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BEING THE

## ANNUAL REPORTS

OF VARIOUS

## PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INSTITUTIONS

FOR THE YEAR

1869-70.

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AUGUSTA :

SPRAGUE, OWEN & NASH, PRINTERS TO THE STATE.

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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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# OFFICERS.

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WARREN W. RICE, *Warden.*  
ELBRIDGE BURTON, *Deputy Warden.*  
ASA PERKINS, *Clerk.*  
WILLIAM G. RICE, *Commissary.*  
HOWARD MORTON, *Overseer of Carriage Shop.*  
ALBERT P. PIPER, *Assistant Overseer of Carriage Shop.*  
SAMUEL H. GLIDDEN, “ “ “ “  
P. H. COLEMAN, *Overseer of Paint Shop.*  
HENRY J. STEVENS, *Overseer of Blacksmith Shop.*  
WILLIAM P. BUNKER, *Assistant.*  
CHARLES G. CHASE, *Overseer of Shoe Shop.*  
THOMAS F. PHINNEY, *Assistant Overseer of Shoe Shop.*  
A. A. NEWBERT, *Guard.*  
CHARLES S. PALMER, “  
HENRY A. WILLIS, “  
EUGENE B. FALES, “  
ELIAS THOMPSON, “  
JAMES E. STIMPSON, *Night Watch.*  
JOHN F. BURTON, “ “  
WENDELL P. RICE, *Gate Keeper.*  
CHARLES T. CHASE, *Physician.*  
CLERGYMEN OF THOMASTON, *Chaplains.*  
H. C. MARDEN, *Salesman.*

WILLIAM WILSON, } *Inspectors.*  
RUFUS PRINCE, }

## WARDEN'S REPORT.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit herewith my Seventh Annual Report relating to the general affairs of the State Prison for the year ending November 30, 1869.

We have at the close of the year 174 convicts, it being the largest number ever here at the close of any year, and an increase of 33 over the number here one year ago. The average for the year has been 154, while the average in 1868 was but 138—showing an increase of 16, or 11 per cent. Eighty-four have been committed during the year, of which

Cumberland county sent.....	32
Penobscot       “       “ .....	24
York           “       “ .....	5
Androscoggin “       “ .....	4
Washington “       “ .....	4
Waldo          “       “ .....	4
Kennebec      “       “ .....	3
Hancock      “       “ .....	3
Knox          “       “ .....	2
Sagadahoc    “       “ .....	1
Somerset     “       “ .....	1
Piscataquis  “       “ .....	1
Total.....	84

### Crimes of those committed in 1869:

Larceny.....	59	Forgery.....	1
Burglary.....	9	Bestiality.....	1
Arson.....	3	Felonious assault.....	1
Robbery.....	2	Assault to kill.....	1
Perjury.....	2	Assault to ravish.....	1
Adultery.....	1	Murder.....	1
Bigamy.....	1		
Mayhem.....	1	Total.....	84

Period of sentence of those received during the year :

One year.....	8	Seven years and over five.....	3
Two years and over one.....	25	Ten years and over seven.....	5
Three years and over two.....	18	Death, (one since commuted).....	2
Five years and over three.....	23		
		Total.....	84

### HEALTH.

The general health of the prison has been quite as good as it has been during any previous year, and the sick and diseased have received all the care and attention deemed necessary at the time. There have been but two deaths, out of a total population of 225, less than one per cent., as follows :

*Died in 1869.*

County.	Names.	Age	Crimes.	Sentence	Cause.	Time served.
Franklin	Charles Rundlett,	30	Assault to kill	36 years.	Internal hemor- [rhage.	10yrs. 3½mths.
do	Sam'l Richardson,	54	Murder.....	Death...	Exhaustion....	5 " 2 "

### PARDONS.

During the year sixteen have been pardoned by the Governor, and three by the President, as follows :

*Convicts pardoned since November 30, 1868.*

County.	Names.	Age.	Crime.	Sentence.	Time served.	When committed.
Cumb'land	George C. Ham ....	30	Assault to kill..	7 years	1 yr. 9 mths	Mar. 23, 1867
do	John Robb .....	26	Larceny.....	4 " "	2 yrs. 9 "	April 4, 1866
U. S. Court	George Martin.....	27	Robbing mail..	10 " "	5 " 6 "	June 26, 1863
Kennebec	Lucius Rankins....	26	Burglary.....	7 " "	2 " 10 "	April 12, 1866
U. S. Court	Charles H. Allen...	27	Robbing mail..	10 " "	6 " 8 "	June 30, 1862
do	Andrew Sargent....	24	Robbing mail..	10 " "	6 " 8 "	June 30, 1862
Hancock	Isaac C. Higgins...	16	Assault to ravish	4 " "	2 " 4 "	Nov. 15, 1866
Wash'gton	Andrew Bell.....	21	Manslaughter..	5 " "	3 " 3 "	May 14, 1866
Cumb'land	Jotham Kennedy....	23	Mayhem .....	10 " "	0 " 7 "	Feb. 20, 1869
do	Charles Gilman ....	42	Bigamy .....	2 " "	0 " 4 "	May 19, 1869
Wash'gton	Thomas Tracy.....	21	Robbery.....	15 " "	3 " 7 "	Feb. 6, 1866
Penobscot	Archer Young .....	18	Larceny.....	6 " "	3 " 0 "	Sept. 14, 1866
York .....	George Bolo .....	22	Mayhem .....	2 " "	1 " 10 "	Nov. 21, 1867
Andros'gn	Rufus L. Larrabee..	28	Malic's mischief	2 " "	1 " 10 "	Nov. 13, 1867
Penobscot	Llewellyn Willey...	27	Larceny.....	3 " "	2 " 6 "	Mar. 12, 1867
Waldo ...	Seth Perry .....	28	Manslaughter..	10 " "	3 " 11 "	Oct. 23, 1865
Cumb'land	Barney Jordan.....	31	Burglary.....	Life	12 " 8 "	Mar. 8, 1857
York.....	Andrew Duffy.....	27	Larceny.....	5 " "	4 " 0 "	Oct. 17, 1865
Cumb'land	Edward O'Brien....	17	Larceny.....	2 " "	1 " 3 "	Aug. 27, 1868

The number of those pardoned is less than last year though the number of convicts is much larger, but the per centage of pardons

is still about twice as great as the largest number ever pardoned in any year from the State Prison in Massachusetts.

I am happy to notice that the Governor and Council when called upon to exercise the pardoning power, have adopted substantially a suggestion I made in my last Report, that as a rule, convicts before receiving a pardon should be required to show a clear record of good conduct, for at least one year next preceding the application. A still more rigid adherence to that rule, would have a decided influence upon the conduct of many convicts, and therefore be a help in maintaining the necessary discipline and good order.

#### FINANCIAL.

The business of the prison has continued to increase, the sales for the year of carriage work amounting to \$47,589.13, and of boots and shoes to \$17,447.02; total sales of manufactures \$65,036.15, it being an excess of \$12,120.31 over last year. The net income for the year is \$27,945.90, while the running expenses for the same time amount to \$15,364.08, and the salaries of officers to \$11,992.63, making a total expense of \$27,256.71, and showing a balance in favor of the prison of \$689.19. A certified statement at the close of this Report will show more fully the financial standing of the prison; the stock on hand, and expenditures in each department for the year.

Hitherto, we have labored under the great disadvantages of insufficient shop room, and want of sufficient capital with which to keep such room as we had abundantly supplied with tools and materials for manufacturing purposes. With the addition just completed we have shop room enough for the present number of convicts, but in order to keep them employed advantageously a material increase of capital is indispensable. Without it, stock and supplies must be purchased in small quantities, and at higher rates, and besides great loss in consequence of idleness or unprofitable labor, will be inevitable.

#### IMPROVEMENTS.

The railings and gratings have been put up in the new wing of the prison, thereby completing it; considerable repairs and alterations have been made in the old wing; two buildings, each forty-nine feet long by thirty-five feet wide, and three stories high, have been erected for work shops, and for storage purposes; one

reservoir has been completed, and another partially; and all of the dwelling houses and buildings here belonging to the State, have been repaired more or less. I have also set granite steps and flagging from the front door of the Warden's house to the street, and built a substantial fence, of iron, with granite base, around the front of the prison grounds, to the extent of over three hundred feet, and have the stone cut for the balance of the distance of about two hundred feet. These improvements and repairs were absolutely necessary, and have cost the sum of \$9,458.25, exceeding the appropriation for the same by \$1,070.97.

The last Legislature, by resolve, authorized the Warden of the State Prison, to purchase a building of Thomas O'Brien, Esq., for a carriage repository, and by the advice of the Inspectors I purchased the building and land connected therewith, for the sum of \$1,800.00, payable in one year with interest, and for which Mr. O'Brien executed a deed of the property to the State. The note given him will mature in April next, and an appropriation for the amount will be necessary. A fence on the line between the State's land and land owned by Capt. Geo. W. Robinson is much needed, also along the line of the railroad; the fence on the street, and the reservoir should be completed, and considerable repairs ought to be made on the dwelling houses; for all of which an appropriation will be necessary.

#### REMARKS.

During the six and a half years that I have been in charge of the prison, three hundred and forty-four convicts have been received, of whom twenty-five or seven per cent. were recommitments; and the previous service of twenty of these averaged a little over one year, showing the unprofitable results of short sentences. The number sentenced here during the last year for less than three years, though less proportionally than ever before, is yet too large, as will doubtless continue to be the case, until our laws are changed, and provision is made for the employment of those confined in jails.

The jail system of our State, ought to be entirely reorganized, the number of jails reduced, and work shops connected with each, so that every person placed in jail under sentence, or for detention only, could be employed in some useful service, instead of as now, spending their time in worse than idleness. A system might be adopted, under which the objects for which jails are mainly erected,



namely, as places for the detention of persons *charged* with crime, and for the punishment of persons *convicted* of crime, could be secured much more effectually, and be a saving of many thousands of dollars annually to the people; that would afford a better protection of persons and property, and at the same time save many a young man who has been drawn into the commission of crime by evil associates, while under the influence of stimulants, from the disgrace of having served in the State Prison, and from the corrupt influences that tend to make him a confirmed criminal.

Some legislation may be necessary to regulate the alternative sentences of boys who are sentenced to the Reform School. It need not surprise any one that a boy of fifteen, under sentence to the Reform School "during minority," or an alternative of "one" or "two years in the State Prison" should prefer the latter sentence, and, therefore, prove "incurable" at the Reform School.

The Clergymen of Thomaston have officiated in the chapel, as formerly, and it is hoped with some good results. Their report will accompany this, and contains suggestions worthy of favorable consideration.

H. C. Dorsey, Esq., of Pawtucket, R. I., sent me a check for \$70, with a request that it be expended in providing a "turkey dinner" with suitable accompaniments, to be served up to the convicts on the 31st day of January, the anniversary of his birthday. It was a source of much gratification to the convicts, and he has their prayers that he may live to enjoy the luxury of repeating his generosity annually, for many years to come.

#### CONCLUSION.

Permit me, again, to express my obligations to the Honorable Governor and Council, and Inspectors, for their kindness and coöperation; also to the officers of the prison for the fidelity with which they have discharged their duty.

Respectfully submitted.

WARREN W. RICE, *Warden*.

THOMASTON, December, 1869.

DR.			<i>Maine State Prison in account with the State of Maine.</i>			CR.		
1869.				1869.				
Nov. 30.	For paid transporting convicts.....		\$441 65	Nov. 30.	By fees from visitors .....		\$258 50	
	“ discharged convicts .....		1,046 08					
	“ officers’ salaries .....		11,992 63					
	<b>CARRIAGE DEPARTMENT.</b>				<b>CARRIAGE DEPARTMENT.</b>			
	For stock and tools on hand Nov. 30, 1868	\$23,759 99			By stock and tools on hand Nov. 30, 1869	\$27,854 12		
	purchased since .....	28,108 32	51,868 31		sales .....	47,589 13	75,443 25	
	<b>SHOE DEPARTMENT.</b>				<b>SHOE DEPARTMENT.</b>			
	For stock and tools on hand Nov. 30, 1868	5,699 82			By stock and tools on hand Nov. 30, 1869	12,646 52		
	purchased since .....	20,281 26	25,981 08		sales .....	17,447 02	30,093 54	
	<b>EXPENSE DEPARTMENT.</b>				<b>EXPENSE DEPARTMENT.</b>			
	For stock on hand Nov. 30, 1868.....	4,034 95			By stock on hand Nov. 30, 1869 .....	5,369 50		
	purchased since .....	3,684 18	7,719 13		sales .....	884 65	6,254 15	
	<b>CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.</b>				<b>CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.</b>			
	For stock on hand Nov. 30, 1868.....	3,426 61			By stock on hand Nov. 30, 1869 .....	3,348 45		
	purchased since .....	3,528 93	6,955 54		sales .....	1,117 78	4,466 23	
	<b>FUEL AND LIGHT DEPARTMENT.</b>				<b>FUEL AND LIGHT DEPARTMENT.</b>			
	For stock on hand Nov. 30, 1868.....	593 47			By stock on hand Nov. 30, 1869 .....	1,263 76		
	purchased since .....	2,591 96	3,185 43		sales .....	106 83	1 370 59	
	<b>SUBSISTENCE DEPARTMENT.</b>				<b>SUBSISTENCE DEPARTMENT.</b>			
	For stock on hand Nov. 30, 1868.....	939 94			By stock on hand Nov. 30, 1869 .....	1,019 78		
	purchased since .....	9,247 27	10,187 21		sales .....	2,160 21	2,179 99	

1869. BUILDING AND REPAIRS.		1869. BUILDING AND REPAIRS.	
Nov. 30. For stock on hand Nov. 30, 1868 .....	291 27	Nov. 30. By stock on hand Nov. 30, 1869 .....	509 16
purchased since .....	9,988 33	sales .....	312 19
			821 35
			120,887 60
	10,279 60		9,458 25
	129,656 66	By expended for building and repairs.....	
For gain .....	689 19		\$130,345 85
	\$130,345 85		

S T A T E M E N T .

For total am't stock and tools Nov. 30, '68 .....	39,136 05	By total stock and tools Nov. 30, 1869.....	52,401 29
balance due prison Nov. 30, 1868 .....	2,126 73	balance due prison Nov. 30, 1869 .....	10,092 43
appropriation.....	30,000 00	building and repairs.....	9,458 25
	71,951 97		
For balance in favor.....	689 19		
	\$71,951 97		\$71,951 97

WARREN W. RICE, *Warden.*

Knox, ss.—December 24th, 1869.

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

Before me,

J. C. LEVENSALE, *Justice of the Peace.*

CONVICTS.

Number of convicts Nov. 30, 1868.....	141	Received since July 2d, 1824 .....	1,861
Retaken .....	1	Discharged on expiration of sen-	
Committed since.....	84	tence.....	1,164
	<hr/>	Discharged on writ of error...	1
	226	Pardoned .....	430
Discharged on expiration of sentence	28	Died.....	62
Pardoned.....	19	Removed to Insane Hospital...	8
Died .....	2	Do. sentences commuted to jails	4
Executed.....	1	Escaped and not retaken .....	18
Removed to Insane Hospital.....	1		<hr/>
Escaped .....	1		1,687
	<hr/>		
	52		
	<hr/>		
Present number Nov. 30, 1869.....	174	Present number .....	174

CRIMES.

Larceny .....	103	Manslaughter .....	1
Burglary.....	27	Robbery.....	4
Murder.....	11	Receiving stolen goods.....	2
Arson .....	9	Rape .....	1
Assault to kill.....	2	Adultery.....	1
Assault to ravish.....	1	Bestiality .....	1
Incest .....	2	False claim for pension.....	2
Forgery.....	1	Perjury.....	2
Scuttling a vessel.....	1		<hr/>
Polygamy.....	2	Aggregate .....	174
Obstructing a railroad.....	1		

CONVICTS IN THE STATE PRISON NOVEMBER 30, 1869.

County.	Names.	Age.	Sentence.	Crimes.	When committed.	Place of birth.	No. Com.
Cumberland.....	Andigee, John.....	28	1½ years.	Larceny.....	May 19, 1869.....	South Carolina.....	1
Cumberland.....	Allen, Rufus.....	19	4 "	Receiving stolen goods..	Sept. 11, 1867.....	Augusta.....	1
Cumberland.....	Allen, Frank.....	22	1 "	Larceny.....	May 19, 1869.....	Lubec.....	1
Androscoggin.....	Austin, Leslie.....	15	2 "	Larceny.....	August 31, 1869.....	Canaan.....	1
Penobscot.....	Braislin, Andrew.....	20	5 "	Larceny.....	Sept. 16, 1866.....	Winterport.....	1
Knox.....	Blake, William D.....	40	Death.	Murder.....	May 18, 1863.....	Brookville.....	1
Aroostook.....	Brown, Hiram K.....	41	6 years.	Incest.....	Oct. 25, 1865.....	New Brunswick.....	1
Cumberland.....	Bonney, George.....	21	6 "	Larceny.....	Dec. 26, 1865.....	Paris.....	1
Kennebec.....	Burns, William.....	35	10 "	Burglary.....	April 12, 1866.....	Lexington.....	2
York.....	Bunk, George.....	17	2½ "	Burglary.....	July 10, 1867.....	Albany.....	1
York.....	Burke, Frank.....	21	2½ "	Burglary.....	July 10, 1867.....	Portland.....	1
Sagadahoc.....	Bartlett, David.....	49	15 "	Larceny.....	Jan. 9, 1868.....	Philadelphia.....	1
Franklin.....	Billings, Lot Alfred.....	19	Life.	Arson.....	Oct. 28, 1868.....	Connecticut.....	1
Cumberland.....	Bowen, Isaac W.....	25	5 years.	Larceny.....	Jan. 21, 1869.....	Oxford.....	2
Cumberland.....	Bland, Andrew F.....	36	5 "	Larceny.....	June 1, 1869.....	Nova Scotia.....	1
York.....	Bickford, Franklin W.....	18	2 "	Larceny.....	Oct. 21, 1869.....	Great Falls.....	1
Kennebec.....	Crawford, Robert.....	25	5 "	Burglary.....	Jan. 13, 1866.....	Scotland.....	1
Penobscot.....	Crosby, George (colored)	16	2 "	Larceny.....	March 28, 1868.....	New Orleans.....	1
Cumberland.....	Curin, Michael.....	24	3 "	Robbery.....	Jan. 21, 1869.....	Portland.....	1
Cumberland.....	Cardiff, Frank.....	18	2 "	Larceny.....	Feb. 11, 1869.....	Portland.....	1
York.....	Coolbroth, Azbry.....	26	5 "	".....	Feb. 11, 1869.....	Bowdoin.....	1
Cumberland.....	Cunningham, Winnefred.....	40	5 "	".....	March 6, 1869.....	Ireland.....	1
Penobscot.....	Carney, William.....	17	7 "	".....	March 9, 1869.....	Halifax.....	1
Penobscot.....	Clark, Charles F.....	25	3 "	".....	March 9, 1869.....	Bangor.....	2
Kennebec.....	Cushman, Lewis H.....	42	4 "	".....	April 6, 1869.....	Monmouth.....	1
Androscoggin.....	Coombs, Charles E.....	35	5 "	".....	May 12, 1869.....	Lewiston.....	1
Washington.....	Clark, Joseph.....	28	9 "	".....	May 17, 1869.....	Ireland.....	1
Cumberland.....	Campbell, David.....	19	5 "	".....	May 19, 1869.....	St. Johns.....	1
Penobscot.....	Curtis, Charles.....	20	2 "	Bestiality.....	Sept. 3, 1869.....	Plymouth.....	1
Penobscot.....	Campbell, George A.....	42	2 "	Larceny.....	Sept. 3, 1869.....	Scotland.....	1
Penobscot.....	Cleveland, Howard A.....	23	Death.	Murder.....	Sept. 20, 1869.....	Orrington.....	1
Franklin.....	Doyle, Lawrence.....	31	Death.	Murder.....	May 18, 1864.....	Cape Breton.....	1
Washington.....	Downes, John.....	22	Life.	Burglary.....	Nov. 9, 1865.....	No. 10.....	1

CONVICTS IN THE STATE PRISON NOVEMBER 30, 1869—(Continued.)

County.	Names.	Age.	Sentence.	Crimes.	When committed.	Place of birth.	No. Com.
Cumberland	Devine, James	20	5 years.	Larceny	April 4, 1866	Portland	1
Penobscot	Daniels, John E.	20	6 "	"	Sept. 14, 1866	Lincoln	1
Cumberland	Dyer, Storer G.	21	1½ "	"	Feb. 20, 1869	Portland	1
Cumberland	Dunton, Elizabeth E.	20	3 "	Perjury	March 6, 1869	Brunswick	1
Hancock	Davis, William	21	3 "	Burglary	Nov. 15, 1869	Tremont	1
Washington	Davis, William	20	9 "	Larceny	May 17, 1869	Canada	1
Hancock	Davis, Charles E.	28	4 "	Burglary	Nov. 15, 1869	Mt. Desert	2
Cumberland	Devine, James 2d	17	6 "	Burglary	May 19, 1869	Portland	1
Cumberland	Delaskey, Albert	24	10 "	Assault to kill	June 1, 1869	Sebec	1
Knox	Dillon, Francis T.	24	10 "	Arson	Oct. 7, 1869	Philadelphia	1
Washington	Duncan, Reuben	23	1 "	Larceny	Oct. 14, 1869	Deer Isle	1
Cumberland	Dunphy, Azel	51	2½ "	Assault	Oct. 21, 1869	Lubec	1
Hancock	Elwell, John B.	23	5 "	Larceny	Nov. 15, 1866	Brooks	1
Cumberland	Eastman, James	18	3 "	Larceny	Oct. 2, 1869	Parsonsfield	1
York	Floyd, John W.	18	3 "	Burglary	March 28, 1868	Saco	1
Penobscot	French, Edgar	18	2 "	Larceny	Sept. 9, 1868	Orrington	1
York	Flinn, William	20	2½ "	Burglary	July 10, 1867	Portland	1
York	Flinn, Cornelius	23	4 "	Larceny	Feb. 11, 1869	Ireland	1
Androscoggin	Griffin, Patrick	40	Death.	Murder	May 17, 1862	Ireland	1
Oxford	Gilman, Ephraim	25	Death.	Murder	Aug. 27, 1863	Denmark	1
Cumberland	Green, John	26	6 years.	Burglary	April 4, 1866	Cincinnati	1
Penobscot	Grant Henry	21	5 "	Arson	Feb. 28, 1868	Hampden	1
Penobscot	Gellison, Daniel	19	2 "	Larceny	Sept. 9, 1868	Calais	1
Cumberland	Gilman, Charles W.	19	1½ "	"	Jan. 21, 1869	Biddeford	1
Penobscot	Gross, Darius	17	4 "	"	May 9, 1869	Hampden	1
Cumberland	Holman, Joseph	26	6 "	"	March 23, 1867	Pembroke	2
Cumberland	Harper, John	23	4 "	"	Aug. 30, 1866	Boston	1
York	Huff, Joseph L.	22	3 "	"	Nov. 21, 1867	Kennebunk	1
Cumberland	Howard, Alonzo B.	22	3 "	"	Sept. 11, 1867	Portland	1
Cumberland	Harmon, George L.	30	2 "	"	Aug. 27, 1868	Brunswick	1
Penobscot	Hafferty, John	25	3 "	Assault to kill	Sept. 9, 1868	Ireland	1
Franklin	Hale, John	79	4 "	Larceny	Oct. 19, 1868	Waterford	3
Washington	Hickey, Charles	51	3½ "	Larceny	Nov. 11, 1868	East Machias	4

Waldo.....	Hayes, Cornelius C.....	18	2½ years.	Burglary	Feb. 9, 1869.....	Long Island.....	1
Cumberland.....	Haley, Dennis.....	22	3 "	Robbery	Feb. 20, 1869.....	Boston.....	1
Androsoggin.....	Higgins, Thomas.....	23	4 "	Larceny	Feb. 20, 1869.....	Ireland.....	1
Cumberland.....	Hill, Samuel.....	46	S. Com. Life.	Arson	March 6, 1869.....	England.....	1
Waldo.....	Haskell, William.....	39	2 years.	Burglary	May 14, 1869.....	Deer Isle.....	1
York.....	Huff, Nelson W.....	20	3 "	Larceny	June 5, 1869.....	Kennebunk.....	1
Piscataquis.....	Huff, Amos.....	38	1 "	"	Sept. 20, 1869.....	Wellington.....	1
Somerset.....	Hurd, Benjamin.....	55	1½ "	"	Oct. 16, 1869.....	Harmony.....	1
Penobscot.....	Irish, John.....	23	2 "	"	Feb. 28, 1868.....	Aroostook.....	1
Androsoggin.....	Jordan, Calvin.....	19	1½ "	"	Oct. 10, 1868.....	Norway.....	1
Cumberland.....	Jones, James.....	17	4 "	"	Aug. 30, 1866.....	St. Andrews.....	2
Aroostook.....	Johnson, Walter G.....	26	2½ "	"	Nov. 25, 1868.....	Portland.....	1
Cumberland.....	Jeffers, John H.....	21	7 "	"	Jan. 21, 1869.....	Portland.....	1
Penobscot.....	Jordan, Edwin.....	33	1 "	"	March 16, 1869.....	Chester.....	1
Penobscot.....	Jones, David W.....	23	2 "	"	Sept. 3, 1869.....	Dexter.....	1
Sagadahoc.....	Johnson, William.....	30	1 "	"	Sept. 12, 1869.....	Bath.....	1
Androsoggin.....	Knight, George.....	40	Death.	Murder	Sept. 24, 1857.....	Poland.....	1
Cumberland.....	Keenan, Charles H.....	25	S. Com. Life.	Murder	May 2, 1867.....	Louisiana.....	1
Cumberland.....	Kelley, Frank.....	18	2 years.	Larceny	May 19, 1869.....	Portland.....	1
Waldo.....	Kenney, Thomas.....	28	2 5-12 years.	Burglary	Nov. 13, 1869.....	Frankfort.....	1
York.....	Littlefield, Rufus.....	39	Life.	Rape	Feb. 11, 1862.....	Kennebunk.....	2
Penobscot.....	Litchfield, Vincent.....	43	10 years.	Incest.	March 11, 1862.....	Lewiston.....	1
York.....	Longfellow, John.....	16	2 "	Larceny	Jan. 18, 1868.....	Palermo.....	1
Oxford.....	Lewis Michael.....	19	2 "	Larceny	April 29, 1868.....	New Hampshire.....	1
York.....	Livingstone, Edward.....	40	7 "	Burglary	June 13, 1868.....	Springfield.....	1
Cumberland.....	Lawless, William.....	23	10 "	Burglary	Dec. 26, 1865.....	Ireland.....	1
Cumberland.....	Lysaght, Elenora.....	20	2 "	Perjury	March 6, 1869.....	Boston.....	1
Kennebec.....	Love, Charles.....	22	1½ "	Larceny	Aug. 18, 1869.....	Waterville.....	1
Penobscot.....	Murphy, Thomas.....	27	20 "	Robbery	Sept. 4, 1865.....	Ireland.....	1
Somerset.....	Martin, Elbridge G.....	28	5 "	Arson	Jan. 13, 1866.....	Canaan.....	1
Lincoln.....	Mink, John H.....	25	6 "	Larceny.	Jan. 17, 1866.....	Waldoboro.....	1
Androsoggin.....	McCarty, Thomas.....	28	5 "	Larceny.	Feb. 17, 1866.....	Ireland.....	1
Washington.....	Mackie, Thomas.....	27	5 "	Burglary	Nov. 26, 1867.....	Nova Scotia.....	1
Sagadahoc.....	Maguire, Edward.....	26	15 "	Larceny	Jan. 9, 1868.....	New York.....	1
Penobscot.....	McDougal, George.....	26	8 "	"	Feb. 28, 1868.....	Calais.....	1
Penobscot.....	McDonald, John.....	30	5 "	"	Sept. 9, 1868.....	New Brunswick.....	1
Cumberland.....	Maguire, John.....	17	4 "	"	Sept. 5, 1866.....	Boston.....	1
Penobscot.....	McNorton, William.....	18	4 "	"	May 9, 1869.....	Bangor.....	1
Penobscot.....	May, Richard.....	17	3 "	"	May 9, 1869.....	Boston.....	1

CONVICTS IN THE STATE PRISON NOVEMBER 30, 1869—(Continued.)

County.	Names.	Age.	Sentence.	Crimes.	When committed.	Place of birth.	No. Com.
Penobscot	Murray, Anthony	16	2 years.	Larceny	Sept. 3, 1869	Bangor	1
Cumberland	Morton, Charles E.	28	5 "	Larceny	Oct. 2, 1869	Remington	2
Cumberland	O'Neal, Charles	18	3 "	Burglary	March 6, 1869	Portland	1
Penobscot	O'Connell, Charles	17	4 "	Larceny	May 9, 1869	New York	1
Cumberland	Oliver, James	24	3 "	Larceny	May 19, 1869	P. E. Island	1
Androscoggin	Preble, Joel C.	29	Death.	Murder	Oct. 22, 1861	Whitefield	1
York	Plummer, Charles	27	7 years.	Burglary	June 13, 1868	Germany	1
Cumberland	Pote, James M.	35	2 "	Attempt to steal.	Aug. 27, 1868	Portland	1
Waldo	Patterson, Daniel E.	20	3 "	Larceny	May 14, 1869	Belfast	1
Cumberland	Punch, Michael	24	4 "	Larceny	Oct. 2, 1869	Nova Scotia	1
Androscoggin	Richards, Nathan	45	11 "	Burglary	Feb. 21, 1861	Wayne	5
Cumberland	Russell, Joseph E.	22	3 "	Receiving stolen goods.	Sept. 11, 1867	Portland	1
Somerset	Rancho, Thomas	21	12 "	Burglary	Nov. 16, 1867	Fairfield	1
U. S. Court	Ricker, Charles	26	3 "	False claim for pension.	Dec. 19, 1867	Bangor	1
U. S. Court	Ricker, Milton N.	21	3 "	False claim for pension.	March 18, 1868	Bangor	1
U. S. Court	Roy, William	25	3 "	Scuttling a vessel	May 16, 1868	Scotland	1
Cumberland	Reed, Fredrick H.	22	2 "	Larceny	Aug. 27, 1868	Portland	1
York	Reynolds, Charles F.	20	2 "	"	Oct. 28, 1868	Portland	1
Penobscot	Richards, Charles	24	3 "	"	May 9, 1869	Pembroke	1
Penobscot	Richardson, William T.	47	2 "	Arson	Sept. 3, 1869	Mt. Desert	1
Cumberland	Robinson, William C.	55	5 "	Adultery	Oct. 2, 1869	Eng. Desart	1
York	Smith, William B.	24	Death.	Murder	Feb. 11, 1855	Hyde Park, Vt.	1
Penobscot	Sullivan, Patrick	23	5 years.	Larceny	Sept. 4, 1865	Chelsea	1
Penobscot	Sullivan, Cornelius	21	21 "	"	March 8, 1866	Bangor	1
Cumberland	Stoddard, George	23	5 "	"	Sept. 5, 1866	Boylston	1
Cumberland	Stephenson, William H.	33	10 "	"	March 23, 1867	Portland	4
York	Swett, Jane M.	49	6 "	Manslaughter	March 23, 1867	Saco	1
Sagadahoc	Simms, Orrin	29	15 "	Larceny	Jan. 9, 1868	New Hampshire	1
Hancock	Smith, Sarah Jane	39	1½ "	Polygamy	Nov. 25, 1868	Fremont	1
Washington	Smith, George	22	2 "	Polygamy	June 4, 1868	Bangor	1
Androscoggin	Strout Thomas W.	20	3 "	Burglary	June 13, 1868	Guilford	1
Cumberland	Sweetser, Charles	32	Death.	Arson	Aug. 27, 1861	Portland	2
Penobscot	Smith, Henry A.	20	5 years.	Larceny	March 16, 1869	New Bedford	1



Knox	Smith, John P.	25	1½ years.	Larceny	March 13, 1869	Islesboro	1
York	Smith, Calvin	28	6 "	"	Feb. 9, 1864	Jackson	1
Penobscot	Stevens, John T.	20	4 "	"	March 16, 1869	Dixmont	1
Cumberland	Southard, James	30	1 "	"	May 19, 1869	Trenton	1
Penobscot	Smith, Peter C.	35	3 "	Burglary	Sept. 3, 1869	Orrington	1
Penobscot	Smith, Joseph F.	16	2 "	Burglary	Sept. 3, 1869	Orrington	1
Penobscot	Saxton, William	18	2 "	Larceny	Sept. 3, 1869	London	1
Hancock	Sargent, Calvin J.	20	3 "	Burglary	Nov. 15, 1869	Ellsworth	2
Cumberland	Shaw, William	49	5 "	Larceny	Oct. 2, 1869	Nova Scotia	1
Cumberland	Thorn, Thomas	19	Death.	Murder	May 17, 1843	Long Island	1
Franklin	Thompson, Asahel H.	28	20 years.	Burglary	May 18, 1864	Phillips	1
Sagadahoc	Talbot, John D.	27	3 "	Larceny	April 17, 1867	Massachusetts	1
Penobscot	Tobin, George	21	4 "	"	Sept. 15, 1866	Ireland	1
York	Trafton, Leonard	26	2 "	"	March 28, 1868	Alton	1
Penobscot	Thompson, Charles	17	5 "	"	May 9, 1869	Boston	1
Kennebec	Tabor, William	28	1½ "	"	Aug. 22, 1869	Albion	1
Kennebec	Willia, William S.	50	10 "	Arson	Sept. 29, 1865	New York	1
York	Willard, Horace P.	55	15 "	Obstructing a railroad	Oct. 17, 1865	Alfred	2
Penobscot	Willis, William	27	5 "	Larceny	Sept. 16, 1866	Belfast	1
York	Wilkinson, Charles	21	Life.	Murder	March 23, 1867	Sanford	1
Somerset	Wilkinson, Daniel	21	6 years.	Larceny	Jan. 4, 1867	England	1
Penobscot	Williams, Charles	22	9 "	Larceny	March 8, 1866	Pennsylvania	1
Cumberland	White, John	31	Life.	Burglary	Feb. 8, 1868	St Johns	1
Penobscot	Welch, Henry	16	2 "	Larceny	March 28, 1868	Ireland	1
Penobscot	Watson, Thomas	19	2 "	"	Sept. 9, 1868	Roxbury	1
Cumberland	Wiswell, Franklin	19	1 "	"	Feb. 11, 1869	Portland	1
Androscoggin	Weddington, Frank	28	4½ "	"	Feb. 20, 1869	Roxbury	2
Penobscot	Washburn, Horatio N.	25	4 "	"	March 16, 1869	Brewer	1
Washington	Waterhouse, Walter	26	2 "	Assault to ravish	May 17, 1869	East Machias	1
Cumberland	Ward, John	17	3 "	Larceny	May 19, 1869	Portland	1
Penobscot	Webb, James	36	2 "	Forgery	Sept. 3, 1869	Westbrook	2
Penobscot	Walker, Joseph E.	19	2 "	Larceny	Sept. 3, 1869	Bangor	1
Penobscot	Whitshire, Nelson	50	1½ "	"	Sept. 3, 1869	Monroe	1
Cumberland	Wallace, Edward	17	1 "	"	Oct. 2, 1869	Saccarappa	1
York	Welch, Alexander	21	4 "	"	Oct. 21, 1869	Kennebunk	1
Oxford	Young, Truman F.	48	9 "	Bank robbery	April 29, 1868	New Hampshire	1

# INSPECTORS' REPORT.

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

The Inspectors of the State Prison herewith respectfully submit their Report for the year ending November 30, 1869:

Although, in their last Annual Report, the Inspectors stated that the affairs of the prison were in a most satisfactory condition, they are, nevertheless, constrained to say that, aggregating all the interests in the various departments, the success of the past year has never been equaled in its history. The sales have been \$65,036.15, exceeding those of the preceding year by \$12,120.31.

The net earnings have been \$5,730.14 more. The gains have exceeded the current expenses by \$689.19, as will appear by the following statement:

## RECEIPTS.

Earnings in carriage department.....	\$23,574 94
Earnings in boot and shoe department.....	4,112 46
Fees from visitors.....	258 50
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	\$27,945 90

## EXPENSES.

Clothing.....	\$2,489 31
Subsistence.....	8,007 22
Fuel and lights.....	1,814 84
Incidental expenses.....	1,464 98
Convicts discharged.....	1,046 08
Transporting convicts.....	441 65
Officers' salaries.....	11,992 63
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	\$27,256 71
Balance in favor of prison.....	\$689 19

## STATEMENT OF BUILDING ACCOUNT.

Expenditures.....	\$9,458 25
Appropriations.....	8,387 28
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Deficit.....	:\$1,070 97

And still the work commenced is incomplete, and it will require \$2,000 more to finish it.

The last Legislature authorized the purchase of a building outside of the prison, to be used as a repository, but failed to make an appropriation for this purpose. This has been purchased at a cost and interest of \$1,900. An appropriation of this amount by the present Legislature will be needed.

The appropriation made by the last Legislature of \$30,000, has been appropriated as follows :

To meet the deficit for building purposes for 1868.....	\$4,118 03
"          "      current expenses.....	2,494 69
Applied for building in 1869.....	8,387 28
To increase capital of the prison .....	15,000 00
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	\$30,000 00

The amount used to increase the capital facilitated the business operations of the Institution so that instead of an excess of \$2,494.69 in expenditures over income, there is an excess of income over expenditures of \$689.19, making a difference of \$3,183.88. This result is due in a great measure to the increase of capital.

For several years past this Institution has been steadily progressing toward a condition in which it could be entirely self sustaining, if not a source of income to the State. To advance the effort in this direction the Legislature has made from year to year liberal and generous appropriations, and its present condition amply justifies the expenditures that have been made. It has not however, as yet, reached that state of pecuniary independence that it can be regarded as permanently and entirely self-supporting. It would seem, undoubtedly, most desirable, to attain to this condition, especially when it would appear that it wanted but a very little of so doing, or when the continuance of the past liberal policy of the State, but for a brief space, would definitely and permanently place it upon an independent basis.

With this object in view the Inspectors beg leave to submit

these views of the method by which this desirable result may at once be attained.

The means, and the only means at the command of the State by which it can make the prison its own supporter, is the labor of the convicts. This labor has characteristics and value peculiar to itself. It is in some respects unlike that of free labor. Fortunately, however, we are able to determine, very nearly, its value in supporting the institution where it is used.

By reference to reports from the prisons of *six* different States, viz., Michigan, New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana, it appears that the contractors who lease the labor of the convicts, have found that the capital invested for manufacturing purposes should average fully \$1000 per man, in order to make that labor remunerative.

In the Maine State Prison the capital now invested amounts to less than \$300 per man, or a total capital of about \$50,000. It is the carefully matured judgment of the Inspectors that, could the prison be furnished with a capital of \$500 per man, the labor of the convicts would make the institution permanently remunerative. This would give, with the present number of convicts, a total capital of about \$90,000, and would necessitate an appropriation of \$40,000.

Although, during the past year, the prison has made its receipts exceed its expenses, it cannot, reasonably, be expected to continue to make this exhibit without the aid of an increased capital, because the increased business, incident to the increasing number of convicts, renders it necessary to enlarge the stock or materials used in their labor; and, besides this, a large proportion of the manufactures have to be sold a long time before any thing can be realized from sales. The limited capital at the command of the Warden has occasioned a degree of embarrassment, on meeting current liabilities of a business so large, that cannot long be sustained by any one conducting the business of the prison. Without the possession of an increased capital, the only alternative must be to contract the business, thus diminishing the labor of convicts, and resulting in an annual deficit.

The ends hitherto attained, by the large outlay made upon this institution, have approximated the results now contemplated, and it appears well nigh a certainty, that the basis on which it would be placed by the appropriation now suggested, and the possession of the capital thus secured, would be such that no considerable

additional aid from the State would be required for a long period to come.

In a State Prison where so large a number of convicts are confined, their educational, moral and religious interests render it most important that there should be employed a Chaplain, whose entire time and talents should be given to the care of these. The disciplinary, and even pecuniary interests of such an institution are promoted in a great degree by the faithful labors of such an officer. The duties of this office have for many years been partially performed by the resident ministers of Thomaston, who have been able to give but a small portion of their time to the prison. It needs a Chaplain exclusively its own. We refer to the Chaplain's Report accompanying this, and fully concur with the suggestions therein made.

#### APPROPRIATIONS

Will be needed during the coming session of the Legislature as follows :

To cover the deficit for building purposes the past year,	\$1,070 97
“ complete the work already begun.....	2,000 00
“ pay for repository purchased.....	1,900 00
“ general repairs.....	800 00
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Total.....	\$5,770 97

besides the necessary increase of capital.

The estimated expenses of the prison for the year 1870, are as follows :

Incidental expenses.....	\$1,500 00
Clothing.....	2,000 00
Fuel and lights.....	2,000 00
Subsistence.....	8,000 00
Outfit for convicts.....	1,000 00
Transportation of convicts.....	400 00
Officers' salaries.....	12,600 00
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	\$27,500 00

Probable income.....	\$27,500 00
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WILLIAM WILSON, }  
RUFUS PRINCE, } *Inspectors.*

THOMASTON, November 30, 1869.

*Statement of Net Profits and Expenditures in the different Departments from November 30, 1868, to November 30, 1869.*

CARRIAGE DEPARTMENT.			
1868.			
Nov. 30.	DR.	For stock and tools on hand.....	\$23,759 99
		For purchased since.....	28,108 32
1869.			
Nov. 30.	CR.	By stock and tools on hand.....	27,854 12
		By amount of sales.....	47,589 13
		Net gain.....	23,574 94
			\$51,868 31
			75,443 25
			23,574 94
SHOEMAKING.			
1868.			
Nov. 30.	DR.	For stock and tools on hand.....	5,699 82
		For purchased since.....	20,281 26
1869.			
Nov. 30.	CR.	By stock and tools on hand.....	12,646 52
		By amount of sales.....	17,447 02
		Net gain.....	4,112 46
			25,981 08
			30,093 54
			4,112 46
FEES FROM VISITORS.			
1869.			
Nov. 30.	CR.	By balance of account.....	258 50
		Net gain.....	258 50
EXPENSE ACCOUNT.			
1868.			
Nov. 30.	DR.	For stock on hand.....	4,034 95
		For purchased since.....	3,684 18
1869.			
Nov. 30.	CR.	By stock on hand.....	5,369 50
		By amount of sales.....	884 65
		Loss.....	1,464 98
			7,719 13
			6,254 15
			1,464 98
CLOTHING.			
1868.			
Nov. 30.	DR.	For stock on hand.....	3,426 61
		For purchased since.....	3,528 93
1869.			
Nov. 30.	CR.	By stock on hand.....	3,348 45
		By amount of sales.....	1,117 78
		Loss.....	2,489 31
			6,955 54
			4,466 23
			2,489 31

*Statement of Net Profits and Expenditures—(Continued.)*

		FUEL AND LIGHTS.		
1868.				
Nov. 30.	DR.	For stock on hand .....	\$593 47	
		For purchased since .....	2,591 96	
1869.				\$3,185 43
Nov. 30.	CR.	By stock on hand .....	1,263 76	
		By amount of sales.....	106 83	
				1,370 59
		Loss.....		1,814 84
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		SUBSISTENCE.		
1868.				
Nov. 30.	DR.	For stock on hand .....	939 94	
		For purchased since .....	9,247 27	
1869.				10,187 21
Nov. 30.	CR.	By stock on hand .....	1,019 78	
		By amount of sales.....	1,160 21	
				2,179 99
		Loss.....		8,007 22
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		BUILDING AND REPAIRS.		
1868.				
Nov. 30.	DR.	For stock on hand .....	291 27	
		For purchased since .....	9,988 33	
1869.				10,279 60
Nov. 30.	CR.	By stock on hand .....	509 16	
		By amount of sales.....	312 19	
				821 35
		Loss .....		9,458 25
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		CONVICTS DISCHARGED.		
1869.				
Nov. 30.	DR.	For balance of account.....	1,046 08	
		Loss .....		1,046 08
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		TRANSPORTING CONVICTS.		
1869.				
Nov. 30.	DR.	For balance of account.....	441 65	
		Loss.....		441 65
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		OFFICERS SALARIES.		
1869.				
Nov. 30.	DR.	For balance of account.....	11,992 63	
		Loss .....		11,992 63

*Statement of Net Profits and Expenditures—(Continued.)*

RECAPITULATION.			
Carriage department, gain.....		\$23,574 94	
Shoemaking, ".....		4,112 46	
Fees from visitors, ".....		258 50	
			\$27,945 90
Expense account, loss.....		1,464 98	
Clothing, ".....		2,489 31	
Fuel and lights, ".....		1,814 84	
Subsistence, ".....		8,007 22	
Building and repairs, ".....		9,458 25	
Convicts discharged, ".....		1,046 08	
Transporting convicts, ".....		441 65	
Officers salaries, ".....		11,992 63	
		\$36,714 96	
Less for building and repairs.....		9,459 25	
			\$27,256 71
Gain.....			689 19
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NOTES AND ACCOUNTS.			
1869.			
Nov. 30.	Due the prison on old notes.....	\$346 00	
	" " on old books.....	480 00	
	" " on new books.....	27,138 68	
	" " on new notes.....	8,453 74	
			\$36,418 42
	The prison owes on old books.....	24 72	
	" on new books.....	26,301 27	
			26,325 99
	Balance in favor of prison.....		\$10,092 43



## PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

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

GENTLEMEN :—The health of the convicts in this prison has been good during the present year. No convict has had fever within the prison during the seven years for which as physician I have had the honor to report to your board.

There is now but one grave case of illness; that of Thomas Murphy, from phlegmonous erysipelas of the hand and arm, the result of an injury.

Excepting the death of Clifton Harris, (executed,) there have been but two deaths during the year; being less than one per cent., which is evidence of the zealous co-operation of the officers of the prison in maintaining the observance of the laws of hygiene.

Charles H. Rundlett died of internal hemorrhage; and Samuel Richardson of debility, caused by his refusal of food.

The disposal of the night soil is a matter of great importance as to the health of the convicts, as well as of the residents in the immediate vicinity of the prison. At present it is thrown upon the surface of the hog-yard, without any special provision for neutralizing the exhalations, at once offensive and pernicious. During early autumn, the season of fevers, earth was immediately thrown upon the mass deposited each morning, with the effect of very much modifying the effluvia. The same material, *thoroughly dried*, and preserved under cover, would, by being used as a covering to each morning's deposit, preserve the atmosphere about the prison pure, and contribute much to the comfort and health of people and convicts. I respectfully urge the adoption of the plan here suggested.

Excellent discipline is maintained by the calm, yet firm enforcement of rules, humane and reasonable.

I wish, in this connection, to acknowledge the uniform aid and

kindness shown me in my connection with the prison by the Warden, Deputy Warden, and other officers of the institution.

CHARLES T. CHASE,  
*Physician to Maine State Prison.*

MAINE STATE PRISON, November 30, 1869.

## CHAPLAINS' REPORT.

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

GENTLEMEN :—In making their annual report of the moral and spiritual condition of the convicts in the Maine State Prison, the officiating Chaplains have to say that they have attended to the various duties incumbent on them in the usual way. They feel that they have accomplished very little for the safety, or credit of the Commonwealth, or the permanent good of the convicts. They have preached, in rotation, on the Sabbath, with what of ability and fidelity possible for them ; have prayed with sick and dying ones ; given counsel to some in the privacy of their cell ; extended the friendly hand, and spoken encouraging and cautionary words to several whose terms had expired, or been shortened by Executive clemency ; listened to words penitential and promissory ; replied to inquiries of relatives, and town or city officials, only, on reflection, to be overwhelmed with the conviction that the meagerest possible results are all that can be expected from a work so stinted in nearly every direction.

Believing that the year is close at hand when this institution should, and will be provided with a Chaplain whose intellectual acquirements, practical common sense, high Christian attainments, cosmopolitan sympathies, and self-denying devotion, shall adapt him to the particular work demanded here. They have tried to reconcile themselves to the official relation desired, hitherto, by the State. The want of the right man, and a suitable appropriation by the Legislature for his pecuniary support, seem to be the only causes for further devolving these responsibilities upon the clergymen of the town.

In the moral and spiritual condition of the convicts, there is nothing specially to encourage or dishearten. The majority are not so hard as the outside world are accustomed to believe. There are men here *notoriously* vile and depraved. But there are scores

sensitive to anything mean ; conscientious in more than ordinary measure ; dupes of villains who are at large ; or innocent sufferers for others' crimes. Such may be benefitted ; and, even the worst, *do show*, sometimes, that they have a heart. While this is true they are not to be despaired of.

Of those deceased during the year, one was in the hospital ; another in "solitary," too mad or malicious to be safe elsewhere ; another on the gallows, in expiation of an awful crime. Of their spiritual condition very little can be said. The last expressed himself penitent. To have stood by the "drop," and seen a fellow-being go down into darkness, would have pruned the utterances of many a man, whose pen or tongue has been guilty of a flippancy altogether too unintelligent and conceited for a scene and reality like that.

The library is still a source of good to many. They are made healthier and wiser by it. Others are too ignorant to avail themselves of its benefits. A larger appropriation than the average is needed.

Additional facilities of some kind should be provided at the earliest practicable day, by means of which to interest and educate the boys and young men incarcerated here. These constitute a large per cent. of the whole number in the prison. And about one-fourth are under twenty-one years of age.

Would it not be wise to put them into an institution separate from older convicts ; oblige them to acquire a trade ; drill them each day in some branch of a common education, for a time, so that when they shall go forth into the world again, they may have the means of an honest living, and the acquirements essential to the transaction of business ? Obviously they deserve their penalty ; but do not both humanity and economy demand that they either have a special department here, insulated from that of veteran criminals, or be punished, and educated for usefulness, elsewhere ?

You will not be surprised to be told that the average age of the convicts for the last, and it will not vary much for the current year, was less than *twenty-eight* years ; but the people of the State generally will be. We are no sentimentalists. We believe in punishing the criminal ; not *solely* for vengeance ; nor chiefly, but mainly for safety and reform. Mercy is good, and so is justice. And justice may be so tempered and inflicted as to be mercy, as well to both society and the criminal himself. A rigid discipline is proper and

indispensable, but effected more surely by other measures than corporeal severity, the while making the subject a safer and better man. The State should think of this and provide for it.

The experience of the present Warden has enabled him to make this principle more efficient than formerly. Himself naturally leaning towards humanity's side, yet able now, with the earnest co-operation of the Deputy and other officers, to exact and enforce as strict discipline, possibly, as it were wise at present to attempt. A more rigid would doubtless make the criminal feel more thoroughly degraded, but would not contribute to lift him to a higher plane and a truer manhood, and thereby make more sensitive to everything wrong and ignoble.

We have to mention, as in the past, the considerate urbanity of the officers of the prison, and the promptness with which they have afforded whatever facility we have desired in the prosecution of our duties.

Respectfully submitted.

J. K. MASON, }  
 B. S. AREY, } *Officiating Clergymen.*  
 C. M. EMERY, }

THOMASTON, November 30, 1869.