whether these accommodations shall be furnished now, or at a future day.

I effected a contract on the first day of April last, with Messrs. Adams & Allen, for the labor of 35 convicts, to be employed in the wheelwright business and its attendant branches, for a term of two years, to be renewed for one, two or three years, at their option, after the expiration of that time; also, a contract with Thomas O'Brien, Esq., for 35 to 50 convicts, to be employed in shoemaking for a term of three years, commencing the first day of January, 1858, to be renewed at his pleasure for two years after that time.

The old shoemaker's shop is only of sufficient capacity to work 35 men, and it is obvious that in order to carry out the contract to its fullest extent, an enlargement or re-building of the shop will be necessary. The only feasible method seems to be, to re-build on the site of the old shop, as this is the only suitable location within the walls of the Prison.

The business of basket making, resorted to some years since as a forlorn hope for the employment of such convicts as were unsuitable to be put to trades, is of very doubtful utility. The increasing scarcity of the raw material, for which cash must be paid, and the difficulty of disposing of the baskets when manufactured, which, if sold at all, must be sold at low rates, and for barter pay, renders it necessary to consider the question, whether some other method cannot be devised for their employment, and whether, if continued, it would not be equally profitable to the State, to have them lie idle in their cells.

It will be seen by reference to the tables of the Inspectors, that the old debt of \$10,000 against the Prison, found by examination of the Committee on the State Prison of the last Legislature, has been reduced to about \$4,600, and that if the officers' salaries for the last quarter had been paid by the State, as they would have been, but for want of funds, the actual accumulation of debts, for the time embraced in this report, would have been about \$950. As it is, the whole amount of indebtedness of the Prison, both old and new, is about \$7,500. It is necessary for me to say that this debt should be liquidated, as every honest man will see its propriety.

I will therefore recommend that an appropriation be made to pay this debt, and \$2,000 in addition, to pay in part for the subsistence of convicts during the coming year; and I would also suggest that it would be desirable to have the Committee on the State Prison



make their annual visit to the Prison as early in the session as practicable, that they may see for themselves what is needed.

Quite a large proportion of the convicts are now under contract, and when the manufactured articles, and other disposable stock in the departments shall have been disposed of, the common error of estimating articles 25 or 50 per cent. above their market value, to make the Prison appear in a prosperous condition, will have ceased to exist, and the true condition of the Prison made more fully to appear.

The conduct of the prisoners has been remarkably good, and but few slight punishments have been found necessary.

In closing this report, permit me to tender my regards to the Hon. Inspectors, the Chaplains, Physician, Deputy Warden, Clerk, and all the subordinate officers of the Prison, for their uniform promptness, efficiency and faithfulness, and the gentlemanly bearing which has marked all their intercourse with me in the discharge of their respective duties.

THOMAS W. HIX, *Warden.*

THOMASTON, December 31, 1857.

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

|                   |                                                 |             |                   |                                            |             |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1857.<br>Feb. 11. | For stock and tools for<br>commissioners,       | \$8,222 38  | 1857.<br>Dec. 31. | By stock and tools for<br>Inspectors,      | \$10,848 25 |
|                   | For balance of officers'<br>salaries account,   | 6,641 42    |                   | By balance of black-<br>smithing account,  | 1,632 80    |
|                   | For balance of team<br>account,                 | 1,459 09    |                   | By balance of wheel-<br>wright's account,  | 3,354 11    |
|                   | For balance of fuel and<br>lights account,      | 1,119 20    |                   | By balance of shoe-<br>making account,     | 2,680 80    |
|                   | For balance of convicts<br>discharged account,  | 363 60      |                   | By balance of basket-<br>making account,   | 446 93      |
|                   | For balance of subsist-<br>ence account,        | 7,342 60    |                   | By balance of lime<br>quarry account,      | 663 28      |
|                   | For balance of build-<br>ing and repairs acct., | 1,319 87    |                   | By balance fees from<br>visitors' account, | 42 37       |
|                   | For balance of expense<br>account,              | 981 03      |                   | By balance against,                        | 8,790 77    |
|                   | For balance of cloth-<br>ing account,           | 1,010 12    |                   |                                            |             |
|                   |                                                 | \$28,459 31 |                   |                                            | \$28,459 31 |

THOMAS W. HIX.

LINCOLN, SS.—December 31st, 1857.

Personally appeared, Thomas W. Hix, and made oath that the above account, by him subscribed, is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Before me,

ABNER RICE, *Justice of the Peace.*

## Convicts.

|                                       |     |                                  |       |
|---------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|-------|
| Number of convicts February 11, 1857, | 89  | Number received since July 2d,   |       |
| Received since, . . . . .             | 51  | 1824, . . . . .                  | 1,238 |
|                                       | —   | Discharged on expiration of sen- |       |
|                                       | 140 | tence, . . . . .                 | 863   |
| Discharged on expiration of sen-      |     | Discharged on writ of error,     | 1     |
| tence, . . . . .                      | 14  | Pardoned, . . . . .              | 216   |
| Pardoned, . . . . .                   | 10  | Died, . . . . .                  | 31    |
| Died, . . . . .                       | 2   | Escaped and not re-taken, .      | 10    |
| Escaped and not re-taken, .           | 1   | Removed to Insane hospital,      | 4     |
|                                       | —   |                                  | —     |
|                                       | 27  |                                  | 1,125 |
| Remaining December 31, 1857, .        | 113 | Present number Dec. 31, 1857,    | 113   |

## Crimes.

|                                      |    |                               |     |
|--------------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|-----|
| Larceny, . . . . .                   | 65 | Burglary, . . . . .           | 5   |
| Rape, . . . . .                      | 3  | Assault to ravish, . . . . .  | 3   |
| Arson, . . . . .                     | 8  | Assault to kill, . . . . .    | 1   |
| Murder, . . . . .                    | 5  | Assault to maim, . . . . .    | 1   |
| Obstructing railroad, . . . . .      | 1  | Adultery, . . . . .           | 5   |
| Forgery, . . . . .                   | 1  | Robbery, . . . . .            | 4   |
| Passing counterfeit money, . . . . . | 2  | Breaking jail, &c., . . . . . | 1   |
| Murder—second degree, . . . . .      | 1  | Manslaughter, . . . . .       | 1   |
| Murder—sentence commuted, . . . . .  | 1  |                               | —   |
| Shopbreaking, . . . . .              | 3  | Aggregate, . . . . .          | 113 |
| Malicious burning, . . . . .         | 2  |                               |     |

## Nationality.

|                            |    |                            |     |
|----------------------------|----|----------------------------|-----|
| From Ireland, . . . . .    | 15 | From England, . . . . .    | 1   |
| “ Scotland, . . . . .      | 1  | “ United States, . . . . . | 87  |
| “ New Brunswick, . . . . . | 9  |                            | —   |
|                            |    | Aggregate, . . . . .       | 113 |

## Sex and Color of Convicts.

|                        |     |                      |     |
|------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| White Males, . . . . . | 106 | Negroes, . . . . .   | 4   |
| “ Females, . . . . .   | 3   |                      | —   |
|                        |     | Aggregate, . . . . . | 113 |

Convicts in the State Prison December 31st, 1857.

| County.       | Names.               | Sentence. |      | Crimes.               | When Committed.  | Place of Birth.   | Age. | No. Com-<br>mittals. |
|---------------|----------------------|-----------|------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|------|----------------------|
|               |                      | Yeas.     | Mos. |                       |                  |                   |      |                      |
| Waldo,        | Alexander, James     | 5         |      | Larceny,              | Jan'y 23, 1854,  | Hampden,          | 54   | 4                    |
| Cumberland,   | Allen, Leonard       | 5         |      | do.                   | Dec. 12, 1857,   | Falmouth,         | 25   | 1                    |
| "             | Baldwin, Henry       | 1         |      | do.                   | Dec. 12, 1857,   | Ireland,          | 21   | 1                    |
| "             | Boardman, George     | 3         |      | do.                   | Dec. 12, 1857,   | Haverhill,        | 25   | 1                    |
| Waldo,        | Baker, Asa           | 2         |      | do.                   | May 31, 1856,    | Unity,            | 17   | 1                    |
| Hancock,      | Beckett, Robert      | 5         |      | do.                   | Feb'y 1, 1853,   | Ireland,          | 28   | 2                    |
| Penobscot,    | Burns, Richard       | 8         |      | do.                   | Sept. 1, 1856,   | Enfield,          | 22   | 1                    |
| Cumberland,   | Burns, John D.       | 7         |      | Malicious burning,    | Dec. 27, 1856,   | Nova Scotia,      | 20   | 1                    |
| "             | Burns, Samuel        | 3         |      | do.                   | Dec. 27, 1856,   | Nova Scotia,      | 18   | 1                    |
| Lincoln,      | Blaisdell, Thomas J. | 2         |      | Adultery,             | Nov. 3, 1857,    | Rome,             | 44   | 1                    |
| Hancock,      | Beals, Edward        | 10        |      | Arson,                | Nov. 19, 1857,   | Ellsworth,        | 50   | 1                    |
| Lincoln,      | Carpenter, George W. | 7         |      | Larceny,              | March 16, 1852,  | Phipsburg,        | 22   | 1                    |
| "             | Cilley, John         | 4         |      | do.                   | October 6, 1854, | New Hampshire,    | 27   | 1                    |
| York,         | Collins, George H.   | 6         |      | do.                   | April 27, 1854,  | Barnstead,        | 26   | 1                    |
| Cumberland,   | Conly, Martin        | Life.     |      | Murder,               | Dec. 29, 1854,   | Ireland,          | 30   | 1                    |
| Kennebec,     | Chute, Oliver H.     | 6         |      | Burglary and larceny, | Sept. 26, 1854,  | Poland,           | 30   | 1                    |
| York,         | Clough, Loren S.     | 3         |      | Larceny,              | April 19, 1855,  | Fayette,          | 28   | 1                    |
| Sagadahoc,    | Cripps, Charles      | Life.     |      | Murder—second degree, | Sept. 13, 1855,  | Brunswick,        | 42   | 1                    |
| Penobscot,    | Curren, Anthony      | Life.     |      | Arson,                | March 7, 1857,   | Ireland,          | 49   | 1                    |
| Cumberland,   | Carr, Edward         | 2         |      | Burglary,             | March 22, 1857,  | New Brunswick,    | 19   | 1                    |
| Oxford,       | Chandler, David      | 1         |      | Larceny,              | April 11, 1857,  | Chatham,          | 21   | 1                    |
| Penobscot,    | Caswell, William     | 4         |      | do.                   | August 20, 1857, | Middleboro',      | 21   | 1                    |
| Cumberland,   | Cart, Martin         | 4         |      | do.                   | Dec. 12, 1857,   | Ireland,          | 20   | 1                    |
| "             | Cunningham, William  | 2         |      | do.                   | Dec. 12, 1857,   | Halifax,          | 33   | 1                    |
| Penobscot,    | Dunroe, Michael      | 20        | 1    | Obstructing railroad, | Sept. 1, 1856,   | Ireland,          | 21   | 1                    |
| Kennebec,     | Drew, Martin         | 2         |      | Larceny,              | April 14, 1857,  | Augusta,          | 18   | 1                    |
| York,         | Durgin, John         | 2         |      | Forgery,              | April 28, 1857,  | Madison,          | 21   | 1                    |
| Somerset,     | Doyle, Michael       | 2         |      | Larceny,              | Oct. 15, 1857,   | Ireland,          | 21   | 1                    |
| Androscoggin, | Edwards, Collins     | Life.     |      | Rape,                 | Sept. 16, 1854,  | Gorham,           | 39   | 1                    |
| Penobscot,    | Elliott, William     | 8         |      | Larceny.              | March 7, 1857,   | Norridgewock,     | 24   | 2                    |
| Kennebec,     | Fellows, Russell S.  | 10        |      | Assault to ravish,    | Oct. 29, 1851,   | Winthrop,         | 25   | 2                    |
| Washington,   | Fey, Edmund          | 2         |      | Shopbreaking,         | Oct. 27, 1856,   | Prince Edward I., | 33   | 1                    |

|               |                       |              |                            |                  |                 |    |   |
|---------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----|---|
| Cumberland,   | Farren, Ann           | 4            | Notorious thief,           | Dec. 27, 1856,   | Cape Elizabeth, | 19 | 1 |
| Penobscot,    | Finn, Dennis          | 3            | Larceny,                   | March 7, 1857,   | Ireland,        | 32 | 1 |
| "             | Flannegan, Richard    | 2            | do.                        | March 7, 1857,   | Ireland,        | 25 | 1 |
| Cumberland,   | Hood, Alonzo          | 1            | Robbery,                   | Sept. 1, 1857,   | Hollis,         | 21 | 1 |
| York,         | Farnum, Charles       | 1            | Larceny,                   | Oct. 15, 1857,   | Alfred,         | 45 | 1 |
| Androscoggin, | Forest, Jno. H. M.    | 3            | do.                        | Oct. 24, 1857,   | New York,       | 24 | 1 |
| Oxford,       | Faulkner, Joseph H.   | 3            | do.                        | Nov. 28, 1857,   | Waterville,     | 19 | 1 |
| Penobscot,    | Gove, W. W.           | 5            | Storebreaking,             | Sept. 1, 1856,   | Passadumkeag,   | 19 | 1 |
| Cumberland,   | Getchell, Benjamin    | Life.        | Robbery,                   | Dec. 2, 1852,    | Wiscasset,      | 43 | 2 |
| Penobscot,    | Gove, J. Q. A.        | 10           | Larceny,                   | August 20, 1857, | Passadumkeag,   | 27 | 1 |
| "             | Glavin, James S.      | 5            | do.                        | August 20, 1857, | Boston,         | 22 | 1 |
| Franklin,     | Howe, John            | 2            | do.                        | Nov. 12, 1856,   | Clinton, Vt.,   | 25 | 1 |
| Androscoggin, | Hutchings, Charles H. | 10           | Arson,                     | May 23, 1856,    | Frankfort,      | 23 | 1 |
| Oxford,       | Hale, John            | 6            | Larceny,                   | Dec. 11, 1856,   | Waterford,      | 67 | 1 |
| "             | Higgins, Edmund       | Life.        | Rape,                      | June 6, 1850,    | Denmark,        | 40 | 2 |
| Cumberland,   | Hickey, Charles       | 6            | Larceny,                   | Dec. 22, 1852,   | East Machias,   | 35 | 2 |
| York,         | Haskell, William E.   | 17           | do.                        | Oct. 26, 1853,   | Unity,          | 19 | 2 |
| Waldo,        | Hardy, John           | 5            | do.                        | Jan'y 20, 1853,  | Nova Scotia,    | 22 | 1 |
| Kennebec,     | Hill, John, Jr.       | 2            | do.                        | April 14, 1857,  | Augusta,        | 21 | 1 |
| Cumberland,   | Hanscom, Alfred T.    | 3            | do.                        | Sept. 1, 1857,   | Roxbury,        | 22 | 1 |
| "             | Hodgkins, Edward      | 2            | do.                        | Dec. 12, 1857,   | Portland,       | 47 | 2 |
| Androscoggin, | Jordan, Barney        | Life.        | Burglary,                  | March 18, 1857,  | Ireland,        | 19 | 1 |
| Waldo,        | Jackson, Charles G.   | 4            | Adultery,                  | Feb'y 16, 1856,  | Winthrop,       | 38 | 1 |
| Androscoggin, | Knowlton, Hosea       | 3            | Larceny,                   | Jan'y 11, 1855,  | Appleton,       | 24 | 2 |
| Washington,   | Kilton, Charles T.    | 3            | Passing counterfeit money, | May 5, 1855,     | Warwick,        | 43 | 1 |
| Androscoggin, | Kershaw, Samuel       | 3            | Assault to kill,           | May 18, 1857,    | Ireland,        | 26 | 1 |
| Somerset,     | Knight, George        | To be hang'd | Murder,                    | Sept. 24, 1857,  | Poland,         | 40 | 1 |
| Hancock,      | Livingston, George    | 3            | Larceny,                   | Jan'y 10, 1856,  | England,        | 27 | 2 |
| Cumberland,   | Lufkins, James        | 2            | do.                        | Nov. 13, 1856,   | Sedgwick,       | 29 | 1 |
| Washington,   | Marshall, William     | 4            | do.                        | Aug. 28, 1855,   | Portland,       | 27 | 3 |
| Aroostook,    | Maxwell, Joseph H.    | 5            | Shopbreaking,              | May 8, 1854,     | Dover,          | 50 | 1 |
| Cumberland,   | Mathews, James        | To be hang'd | Murder,                    | October 9, 1854, | Virginia,       | 54 | 1 |
| "             | McLaughlin, James     | 3            | Larceny,                   | Sept. 22, 1855,  | Ireland,        | 19 | 1 |
| Penobscot,    | Makin, Luke           | 5            | Arson,                     | Dec. 27, 1856,   | Portland,       | 18 | 1 |
| "             | McKenney, Wallis      | 2            | Counterfeiting,            | Sept. 1, 1856,   | Hollis,         | 42 | 3 |
| Androscoggin, | Morrill, George W.    | 2            | Larceny,                   | March 7, 1857,   | Sebec,          | 38 | 1 |
| Somerset,     | Merritt, William      | 2            | do.                        | March 18, 1857,  | Eastport,       | 21 | 1 |
|               | Mott, Edward J.       | 7            | Manslaughter,              | April 11, 1857,  | Lebanon,        | 23 | 1 |

Convicts in the State Prison December 31st, 1857.

| County.     | Names.                   | Sentence. |      | Crimes.                   | When Committed.  | Place of Birth. | Age. | No. Com-<br>mittals. |
|-------------|--------------------------|-----------|------|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------|----------------------|
|             |                          | Years.    | Mos. |                           |                  |                 |      |                      |
| Kennebec,   | Murphy, John             | 2         |      | Larceny,                  | April 14, 1857,  | Winslow,        | 19   | 1                    |
| Penobscot,  | Miller, Charles, colored | 2         |      | do.                       | August 20, 1857, | Boston,         | 21   | 1                    |
| Cumberland, | McIntyre, Patrick        | 2         |      | Robbery,                  | Sept. 10, 1857,  | St. John,       | 16   | 1                    |
| "           | Pendegast, Isaac         | 7         |      | Arson,                    | Dec. 27, 1856,   | Eastport,       | 19   | 1                    |
| "           | Ploughman, George        | Life.     |      | Murder—sentence commuted, | Jan'y 11, 1850,  | England,        | 59   | 1                    |
| "           | Peyton, Thomas           | 4         |      | Larceny,                  | Aug. 28, 1855,   | Halifax,        | 25   | 1                    |
| Penobscot,  | Petty, Charles H.        | 2         |      | do.                       | March 7, 1857,   | Carmel,         | 23   | 1                    |
| Kennebec,   | Robbards, James          | 4         |      | do.                       | Jan'y 10, 1856,  | Guilford,       | 39   | 1                    |
| York,       | Rice, Thomas             | 4         |      | do.                       | Oct. 11, 1856,   | Saco,           | 27   | 1                    |
| Cumberland, | Riddle, Thomas C.        | 5         |      | do.                       | Dec. 27, 1856,   | Scotland,       | 30   | 1                    |
| Penobscot,  | Rollins, Benjamin        | Life.     |      | Rape,                     | Nov. 28, 1851,   | New Sharon,     | 45   | 1                    |
| Lincoln,    | Richards, Nathan         | 15        |      | Larceny,                  | August 18, 1852, | Wayne,          | 36   | 4                    |
| York,       | Rogers, William          | 7         |      | Arson,                    | Oct. 19, 1854,   | Buxton,         | 23   | 1                    |
| Penobscot,  | Reed, William H.         | 10        |      | Larceny,                  | March 7, 1857,   | Stetson,        | 19   | 1                    |
| "           | Ricker, Benjamin D.      | 4         |      | do.                       | August 20, 1857, | Monroe,         | 39   | 1                    |
| Cumberland, | Redington, Margaret      | 1         |      | Adultery,                 | Sept. 1, 1857,   | St. John,       | 21   | 1                    |
| "           | Ragan, Jeremiah          | 3         |      | Larceny,                  | Dec. 12, 1857,   | Ireland,        | 29   | 1                    |
| Lincoln,    | Rich, John               | 7         |      | do.                       | Nov. 3, 1857,    | Freeport,       | 24   | 1                    |
| Penobscot,  | Smith, Oliver C.         | 2         |      | Burglary,                 | March 5, 1856,   | Missouri,       | 23   | 1                    |
| Cumberland, | Smith, William           | Life.     |      | Assault to ravish,        | August 19, 1856, | Cabot,          | 25   | 2                    |
| Somerset,   | Smith, Daniel            | 3         |      | Assault to maim,          | Oct. 11, 1856,   | Rome,           | 21   | 1                    |
| Kennebec,   | Shaw, John, Jr.          | 10        |      | Arson,                    | May 25, 1850,    | Augusta,        | 38   | 1                    |
| Lincoln,    | Stowell, Henry S.        | 12        |      | Larceny,                  | August 18, 1852, | Norwich,        | 22   | 2                    |
| Washington, | Smith, David             | 6         |      | Assault to ravish,        | Oct. 14, 1852,   | Ireland,        | 19   | 1                    |
| York,       | Smith, William B.        | 4         |      | Murder,                   | Feb'y 11, 1855,  | Hyde Park,      | 24   | 1                    |
| Cumberland, | Smith, William H.        | 4         |      | Larceny,                  | August 28, 1855, | New London,     | 21   | 1                    |
| Penobscot,  | Staples, Esther          | 3         |      | Adultery,                 | April 18, 1855,  | Kirkland,       | 24   | 1                    |
| "           | Shaw, George, Jr.        | 4         |      | Robbery,                  | March 7, 1857,   | Bangor,         | 21   | 1                    |
| Somerset,   | Spaulding, John H.       | 4         |      | Larceny,                  | April 11, 1857,  | Kenton Gore,    | 23   | 1                    |
| Cumberland, | Stevenson, W. H.         | 1         |      | do.                       | Sept. 1, 1857,   | Portland,       | 23   | 1                    |
| "           | Sullivan, Moses          | 2         |      | do.                       | Sept. 1, 1857,   | Boston,         | 21   | 1                    |
| Kennebec,   | Studley, Ezekiel         | 11        |      | Arson,                    | Sept. 24, 1857,  | Bristol, L. I., | 54   | 2                    |

|             |                      |              |                     |                 |                 |    |   |
|-------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----|---|
| Kennebec,   | Thomas, Benjamin F.  | 2            | Larceny,            | Sept. 17, 1856, | Waterville,     | 18 | 1 |
| Cumberland, | Thorn, Thomas        | To be hang'd | Murder,             | May 17, 1843,   | Long Island,    | 24 | 1 |
| York,       | Tuttle, James W.     | 12           | Breaking jail, &c., | Oct. 19, 1854,  | Saco,           | 29 | 1 |
| Cumberland, | Thompson, John       | 5            | Adultery,           | Sept. 1, 1857,  | Ireland,        | 37 | 1 |
| Hancock,    | Thompson, Charles F. | 1            | Larceny,            | Nov. 19, 1857,  | Canaan,         | 25 | 1 |
| Cumberland, | Todd, Jeremiah       | 2            | do.                 | Dec. 12, 1857,  | Freeport,       | 37 | 1 |
| Hancock,    | Vance, John          | 5            | do.                 | Feb'y 1, 1853,  | Boston,         | 18 | 1 |
| Penobscot,  | Whitton, George W.   | 2            | do.                 | Sept. 1, 1856,  | Montville,      | 18 | 1 |
| Cumberland, | Whitehouse, Charles  | 5            | do.                 | Sept. 1, 1857,  | Boston,         | 27 | 1 |
| Penobscot,  | Woodbine, Henry      | Life.        | Burglary,           | Nov. 14, 1850,  | North Yarmouth, | 30 | 1 |
| "           | Wheeler, Samuel      | 2            | Larceny,            | March 7, 1857,  | Canaan,         | 47 | 3 |





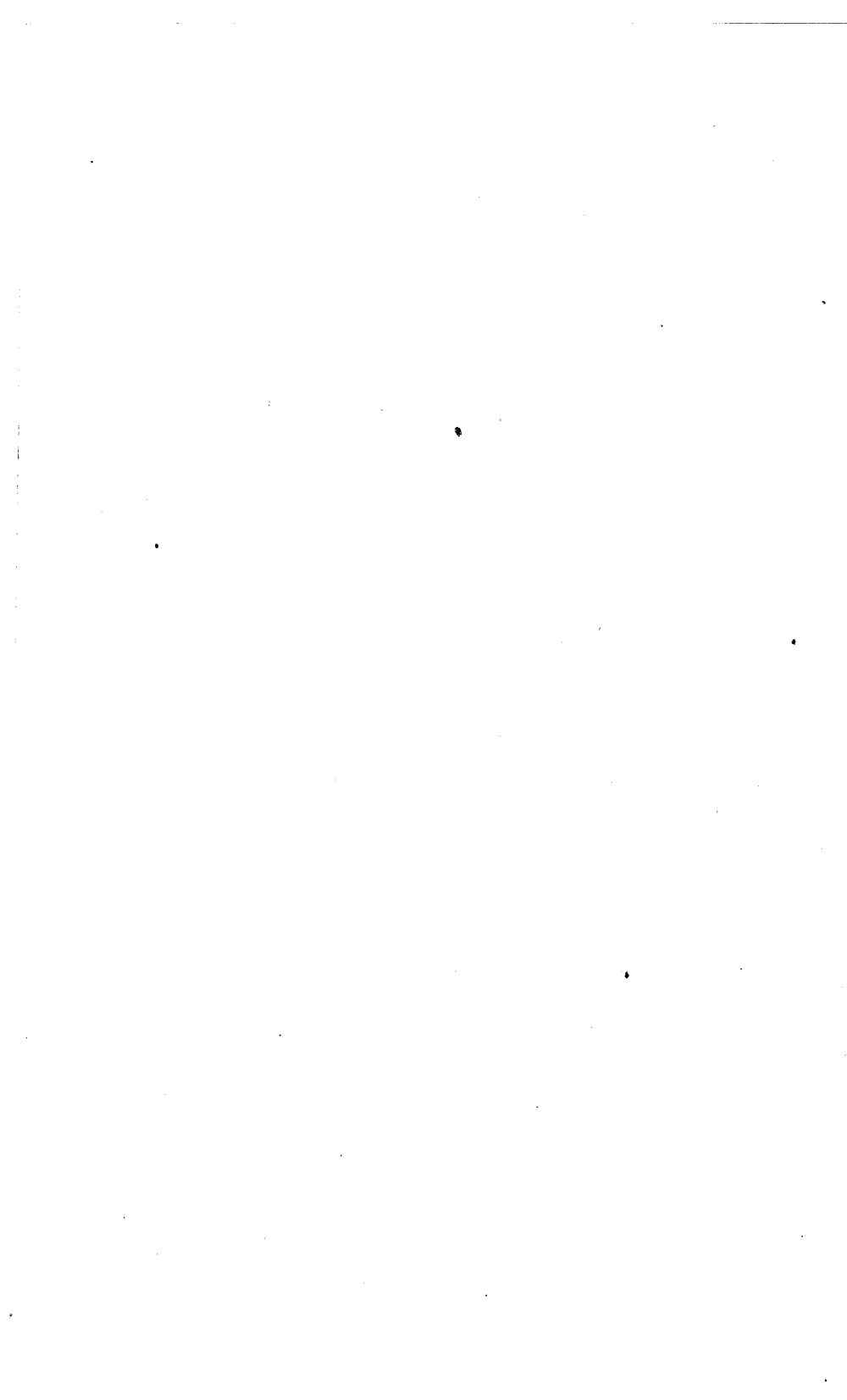
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INSPECTORS' REPORT.

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# REPORT.

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

The Inspectors of the Maine State Prison, in compliance with the statutory provision, respectfully submit the following as their report, for the year ending December 31, 1857:

The Commissioners who were appointed by Governor Hamlin, "to take an account of the stock, tools and other property in the Maine State Prison, and transfer the same to Thomas W. Hix, Esq., Warden," and whose report to your honorable body was presented on the 20th of February, 1857—made, in attending to the duty assigned them, "a careful examination and valuation of all the property in the Prison," which belonged to the State. "The Committee on the State Prison, of the last Legislature, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's address as relates to the State Prison, together with the reports of the Warden and Inspectors of said Prison," visited the Prison on the 4th of March last, and "carefully examined" into its affairs, submitting to the Legislature its report of the date of April 3d, 1857.

But ten months have elapsed since the visit of this Committee. With respect to the police of the prison, the Committee reported that "they were satisfied that it is properly and judiciously managed, and the prisoners humanely treated;" and, as to "the rations and clothing allowed the prisoners, that they were, in their opinion, sufficient to render them comfortable." In neither of these departments, has any change been made by the Warden and Inspectors; for, in their opinion likewise, no change was needful.

But the report of the Committee, as likewise the report of the Commissioners, shows that both the Committee and the Commissioners saw, what has been perfectly obvious to the Inspectors, and must be so to any sane man, that a change *was* necessary in the

management of the affairs of the Prison, if they are ever to be managed with a decent regard to the pecuniary interests of the State, and to its credit and honor, both at home and abroad.

The Commissioners of 1857 felt themselves called upon to note the discrepancies existing between the report of the Commissioners of March 17, 1856, and the report of the Inspectors of December 31, 1856, in their respective "*appraisal*" of the property of the several departments of the Prison, and to show wherein, and for what reasons, these reports differed in the matter of "*appraisal*" from the reports of their immediate predecessors. To what extent did they differ? In nearly every department, according to the report of the Commissioners of February, 1857; and "to make up," say the Commissioners, "the forced balances necessary to make it appear that during the past year, (1856) the several departments of the Prison have earned more than *two thousand dollars over the amount expended for the same*, while, so far as our examination carries us, we are led to the conclusion that a fair valuation of the stock, tools, &c., both at the commencement and close of the period embraced in the Warden's and Inspectors' reports, would show a large balance against the Prison, from its operations during that time."

And the Committee that visited the Prison in March, and "examined into its affairs," say, in their report, thus endorsing what we hear from the Commissioners:

"It is time that the statements in regard to the departments contained in the reports, should not convey the idea that there is a balance coming from them, for the labor of convicts, of more than two thousand dollars, while the very statements themselves, closely examined, show that such is not the fact."

The Commissioners reported that "the actual amount of the debts due from the Prison, as appears by the books, was nine thousand, five hundred sixty-four dollars and forty-one cents; and it may fairly be presumed that there are bills outstanding, not yet rendered, sufficient to swell that amount to ten thousand dollars.

"*Many of these claims have long been overdue, much to the inconvenience of the claimants, and disparaging to the credit of the State.*"

And the Committee's statement is: "There is due from the State

for the Prison about the sum of ten thousand, five hundred and seventy-three dollars."

We are correct, therefore, in saying that the Commissioners, Committee and Inspectors alike concurred in the opinion which is now expressed by the Inspectors, that a change was necessary in the management of the affairs of the Prison, if they are ever to be managed with a decent regard to the pecuniary interests of the State, and to its credit and honor, both at home and abroad.

It is admitted that "a reform" quite extensive and thorough "was needed in the management of the affairs of the Prison," and it will not be denied that this "reform" ought to have commenced as early, at least, as the beginning of the term of office of the present Warden.

But we have to say, in behalf of both the Warden and the Inspectors, that the "reform" had a very dwarfish beginning, and has necessarily made but slow progress, and that its means for accomplishing its work must at once be supplied by the State, more liberally than in the proportion of about two dollars for every ten that is needed, and more *thoughtfully* than by "resolve" authorizing the Governor (see resolve relating to Maine State Prison, approved April 15, 1857) to draw his warrant on the Treasurer of State, for such sum or sums as the Governor and Council shall find to be due from the Prison, and to draw his warrant for a further sum of not exceeding two thousand dollars, to meet the current expenses of the Prison, *without making any appropriation* by which the Treasurer could honor the Governor's warrant. As to the dwarfish beginning and slow progress of the "needed reform," we shall have to add, "it came suddenly to an end."

By "An act additional to provide for the expenses of government," approved April 17, 1857, the Legislature appropriated "four thousand dollars"—not eight thousand, as recommended in the report of its Committee—"for the payment of the debts of the State Prison," amounting to ten thousand, five hundred and seventy-three dollars.

And for subordinate officers of State Prison, (officers' salaries) forty-five hundred dollars. (See "An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government," approved February 28, 1857.)

But the salaries of the subordinate officers, for the ten months

ending December 31, 1857, amount to six thousand, six hundred and forty-one dollars.

To these "acts" we have to add the "resolve relating to the Prison," of April 15th, 1857, authorizing warrants in favor of the Prison, for the honoring of which there was no appropriation made by the Legislature; and we ascertain, the extent of the provision made by the last Legislature, (the salary of the Warden and Inspectors excepted) to cancel the debt of ten thousand, five hundred dollars, and to defray the expense of supporting the Prison one year from February 11, 1857.

And the expense of supporting the Prison, from March 17th, 1856, to February 11th, 1857, according to the report of the Committee of the last Legislature,—short of eleven months—including salary of officers and repairs of the buildings, amounted to the sum of "eight thousand, nine hundred and eighty-five dollars sixty-four cents."

For obvious reasons, the expense of supporting the Prison this year is fully up to what it was last year. The State cannot pay, with five thousand dollars, no more than it can pay ten thousand, five hundred and seventy-three dollars with four thousand.

You will see, by the Warden's report, that he acknowledges the receipt of four thousand dollars, and that he has disbursed the same, as far as it would go, in payment of the debts of the Prison. You will see that he has received, likewise, five thousand dollars, and the way in which this sum has been used towards defraying the expense of supporting the Prison. Still, as is clearly shown, more money is needed—in a word, a sufficient sum, at least, to pay off the remaining debts of the Prison at once, and to meet the deficit occasioned by the short appropriation for the support of the Prison of last year.

The desirableness, from whatever aspect the matter is viewed, of ridding the Prison from this incubus of debt, and of having the State no longer tardy in doing justice to its creditors in this quarter, is so apparent, and has been so often urged, that it would seem as if the subject was exhausted, and indicates the necessity that the Hon. Governor and Council of the State of Maine recommend, and the Legislature of 1858 make, for this purpose, an ample appropriation.

The report of the Warden, supported by the vouchers opened to

the Inspectors, shows that the financial affairs of the Prison have been managed for the past year beneficially for the State, notwithstanding the disadvantages under which he has discharged the duties of his office.

You are respectfully referred to his report, and to the reports of the Physician and Chaplain, for such information concerning the Prison as properly falls to these reports to impart.

Annexed are the tables exhibiting an account of the stock on hand, of different kinds, at the beginning and at the close of the year.

The several sums expended for materials, provisions, fuel, clothing, bedding, lights, tools and other articles; the amount of manufactures of each kind, and all other articles sold from the Prison; the profits or loss upon each branch of business; and other particulars necessary to give the Legislature a full understanding of the fiscal and other concerns of the Prison.

The Inspectors have met together at stated times, at the State Prison,—one of them, at least, visiting the Prison once in each month—to examine into its concerns, and to see that its laws and regulations were duly observed, and the duties of the several officers faithfully performed, and to advise with the Warden as occasion might demand. Readily do the Inspectors express their entire satisfaction with the manner in which the Warden and his officers have performed their official duties; and for the manner in which all connected with the Prison have responded to the wishes of the Inspectors, and for their laudable endeavors to co-operate for the furtherance of any measures which were deemed for the good of the State, and of the inmates of its Prison, they have our acknowledgments.

The Inspectors must not conclude their report, without calling your attention to the fact that the number of prisoners, at this date, (December 31, 1857,) is one hundred and thirteen, but *six* less than the whole number of cells at the command of the Warden for the safe keeping of the prisoners.

There is every reason to believe, that in the course of a very few weeks, the number of prisoners in the State Prison will exceed the number of cells for their safe keeping, and the room, even, in any of the Prison buildings, in which to build more cells. And the

question for immediate consideration on the part of the Legislature is, as it seems to the Inspectors, what is to be done in this dilemma?

The Prison can be enlarged to the capacity of at least one hundred cells additional, by building on to the eastern end of it about one hundred feet.

The shoe shop can be enlarged, so that more men can profitably be set off to this department, for the shops are quite full, and need enlarging.

Will the State in this way meet this necessity? or, in what way will they direct the Warden and Inspectors to dispose of the surplus prisoners?

Again we would respectfully suggest, that if nothing more can be done this year than to take the initiatory steps, such steps be taken towards adopting those salutary measures for the reclamation of prisoners which, according to the proverb that "one ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," would, in the opinion of the Inspectors, do more to lessen the influx of our prisons than any enlarged means for their punishment.

The State of Tennessee provides, "that all convicts sentenced for a term of two or more years, shall have their time of confinement shortened by two days in each month of the time they serve, provided their conduct is unexceptionable."

"This law," say the Inspectors, in their report, "has a very salutary effect upon the prisoners, and the result is, that nearly all who are sentenced for long terms receive the benefit of the good time."

New York has a law by which a portion of the earnings of such convicts as are able to labor, and whose conduct in prison is such that no punishment for violation of any of the rules of the institution is inflicted upon them, is set apart for the use of their families, if they have any, or for their own use on their discharge, if single; and also making their term of imprisonment, in some degree, dependent upon their own good behavior while in the prison.

Massachusetts has her "State agent, whose duty it is to make himself acquainted with the convicts, while still in prison, and to provide places and employment for them when they are discharged."

And of the other States, some have already entered, and others are following, into the line of noble efforts to reclaim the convict,



by adopting such measures as have a tendency to make him an honest man, and give him a place, to fill with honor to himself, among his fellow men.

And shall Maine, with no deficiency of resources by which to effect any object of her choice, be among the very last of the States to distinguish herself for her philanthropic efforts in this department of benevolence, as well as of State economy and expediency? We trust not. She has done nobly for her Reform School. She will do as nobly for her State Prison, that both the young and the old in crime may, if possible, be saved to themselves, the State, and the world.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL C. FESSENDEN, }  
ROGER HANLEY, } *Inspectors.*

*Statement of Net Profits and Expenditures in the Different Departments, from February 10, 1857, to Dec. 31, 1857.*

|            |     | <i>Wheelwrights.</i>               |            |
|------------|-----|------------------------------------|------------|
| 1857.      |     |                                    |            |
| Dec. 31st. | Cr. | By balance of account,             | \$3,354 11 |
|            | Dr. | For stock reduced,                 | 934 65     |
|            |     |                                    | <hr/>      |
|            |     | Net gain,                          | \$2,419 46 |
|            |     |                                    | <hr/>      |
|            |     | <i>Shoemaking.</i>                 |            |
|            | Cr. | By balance of account,             | \$2,680 80 |
|            | "   | By stock increased,                | 35 00      |
|            |     |                                    | <hr/>      |
|            |     | Net gain,                          | \$2,715 80 |
|            |     |                                    | <hr/>      |
|            |     | <i>Blacksmithing.</i>              |            |
|            | Cr. | By balance of account,             | \$1,632 80 |
|            | Dr. | For stock reduced,                 | 668 97     |
|            |     |                                    | <hr/>      |
|            |     | Net gain,                          | \$963 83   |
|            |     |                                    | <hr/>      |
|            |     | <i>Lime Quarry.</i>                |            |
|            | Cr. | By balance of account,             | \$663 28   |
|            | "   | By stock increased,                | 1,341 86   |
|            |     |                                    | <hr/>      |
|            |     | Net gain,                          | \$2,005 14 |
|            |     |                                    | <hr/>      |
|            |     | <i>Basket-Making.</i>              |            |
|            | Cr. | By balance of account,             | \$446 93   |
|            | "   | By stock increased,                | 149 59     |
|            |     |                                    | <hr/>      |
|            |     | Net gain,                          | \$596 53   |
|            |     |                                    | <hr/>      |
|            |     | <i>Fees from Visitors.</i>         |            |
|            | Cr. | By balance of account, (net gain,) | \$42 47    |
|            |     |                                    | <hr/>      |
|            |     | <i>Fuel and Lights.</i>            |            |
|            | Dr. | For balance of account,            | \$1,119 20 |
|            | Cr. | By stock increased,                | 423 80     |
|            |     |                                    | <hr/>      |
|            |     | Amount expended,                   | \$695 40   |

*Statement of Net Profits, Expenditures, &c. (Continued.)**Convicts Discharged.*

1857.  
Dec. 31st. *Dr.* For balance of account, (amount expended,) . \$363 60

*Team.*

*Dr.* For balance of account, . . . \$1,459 09  
*Cr.* By stock increased, . . . 773 00

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Amount expended, . . . \$686 09

*Expense Account.*

*Dr.* For balance of account, . . . \$981 03  
*Cr.* By stock increased, . . . 333 24

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Amount expended, . . . \$647 79

*Subsistence.*

*Dr.* For balance of account, . . . \$7,342 60  
*Cr.* By stock increased, . . . 949 57

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Amount expended, . . . \$6,393 03

*Building and Repairs.*

*Dr.* For balance of account, . . . \$1,319 87  
*Cr.* By stock increased, . . . 74 80

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Amount expended, . . . \$1,245 07

*Clothing.*

*Dr.* For balance of account, . . . \$1,010 12  
*Cr.* By stock increased, . . . 148 63

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Amount expended, . . . \$861 49

*Officers' Salaries.*

*Dr.* For balance of account, (amount expended,) . \$6,641 42

*State Treasurer.*

*Cr.* By balance of account, (amount received,) . \$14,414 50

*Statement of Notes and Accounts.*

|                                            |            |
|--------------------------------------------|------------|
| The Prison owes on new notes and accounts, | \$5,188 54 |
| "    "    old    "    "                    | 4,639 57   |
|                                            | \$9,828 11 |
| Due the Prison on new notes and accounts,  | 2,347 30   |

Whole indebtedness of the Prison is, . . . \$7,480 81

But included in this amount is the salary of the subordinate officers, (about \$1,900) for the quarter ending Dec. 31st, 1857.

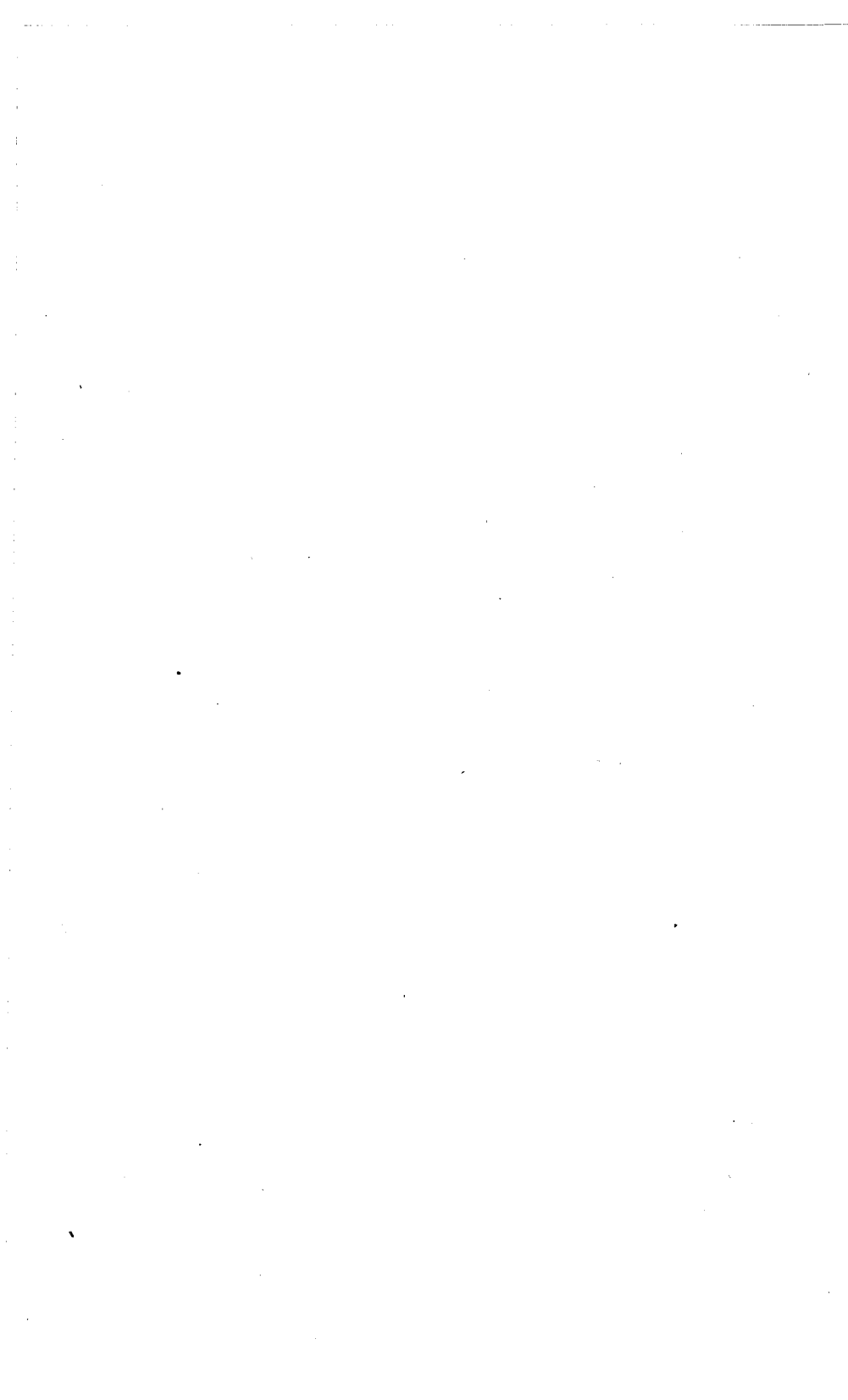
*Employment of Convicts.*

|                        |    |                      |     |
|------------------------|----|----------------------|-----|
| In the smith shop,     | 11 | Washers,             | 2   |
| Shoemakers,            | 36 | Making baskets,      | 22  |
| Wheelwrights,          | 21 | Waiters,             | 2   |
| Tailors,               | 7  | Lumpers, 4, sick, 5, | 9   |
| In solitary and labor, | 1  |                      |     |
| Cooks,                 | 2  | Aggregate,           | 113 |

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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

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# REPORT.

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*To the Inspectors of the Maine State Prison:*

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, one of the Chaplains of the Maine State Prison, furnishes by request, the following

## REPORT:

The ministers of Thomaston have officiated in rotation, in the chapel of the Prison, during the past year, and have frequently visited the prisoners in their cells. The deportment of the convicts during the Sabbath service has always been exemplary, and it is to be hoped that the moral and religious influences, which seem to be working a change in the character of some, may produce a lasting effect, and enable them to resist temptation when they go out again into the world.

The Warden and other officers have always been ready to facilitate our intercourse with the prisoners, and have endeavored to promote the physical comfort and the moral well being of those under their charge. The library is generally used by the convicts, and must be exerting a beneficial influence.

It is sad to behold how large a proportion of those sentenced during the year, are young and active men. We will endeavor, with the blessing of God, to reform them; but if we are to judge from the experience of the past, we fear that many of these have entered a path of sin from which they will not be turned. If our towns and cities would realize that they are responsible for the evil influences which they permit to exist unchecked around the young, and that they are also responsible for neglecting to arrest the young when commencing their downward career, our Prison would not be crowded to overflowing, and vice would not so much abound.

Respectfully submitted,

O. J. FERNALD.





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PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

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# REPORT.

*To the Warden and Inspectors of Maine State Prison :*

GENTLEMEN :—The convicts, during the current year, have been exempt from epidemic diseases. Slight indispositions, which require no continued medication, are of course daily occurring in so large a collection of men. Annexed is a table containing a condensed statement of cases which have come under my particular notice, as requiring continued care :

T A B L E .

| Disease.                               | No. Cases. | Cured. | Fatal. | Under Treatment. |
|----------------------------------------|------------|--------|--------|------------------|
| Consumption, . . . . .                 | 1          |        | 1      |                  |
| Cancer of the Stomach, . . . . .       | 1          |        | 1      |                  |
| Diarrhoea, . . . . .                   | 20         | 20     |        |                  |
| Dysentery, . . . . .                   | 7          | 7      |        |                  |
| Dropsy of the Bowels, . . . . .        | 1          |        |        | 1                |
| Dyspepsia, . . . . .                   | 30         | 30     |        |                  |
| Fever, (Typhoid,) . . . . .            | 4          | 4      |        |                  |
| Inflammation of the Stomach, . . . . . | 3          | 3      |        |                  |
| Inflammation of the Bladder, . . . . . | 1          |        |        | 1                |
| Painter's Colic, . . . . .             | 1          |        |        | 1                |
| Rheumatism, . . . . .                  | 9          | 9      |        |                  |
| Syphilis, (Primary,) . . . . .         | 1          | 1      |        |                  |
| Syphilis, (Secondary,) . . . . .       | 7          | 5      |        | 2                |
| Syphilis, (Tertiary,) . . . . .        | 1          |        |        | 1                |

The table shows two deaths from chronic and incurable diseases. The history of the case of *cancer of the stomach* showing four years duration; that of the case of *consumption*, a duration of eighteen months.

In this connection, I am happy to acknowledge the many favors I have received from the officers of the Prison, which have lightened my duties and rendered my intercourse with them very pleasant.

CHARLES T. CHASE,

*Physician to Maine State Prison.*

THOMASTON, Dec. 31st, 1857.