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FOR THE YEARS

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REPORTS

OF THE

WARDEN AND INSPECTORS

OF THE

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AND OF THE

PHYSICIAN AND CHAPLAINS.

1870.

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OFFICERS.

WARREN W. RICE, Warden. ELBRIDGE BURTON, Deputy Warden. ASA PERKINS, Clerk. WENDELL P. RICE, Commissary. HOWARD MORTON, Overseer of Carriage Shop. ALBERT P. PIPER, Assistant Overseer Carriage Shop. CYRUS C. DUNBAR, HENRY J. STEVENS, Overseer of Blacksmith Shop. WILLIAM P. BUNKER, Ass't Overseer Blacksmith Shop. ISAAC H. BURKETT, Overseer of Paint Shop. WILLIAM H. SMITH, Overseer of Harness Shop. AUGUSTUS T. SOMERBY, Overseer of Shoe Shop. WILLIAM G. RICE, Assistant Overseer. JOEL H. LITTLE, EDWARD A. WILLIS, A. A. NEWBERT, Guard. JOSEPH E. MEARS, THEO. L. GILCHREST, " WILLIAM A. EVENS, ELIAS THOMPSON, MERRITT A. MORSE, Night Watch. EUGENE B. FALES, ALVAH F. BURTON, Gate Keeper. CHARLES T. CHASE, Physician. CLERGYMEN OF THOMASTON, Chaplains. HENRY C. MARDEN, Salesman.

WILLIAM WILSON, Inspectors.

WARDEN'S REPORT.

To the Governor and Council of the State of Maine:

Gentlemen:—I am happy to be able to state in this, my Eighth Annual Report of the affairs of the State Prison, that the year ending November 30, 1870, has passed without any serious disturbance or calamity, and that good order has prevailed.

We commenced the year with 174 convicts, and close with 167, a decrease of 7, though the average number has been greater by 16 during the past year than in any previous year. But 53 have been committed in 1870, against 84 in 1869, indicating a material decrease of crime in the State. Of these

Cumberland co	ounty	sen		18
York	"	"	•••••	8
Washington	"	"		7
Androscoggin	44	"	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	4
Penobscot	"	"		
Kennebec	"	"		3
\mathbf{Waldo}	"	"	,	
Sagadahoc	"	"		2
Knox	"	"		2
Aroostook	"	"		2
Somerset .	"	"		1
Total				53

Crimes of those committed in 1870:

Burglary	5 3 2 1 1	
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Period of sentence of those received during the year:

Two years and over one Three years and over two	3 Ten years and over seven. 1 20 Death 1 11 Life 2
Five years and over three	

HEALTH.

The health of the convicts, with the exception of a few severe cases, has been as good as hitherto. Out of a total population of 227, five have died, as follows:

County.	Names.	Age	Crime.	Sentence.	Time served.
Washington	Lawrence Doyle Joseph Clark William Davis Wm. McNorton James Devine	28	Larceny	9 years	13 mos. 27 days.
Washington		20	Larceny	9 years	10 " 14 "
Penobscot		18	Larceny	4 years	16 " 14 "

PARDONS.

During the year eleven have been pardoned by the Governor. as follows:

County.	Names.	Age.	Crime.	s	entence	т	ime	ser	ved.	When committed.
Cumb'land	Franklin Wiswell,	19	Larceny,	1	year,	9	mos.	21	davs	Feb. 11, 1869
	Walter Waterhouse					7			"	May 17, 1869
York	John W. Floyd,	18	Burglary	3	"	23	"	25	"	Mar. 28, 1868
Cumb'land	Frank Cardiff,	18	Larceny	2	66	14	"	2	66	Feb. 11, 1869
Waldo	Cornelius C. Hayes,	18	Burglary	2	Į 66	14	"	27	"	Feb. 9, 1869
				2	"	8	66	15	"	Sept. 3, 1869
Knox	John P. Smith,	25		1	<u> </u>	14	"	5	66	Mar, 13, 1869
Cumb'land	Geo. L. Harmon,	30	66	2	٠,٠	20	"	23	"	Aug. 27, 1868
Andros'gn	Andrew J. Tozier,	32		5	66	3	"	6	66	Feb. 17, 1870
Hancock	John B. Elwell,	23		5	"	42	"	17		Nov. 15, 1866
Penobscot	William Carney,	17	• (7		18	• •			Mar. 9, 1869

FINANCIAL.

I take pleasure in being able to state that the last has been the most successful year, pecuniarily, ever known in this institution. The earnings have been \$34,559.62, and expenses, including salaries of officers, \$28,034.07, leaving a profit of \$6,525.55. We have continued the manufacture of carriages and boots and shoes—the manufactures in the carriage department amounting during the year to over \$60,000.00, and in the boot and shoe department to about \$20,000.00.

Recently we have connected the manufacture of harnesses with

the carriage department, and have found a ready sale for all we have been able to make thus far. Now that we have more and better shop room, this branch will be increased in future.

IMPROVEMENT.

The fence on the street and in front of the prison has been completed, the grounds graded, two large reservoirs, and a building three stories high above basement, for wash-house, workshop and store-rooms, have been built, all of which, with other needed repairs, and including \$1,908.60 paid for repository, have cost \$6,986.12, exceeding the appropriation for the same by \$556.12.

The wall on the western side of the prison yard should be made higher, a new and permanent walk of stone and iron constructed on top of the wall, a line fence built, and considerable repairs made upon the shops and dwelling-houses during the coming year, for all of which an appropriation will be necessary.

DISCIPLINE.

We have been able to maintain good order and satisfactory obedience to the rules of the prison, by occasionally resorting to the use of the dark cell, or confinement in solitary for a few days or weeks, or by depriving the convict of some privilege which a faithful performance of his duty would entitle him to. The lash and shower-bath, though not prohibited by law in this State, have never been used for inflicting punishment in this prison since I have been in charge of it. Our commutation law has a decided influence upon the conduct of most convicts. It is printed with the "Rules for Convicts," and a copy posted in every cell. It is as follows:

The Warden of the State Prison shall keep a record of the conduct of each convict, and for every month that such convict shall appear by such record to have faithfully observed all the rules and requirements of the Prison, the Warden may recommend to the executive a deduction from the terms of scrvice of such convict's sentence according to, but not exceeding, the following rule and proportion: for a convict under the sentence of two years or less, one day for each month good conduct; three years, or less, and more than two years, two days; four years, three days; five years, four days; seven year, or less, and more than five years, five days; nine years, or less, and more than seven years, six days; ten years, and less than fifteen years, seven days; fifteen years, and less than twenty years, eight days; and for all other convicts, except those sentenced to perpetual imprisonment, ten days.

Section 2. Chapter two hundred and thirty-five of the laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and all other acts inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

HOLIDAYS.

On Thanksgiving day and the Fourth of July the convicts are allowed, for a few hours, the liberty of conversation and amusement with each other in the yard or shops, which occasions are looked forward to with much interest by them, and I believe have a salutary influence upon their conduct in prison, and their character after being released; and that "friend of the prisoner," H. C. L. Dorsey, Esq., of Pawtucket, R. I., has repeated his generosity of last year, and added to it a treat of strawberries for each convict, on the day of our National Anniversary, for all of which he will receive the thanks of the charitable, as he has the gratitude of the recipients of his benevolence.

REMARKS.

We have but four female convicts now, and if I may be allowed, I would suggest that some other provision be made for the punishment of female offenders than the State Prison, because I do not believe that men and women who are convicted of crime can be confined in the same institution with the best results. highest number of females ever here at one time, and the average is scarcely three; so that they cannot be made to earn enough to pay for the services of a Matron. Hence, they have been kept in a room together, without the restraint of an overseer, and of course under such circumstances very little labor, and not the best conduct, could be expected of them. It seems to me that the State should provide a House of Correction, where the hundreds of fallen women, annually convicted of various criminal offences in this State, should be employed for a term of years, under the supervision and control of women mainly, instead of, as now, being sent to the county jails for a term of thirty days, or a few months, at the termination of which no one supposes they will be any better prepared to resist the temptations to vice that will Such an institution, properly managed, would, I believe, save many an unfortunate, ignorant, friendless girl, who, if not forced from corrupting influences, would inevitably be obliged to drag out a miserable existence.

During the seven and a half years that I have been in charge of the prison, the number of convicts has averaged 122, varying from 64 to 183, while for the same length of time previous, dating back to 1855, the average was 111, showing a much smaller aver-

age increase than is generally supposed; and I confidently expect to see a constant reduction from the present number, so that the average for the next eight years will not much, if any, exceed 140, even though the present defective and demoralizing jail system is continued.

The clergymen of Thomaston have continued to officiate as Chaplains of the prison in a very acceptable manner; but they feel that their duties to their parishes utterly preclude the possibility of their doing all that should be done for the moral and spiritual welfare of the inmates, and urge in their report that provision be made for the appointment of a Chaplain, who shall devote his time and ability wholly to the improvement and reformation of the convicts. I concur with them in the belief, that the "right man" in that position would accomplish great good in the prison, by instructing the ignorant, and encouraging every effort of the inmates to lay the foundation of a better life after they have been released from confinement; and in very many ways a good man, adapted to the work, would be sure to make himself useful.

CONCLUSION.

I would again beg leave to acknowledge my obligation to the Governor and Council and Inspectors, for their continued kindness and assistance; 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, 1870.

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1870. Nov. 30	For paid transporting convicts		\$355 40 958 12 13,287 27	1870. Nov. 30.	By fees from visitors	\$282 00
	CARRIAGE DEPARTEENT. For stock and tools on hand Nov. 30, 1869 purchased since				CARRIAGE DEPARTMENT. By stock and tools on hand Nov. 30, 1870 \$40,505 20 amount of sales	
	SHOEMAKING. For stock and tools on hand Nov. 30, 1869 purchased since	12,646 52 16,406 00			SHOEMAKING. By stock and tools on hand Nov. 30, 1870 amount of sales	
	EXPENSE ACCOUNT. For stock on hand Nov. 30, 1869 purchased since	5,369 50 3,184 73	8,554 23		EXPENSE ACCOUNT. By stock on hand Nov. 30, 1870 5,681 23 amount of sales 768 40	
	CLOTHING. For stock on hand Nov. 30, 1869 purchased since	3,348 45 3,337 97	6,686 42		Сиотникс. By stock on hand Nov. 30, 1870	
	FUEL AND LIGHTS. For stock on haud Nov 30, 1869 purchased since	1,263 76 2,063 93	3,327 69		FUEL AND LIGHTS. By stock on hand Nov. 30, 1870 874 23 amount of sales 16 61	
	Subsistence. For stock on hand Nov. 30, 1869 purchased since	1,019 78 9,726 18	10,745 96		Subsistence. By stock on hand Nov. 30, 1870	

Nov. 30. For stock on hand Nov. 30, 1869 509 16 Nov. 30. By stock on han	NG AND REPAIRS. ad Nov. 30, 1870
For gain	r building and repairs
STATEMENT.	
balance due prison Nov. 30, 1869 10,092 43 balance due	nd tools Nov. 30, 1870
For balance in favor	\$101,419 27

WARREN W. RICE, Warden.

Knox, ss.—December, —th, 1870.

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. LEVENSALER, Justice of the Peace.

CONVICTS.

Received since July 2, 1824
Died 67
Removed to Insane Hospital 8
Do. sentences commuted to jails, 4
Escaped and not retaken 19
1746
Present number 167

CRIMES.

Larceny 93 Burglary 22 Murder 11 Arson 8 Assault to kill 4 Assault to ravish 1 Incest 1 Beastiality 1 Perjury 2 Polygamy 1 Scuttling a vessel 1	Obstructing a railroad. Manslaughter. Robbery Receiving stolen goods. Rape Adultery. Forgery.
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Convicts in the State Prison November 30, 1870—(Continued.)

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County.	Names.	Age.	Sentence.	Crimes.	When Committed.	Place of Birth.	No. Com.
Cumberland	Devine, James	17	6 years.	Burglary	May 19, 1869	Portland	1
	Dunton, Elizabeth E	20	3 "	Perjary		Brunswick	l î
	Delaskey, Albert	$\frac{24}{24}$	10 "	Assault to kill		Sebec	l î
	Dillon, Francis T	24	10 "	Arson		Philadelphia	i
	Dunphy, Azel	51	21/2 "	Assault		Lubec	l î
Vork	Duval, George	23	3 "	Forgery			i
Cumberland	Eastman, James	18	3 "	Larceny			l î
Vork	Emery, Edgar	18	2 "	Larceny			ì
Androscorein	Eastman, Charles A	19	2 "	Burglary			l i
Vork	Flinn, Cornelius	23	4 "	Larceny			1
Washington	Foley, George H	17	2 "	Larceny			1
Androssogain	Griffin, Patrick	40	Death.	Murder			1 1
Orford	Cilman Enhaim	25	Death.				1 ;
Cumbanland	Gilman, Ephraim			Murder			1 1
Danahasat	Green, John	26	6 years.	Burglary			1
Penobscot	Grant, Henry	21	1 -	Arson			1
Combandari	Gross, Darius	17	T T	Larceny			1
Cumberland	Graffam, Robert	28	4	Larceny			1 1
Cumberland	Gatchell, James M	54	1 4	Adultery			Į į
Kennebec	Goldthwait, Edwin	47	3 "	Assault to kill			1
Cumberland	Holman, Joseph	26	6 "	Larceny			2
Penobscot	Hafferty, John	25	3 "	Assault to kill	Sept. 9, 1868	Ireland	1
Franklin	Hale, John	79	4 "	Larceny			3
Washington	Hickey, Charles	51	31 "	Larceny			4
Cumberland	Halev. Dennis	22	3 "	Robbery			1
Androscoggin	Higgins, Thomas	23	4 "	Larceny	Feb. 20, 1869	Ireland	1
Cumberland	Hill. Samuel	46	Life. Com.	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			1
Somerset	Hurd. Benjamin	55	14 "	Larceny			1
Waldo	Hamlin, William	23	3 "	Larceny	May 7, 1870	Wiscasset	1
Knox	Hight, Charles	31	7 "	Larceny	Sept. 30, 1870	Saco	i
Androscoggin	Hawes, Moses T	19	2 "	Burglary			
Washington	Irving, Elisha,	30	113 "	Larceny			

Aroostook Johnson, Walter G	26	2½ years.	Larceny Nov 25, 1868 Portland 1	
Cumberland Jeffers, John H	21	7~ "	Larceny Jan. 21, 1869 Portland 1	
Penobscot Jones, David W	23	2 "	Larceny Sept. 3, 1869 Dexter 1	
Androscoggin Knight, George	40	Death.	Murder Sept. 24, 1857 Poland 1	
Cumberland Keenan, Charles H	25	Life, Com.	Murder May 2, 1867 Louistana 1	
Cumberland Kelley, Frank	18	2 years.	Larceny May 19, 1869 Portland 1	
Waldo Kenney, Thomas	28	25-12 years.	Burglary Nov. 13, 1869 Frankfort 1	
Somerset Kendall, Willard F	24	1 year,	Larceny Oct. 8, 1870 Waldo 1	
York Littlefield, Rufus	39	Life.	Rape Feb. 11, 1862 Kennebunk 2	
York Livingston, Edward	40	7 years.	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	11 "	Larceny Aug. 18, 1869 Waterville 1	
Cumberland Leavett, John	26	5 "	Larceny Jan. 22, 1870 Hallowell 2	
Cumberland Logan, William	37	6 "	Manslaughter Feb. 17, 1870 Ireland 1	
Penobscot Lawrence, John F	32	Death.	Murder Sept. 12, 1870 Newport 1	
Aroostook Larkin, James	37	4 vears.	Assault to ravish Nov. 11, 1870 Boston 1	
Penobscot Murphy, Thomas	27	20 "	Robbery Sept. 4. 1865 Ireland 1	
Lincoln Mink, John H	25	6 "	Larceny Jan. 17, 1866 Waldoborough 1	
Washington Mackie, Thomas	27	15 "	Burglary Nov. 26, 1867 Nova Scotia 1	
Sagadahoc Maguire, Edward	26	5 "	Larceny Jan. 9, 1868 New York 1	
Penobscot McDougal, George	26	8 "	Larceny Feb. 28, 1868 Calais 1	
Penobscot McDonald, John	30		Larceny Sept. 9, 1868 New Brunswick 1	
Kennebec McDonald, S. S. L	32	Life.	Rape Aug. 23, 1868 Parkman 1	
Penobscot Murray, Anthony	16	2 years.	Larceny Sept. 3, 1869 Bangor 1	
Penobscot May, Richard	17	3 "	Larceny March 9, 1869 Boston 1	
Cumberland Morton, Charles E	28	5 "	Larceny Oct. 2, 1869 Remington 2	
Washington Murphy, John	24	5 "	Robbery Jan. 25, 1870 Ireland 1	
Cumberland Morgan, George	23	14 "	Larceny Feb. 17, 1870 Portland 1	
Penobscot McKenney, Fred A	24	2 "	Burglary April 4, 1870 Bangor 1	
Cumberland McCarty, James	17	4 "	Larceny May 28, 1870 Calais	
Cumberland McGlinchy, Matthew	26	3 "	Robbery Sept. 24, 1870 Portland 1	
Cumberland Mayberry, John J	23	1 "	Receiving stolen goodsSept. 24, 1870 Ireland 1	
Knox Moore, Langdon W	40	7 "	Larceny Sept. 30, 1870 Washington	
Kennebec Newell, Frederic	19	4 "	Burglary April 15, 1870 Boston 1	
York Nason, William M	22	2 "	Larceny June 8, 1870 Biddeford 1	
Cumberland O'Neal, Charles	18	3 "	Burglary March 6, 1869 Portland 1	
Penobscot O'Connell, Charles	17	4 "	Larceny March 9, 1869 New York 1	
Cumberland Oliver, James	24	3 "	Larceny	

Convicts in the State Prison November 30, 1870—(Continued.)

County.	Names.	Age.	Sentence.	Crimes.	When Committed.	Place of Birth.	No. Com.
Cumberland	O'Hara, James	30	5 years.	Larceny	Jan. 22, 1870	Boston	1
Penobscot	Oveshott, Charles W	31	2 "	Burglary		Pennsylvania	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
Waldo	Patterson, Daniel E	20	3 "	Larceny	May 14, 1869	Belfast	1
Cumberland	Pierce, George	22	10 "	Larceny	Jan. 22, 1870	Portland	2
York	Pugsley, Henry	43	3 "	Larceny		Hiram	1
York	Plaisted, Calvin	47	Life.	Arson	Oct. 22, 1870	York	1
Cumberland	Punch, Michael	24	4 years.	Larceny	Oct. 2, 1869	Nova Scotia	1
Somerset	Rancho, Thomas	21	12 "	Burglary		Fairfield	1
U. S. Court	Ricker, Charles	26	3 "	False claim for pension		Bangor	1
U. S. Court	Ricker, Milton N	21	3 "	False claim for pension			1
Penobscot	Ricker, Benjamin D	52	1 1 44	Polygamy		Monroe	3
U. S. Court	Roy, William	25	3 "	Scuttling a vessel		Scotland	1
Penobscot	Richardson, William T	47	2 "	Arson	Sept. 3, 1869	Mt. Desert	1
Cumberland	Robinson, William C	55	5 "	Adultery	Oct. 2, 1869	England	1
Cumberland	Ross, John	32	1 "	Larceny	Jan. 22, 1870	Scotland	1
Aroostook	Rediker, Bartlett	37	11 44	Adultery			1
York	Smith, William B	24	Death	Murder			1
Penobscot	Sullivan, Cornelius	21	21 years.	Larceny			1
Cumberland	Stoddard, George	23	5 "	Larceny			1
Cumberland	Stephenson, William H	33	10 "	Larceny			4
York	Swett, Jane M	49	6 "	Manslaughter			1
Sagadahoc	Simms. Orrin.	29	15 "	Larceny		New Hampshire	1
Penobscot	Smith, Henry A	20	5 "	Larceny		New Bedford	1
Androscoggin	Strout. Thomas W	20	3 "	Burglary			1
Cumberland	Sweetser, Charles	32	Death.	Arson			2
Hancock	Sargent, Calvin J	20	3 years.	Burglary			2
Penobscot	Stevens, John T	20	4 "	Larceny			1
Penobscot	Smith, Peter C	35	3 "	Burglary		Orrington	1
Penobscot	Smith, Joseph F	16	2 "	Burglary			1
Penobscot	Saxton, William	18	2 "	Larceny			1
Cumberland	Shaw, William	49	5 "	Larceny			ī

YorkSmith, Calvin	28	6 years.	Larceny Feb. 9, 1864 Jackson 1
Cumberland Sheldon, Charles	25	5 "	Larceny Jan. 22, 1870 Savannah 1
Washington Silver, John	28	5 "	Robbery Jan. 25, 1870 Ireland
Kennebec Smith, John	28	3 "	Larceny April 15, 1870 Parsonsfield 2
Cumberland Sawyer, James A	22	11 "	Larceny Oct. 8, 1870 Gardiner 1
York Stingy, John	19	3 "	Larceny Oct. 22, 1870 Canada 1
Washington Small, Jacob	17	3 "	Larceny
Waldo Sylvester, Frank	17	2 "	Larceny
Cumberland Thorn, Thomas	19	Death.	Murder May 17, 1843 Long Island 1
Franklin [hompson, Asahel H	28	8 y's. Com	Burglary May 18, 1864 Phillips 1
York Trafton, Leonard	29	3 years.	Larceny Oct. 22, 1870 Alton 2
Penobscot Thompson, Charles,	17	5 "	Larceny March 9, 1869 Boston 1
Kennebec Tabor, William	28	11/2 "	Larceny 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 Railroad. Oct. 17, 1865 Alfred 2
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
Androscoggin Weddington, Frank	28	44 years.	Larceny Feb. 20, 1869 Roxbury 2
Penobscot Washburn, Horatio N	25	4 "	Larceny March 16, 1869 Brewer 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	11/2 "	Larceny Sept. 3, 1869 Monroe 1
York Welch, Alexander	21	4 "	Larceny Oct. 21, 1869 Kennebunk 1
Sagadahoc Wilson, Peter H	38	11/2 "	Larceny Aug. 30, 1870 Skowhegan 2
Sagadahoe Williams, John	31	11 "	Larceny Aug. 31, 1870 Unity 1
Oxford Young, Truman F	48	9~ "	Bank Robbery April 29, 1868 New Hampshire 1

INSPECTORS' REPORT.

To the Governor and Council of the State of Maine:

Gentlemen:—We herewith respectfully submit our Report of the condition of the State Prison during the year ending November 30, 1870:

Some idea of the amount of labor performed in the prison may be formed from the sales that have been made, which have amounted in the aggregate to \$77,476.24; exceeding those of the previous year by \$12,440.09.

That the business department of the prison has been efficiently managed may be inferred from the following statements of receipts and expenditures:

RECEIPTS.

Earnings in carriage department\$31,666	40
Earnings in boot and shoe department	22
Fees from visitors	00
Total	62
EXPENSES	

EXPENSES.

Clothing\$1,011	4Z
Subsistence	41
Fuel and lights 2,436	85
Incidentals 2,104	60
Convicts discharged	12
Transporting convicts	40
Officers' salaries	27

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Total	28,034	07
Balance in favor of prison	 \$6.525	55

This amount has been added to the working capital to meet the requirements of the increasing business of the institution.

The following is a statement of the building and repairs' account:

Expenditures	12
Appropriations 6,429	00
Deficit\$557	12

As it is estimated that \$2,000.00 will be required for repairs the ensuing year, an appropriation of \$2,557.12 will be necessary to meet the expenses of the same and to cover the deficit.

Believing that the income of the prison will exceed the expenses during the coming year, we make no estimate of same.

From these statements it will be seen that the financial prosperity of the prison has been greater than during any previous year of its existence.

The earnings of the prison above expenses, have been \$6,525.55. This favorable exhibit is attributable in a large measure, to the fact that the prison has had a larger capital at its disposal with which to carry on its business, and that the facilities for performing labor in the prison have been so much improved.

The wisdom of the Legislature, in appropriating funds to increase the capital, and for the enlargement of the buildings, has thus been fully vindicated.

The business affairs of the institution have been steadily improving for several years, and we are confident that it is now in a condition in which it may be permanently self-sustaining, and probably an income to the State.

The discipline of the prison, as well as its financial management, has been entirely satisfactory.

The chief officer, though uniformly kind and courteous, is nevertheless decided, and, if necessary, severe in his treatment of the prisoners, and the subordinate officers and employès have heartily coöperated with him. The conduct of the prisoners also has generally been good. They have been well fed and clothed, and have enjoyed good health with few exceptions. It is a noteworthy fact that many of them have manifested a deep interest, not only in their own work, but in the general prosperity of the institution.

It is our opinion—an opinion which has been confirmed by each year's experience in connection with the prison—that additional facilities ought to be provided for the intellectual, moral and religious improvement of its inmates. We might give many reasons

in support of this iew. In the first place many of them are not hardened criminals, but youthful offenders—the dupes of experienced knaves who managed to escape while they were apprehended, and their reformation ought not to be regarded as impossible. the second place many of them are young men, mere boys, whose characters are not yet formed, and who might be greatly benefitted if not thoroughly reformed by suitable intellectual training and And in the third place, many of them are in the prison for a short term, of one, two or three years, and will soon be discharged and resume their places in society. doubt that many of this class might be reformed. It has been the purpose of the institution to give to those who remain long enough a trade, so that when released they might have the means of gaining an honest living by work; and if in addition to this it could give them some education (for many of them are exceedingly ignorant) and some moral and religious training, we believe that most of them would be disposed to lead peaceable and honorable. lives, when released. We therefore recommend the appointment of a chaplain who shall devote all his time and energies to their spiritual, moral and intellectual culture. The expense of supporting a chaplain may be urged as a reason for continuing the present But it is our matured judgment that the influence of a wise, discrete and faithful Christian minister among the prisoners, by his encouragement, counsel and sympathy, would stimulate them to perform additional labor sufficient to meet the necessary expense; for it is often the case that they become so thoroughly discouraged and disheartened that they are incapable of performing much labor.

WILLIAM WILSON, RUFUS PRINCE, Inspectors.

THOMASTON, Nov. 30, 1870.

Statement of Net Profits and Expeditures in the different Departments from November 30, 1869, to November 30, 1870.

1869.		CARRIAGE DEPARTMENT.		
Nov. 30.	DR.	For stock and tools on hand	\$27,854 12 33,232 04	\$41.00 4.1 0
1870. Nov. 30.	CR.	By stock and tools on hand	40,505 20 52,247 36	\$61,086 16
				92,752 56
		Net gain		31,666 40
1869.		SHOEMAKING.	,	
Nov. 30.	DR.	For stock and tools on hand	12,646 52 16,406 00	
1870. Nov. 30.	CR.	By stock and tools on hand	6,434 86 25,228 88	29,052 52
		by amount of sales		31,663 74
		Net gain.		2,611 22
1870,		FEES FROM VISITORS.		
Nov. 30.	CR.	By balance of account	282 00	•
		Amount received		282 00
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1869.		EXPENSE ACCOUNT.		
Nov. 30.	Dr.	For stock on hand	5,369 50 3,184 73	
1870. Nov. 30.	CR.	By stock on hand	5,681 23	8,554 23
		By amount of sales	768 40	6,449 63
		Loss		2,104 60
*000		CLOTHING.		
1869. Nov. 30.	DR.	For stock on hand	3,348 45 3,337 97	
1870. Nov. 30.	CR.	By stock on hand	4,101 84	6,686 42
		By amount of sales	973 16	5,075 00
	1	Loss		1,611 42

Statement of Net Profits and Expenditures—(Continued.)

1000		FUEL AND LIGHTS.		
1869. Nov. 30.	DR.	For stock on hand	\$1,263 66 2,063 93	
1870. Nov. 30.	CR.	By stock on hand	874 23 16 61	\$3,327 69
				890 84
		Loss		2,436 85
		Subsistence.		
1869. Nov. 30.	DR.	For stock on hand	1,019 78 9,726 18	
1870. Nov. 30.	Cr.	By stock on hand	2,080 42 1,385 13	10,745 96
		•		3,465 55
		Loss	••••	7,280 41
		Building and Repairs.		
1869. Nov. 30.	DR.	For stock on hand	509 16 7,015 89	
1870. Nov. 30.	Cr.	By stock on hand		7,525 05
		•		538 93
		Loss		6,986 12
1870.		CONVICTS DISCHARGED.		
Nov. 30.	DR.	For balance of account	958 12	
		Loss	••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	958 12
		TRANSPORTING CONVICTS.		
1870. Nov. 30.	DR.	For balance of account	355 40	
2107. 00.	D.I.	Loss		355 40
70M0		Officers' Salaries.		
1870. Nov. 30.	Dr.	For balance of account	13,287 27	
		Loss		13,287 27

Statement of Net Profits and Expenditures—(Continued.)

	RECAPITULATION.		
	Carriage department, gain		\$31,666 40 2,611 22 282 00
	Expense account, loss	\$2,104 60 1,611 42 2,436 85 7,280 41 6,986 12 958 12 355 40 13,287 27 35,020 19 6,986 12	34,559 62 28,034 07 6,525 55
1870. Nov. 30.	Notes and Accounts. Due the prison on old notes	346 00 480 00 44,316 70 6,667 36	51,810 06
	The prison owes on old books	$\begin{array}{c} 24 & 72 \\ 17,912 & 40 \\ \hline \end{array}$	17,937 12
	Balance in favor of prison	l	\$33,872 94

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

To the Governor and Council of the State of Maine:

Gentlemen:—The amount of sickness in this prison during the current year has exceeded that of either of the seven for which I have reported to your Board. We have had one case of typhoid fever, the first and only for the term of eight years. Of the several cases of consumption within the prison during the year, two have died, viz: Joseph Clark and William Davis. Their long confinement (22 months) in jail before coming to the prison served to the development of the disease hereditary with them. William McNorton died of phrenitis; Lawrence Doyle died of embolism.

James Devine having suffered long incarceration in rebel prisons during the war of the rebellion, his shattered constitution was not equal to the close confinement his vicious nature rendered necessary, and without pronounced disease he sank under the combined influence of the causes mentioned.

Of the grave cases occurring during the year, is that of Thomas Murphy, mentioned in my last report. Amputation of the arm become necessary at the middle of the harmenses. His recovery was uninterrupted. He is now on duty.

Joseph Holman, a subject of secondary syphilis, obstinately refuses all medical aid; and he will gradually sink under the ravages of the disease he will allow modified only through the agency of diet.

Anthony Murray received an injury of the hand by the machinery of the shoe shop, requiring the amputation of the fingers of the left hand. In my absence this was skillfully done by Dr. H. C. Lavenseler of this place.

The diet table is the same as that of last year, healthful, of good quality, and well prepared.

Discipline is uniformly, and well maintained.

I reciprocate the feeling shown me by the Warden, Deputy Warden, and all officers of the prison, in the aid kindly rendered me in the discharge of my official duties.

CHARLES T. CHASE,

Physician to Maine State Prison.

THOMASTON, Nov. 30, 1870.

CHAPLAINS' REPORT.

To the Governor and Council of the State of Maine:

Gentlemen: - It has not escaped your notice, that, in the "Declaration of Principles," by the "National Congress on Penitentiary and Reformatory Discipline," in session recently in Cincinnati, the 2d Article regards "The treatment of criminals by society to be for the protection of society. But, since such treatment is directed to the criminal rather than to the crime, its great object should be his moral regeneration. Hence the supreme aim of prison discipline is the reformation of criminals, not the infliction of vindicative suffering." Then in the 9th Article, that, "Of all reformatory agencies religion is first in importance, because most potent in its action upon the heart and life." Now, if these principles are correct, it must be perfectly clear that every State should make the most ample and wise provision for the moral and religious instruction of its convicts. Public security, economy, humanity, duty the most sacred, demand it. We, who are here, employed by the Commonwealth to do a mere fragment of the needed moral and religious work with the convicts of the Maine State Prison, believe that its empty Chaplaincy should be filled by a wise and able man, at the earliest possible day. The want is imperative. Because, for the paltry sum of two hundred dollars the State has been able to secure the merest apology of work it ought to do for the reform of those incarcerated here, shall it feel satisfied longer to do so? For several years we have attempted, respectfully, to utter a cry in behalf of these wicked, yet savable You will, therefore, excuse this introduction of our annual report, and allow us to hope that as soon as the Legislature shall have made pecuniary provision for a chaplain, such as will be an honor, and a force for good in the Institution, your honorable body will find and appoint the man.

Of the moral and spiritual condition of the convicts there is nothing new to be said. Some have expressed purposes of reform and declared themselves to have become new men. Time must furnish the proof. Such professions must be received with great caution. Not a few find great temptations to christianly promise and talk. Many think the way to pardon and freedom opens there, and "fools they must be not to try so cheap a path." The usual preaching service has been held in the chapel at nine o'clock on each Sabbath morning, conducted by the clergymen of the town, in rotation; religious services also at the funerals of deceased convicts, buried under the prison auspices. This, with an occasional visit to the sick, or those wishing special religious conversation, is about the sum total of effort possible for us whose chief energies are demanded in our several parishes. Not much of a harvest can be expected from so meagre a sowing. Yet there is an occasional wheaten sheaf that shall be garnered safely by and by. Of the spiritual condition of the five deceased during the year, we may as well be silent. The Creator has drawn the veil over them. Four of them were bad men; the fifth, better. We prefer to let our human judgment suspend, as the Divine begins. We wish that their life-record were different, whatever their dying experiences may have been.

There is quite a love for reading on the part of many of the convicts, and the library, which has received about its usual addition the past year, affords commendable means of gratifying it. Many are too ignorant to use it, and should be taught in the rudiments of an education, but cannot be to any considerable extent under present arrangements. The womanly sympathy of Mrs. Rice is still making slight atonement for the State's neglect, to humanity's praise.

With the usual testimony to the friendly coöperation of the Warden in all the work we attempt, and the respectful consideration of other officers, we subscribe ourselves,

Most respectfully,

J. K. MASON,

In behalf of the officiating Clergymen.

THOMASTON, Nov. 30, 1870.