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BEING THE

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE VARIOUS

PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INSTITUTIONS

FOR THE YEAR

1876.

VOLUME II.

AUGUSTA:

SPRAGUE, OWEN & NASH, PRINTERS TO THE STATE.

1876.

REPORTS

OF THE

WARDEN AND INSPECTORS

OF THE

MAINE STATE PRISON,

AND OF THE

PHYSICIAN AND CLERGYMEN.

Published agreeably to a Resolve approved February 25, 1871.

AUGUSTA:

SPRAGUE, OWEN & NASH, PRINTERS TO THE STATE.

1876.

OFFICERS.

WARREN W. RICE, *Warden.*
WENDELL P. RICE, *Deputy Warden.*
JOSHUA G. RICE, *Clerk.*
ALBERT P. PIPER, *Overseer of Carriage Shop.*
ALMOND B. DAVIS, *Assistant Overseer of Carriage Shop.*
AUGUSTUS ALDEN, *Assistant Overseer of Carriage Shop.*
SUMNER E. CUSHING, *Overseer of Blacksmith Shop.*
WM. P. BUNKER, *Assistant Overseer of Blacksmith Shop.*
ISAAC H. BURKETT, *Overseer of Paint Shop.*
JOSEPH E. MEARS, *Assistant Overseer of Paint Shop.*
WILLIAM H. SMITH, *Overseer of Harness Shop.*
CHARLES G. CHASE, *Overseer of Shoe Shop.*
WILLIAM G. RICE, *Overseer and Salesman.*
HENRY L. FLETCHER, *Guard.*
ADELBERT J. BUTLER, "
WILLIAM L. BARROWS, "
CHARLES E. HERBERT, "
ATWOOD G. ROBINSON, "
FRED W. SHIBLES, "
EDGAR S. BARROWS, "
EDWARD C. BUCKLIN, "
GEORGE W. BOWERS, "
CHARLES A. BARROWS, *Gate Keeper.*
JOHN B. WALKER, *Physician.*
CLERGYMEN OF THOMASTON, *Chaplains.*
D. J. STARRETT, *Teacher.*

WILLIAM WILSON, }
RUFUS PRINCE, } *Inspectors*
A. J. BILLINGS, }

WARDEN'S REPORT.

To the Governor and Council of the State of Maine:

GENTLEMEN:—In presenting my Annual Report of the affairs of the State Prison for the year ending November 30, 1875, it affords me pleasure to be able to say, that with few exceptions good health and good order has prevailed throughout the prison. Only one out of a total population of 190 has died.

The year commenced with 137 convicts here, which number was reduced to 126 in July, the lowest since 1866, and afterwards increased to 148 at the close of the year. It is evident that the number will be considerably larger at the close of next year.

Of the fifty-three committed during the year, there were sent from—

Cumberland County	17
Kennebec “	9
Androscoggin “	6
Washington “	5
Penobscot “	5
Somerset “	3
York “	3
Waldo “	2
Knox “	1
Lincoln “	1
Piscataquis “	1
Total	53

Period of sentence of those committed in 1875:

One year.....	1
Two years, and over one.....	9
Three years, and over two.....	12
Four years, and over three.....	10
Five years	8
Six years	5

Seven years.....	2
Ten years.....	1
Fifteen years.....	1
Twenty years.....	1
Twenty-five years.....	1
Life.....	2
Total.....	<u>53</u>

Crimes of those committed in 1875 :

Larceny.....	23
Cheating.....	2
Rape.....	3
Burglary.....	5
Manslaughter.....	2
Forgery.....	1
Arson.....	5
Breaking and entering.....	1
Felonious assault.....	3
Adultery.....	2
Assault with intent to commit incest.....	1
Perjury.....	1
Assault with intent to kill.....	1
Embezzlement.....	1
Assault to ravish.....	1
Murder in second degree.....	1
Total.....	<u>53</u>

IMPROVEMENTS.

During the year the entrance building to the yard has been rebuilt, the yard wall materially repaired, made higher, and the entire length, except the western side, covered with stone flagging, and the railing and protection supported by iron posts, thus making the wall and walk enclosing the yard so permanent that it will last for ages with but few repairs. The blacksmith shop has been lengthened nineteen feet, a new guard-house built, a new stable connected with one of the dwellings, and considerable repairs on the houses and the prison buildings, the building account for the year amounting to \$8,481.22.

The old wing of the prison needs some repairs, and should be made lighter by the addition of another window, and the harness

shop should be enlarged, which, with the addition of another water cistern or two and some repairs on the officers residences, will be all the improvements in the shape of buildings that will probably be needed for the accommodation and employment of all the convicts that are likely to be sent here during the next ten years.

FINANCIAL.

The annexed table will show the business operations of the prison for the year, by which it will be seen that the profits of the income departments amount to \$24,354.49, while the expenses, including salaries, amount to \$30,058.69, showing a balance against the prison of \$5,704.20. This deficiency is owing partly to the unusually hard winter, and the wet season which interfered with the sale of carriages, and partly to the prevailing dulness of business and shrinkage of values, and also for want of sufficient capital occasioned by the loss of more than twenty thousand dollars, destroyed by the fire in the winter of 1873, and which has never been replaced as it ought to have been. The want of it has obliged me to do business at great disadvantage. At the time I did not ask to have it replaced because I was desirous of saving the State further appropriation than I thought was absolutely necessary, and I was willing to make the effort to conduct the business of the prison advantageously with a reduced capital, and I could probably have succeeded but for the general depression of business throughout the country.

REMARKS.

I do not, however, consider the financial aspect of a prison, material as that is, the most important standpoint from which to view its management and compare results. The prime object in providing the institution was "to protect the person and property of the citizens," and I do not forget the important fact that about ninety-five per cent. of the convicts sent here are to go out again either to become law-abiding citizens or to pursue a life of crime with all its possibly momentous results. The difference in the termination of the two roads is wide and the consequences no man can calculate. And my experience and observations have induced the belief that the prison officer, if he is properly supported, may be in a measure responsible for the course the discharged convict takes.

The Inspectors desire that in the control of these men, regard should be had to the causes that led them into the commission of crime, whether from ignorance, indolence, want of self-control, or on account of actual criminal tendencies in their dispositions, with a view of applying the remedy so far as is practicable. And for that purpose some instruction is provided for the illiterate; the indolent are stimulated into the formation of industrious habits by an opportunity to learn a trade at which they can readily obtain employment when released from prison; and those whose habits and surroundings from childhood have been such as to so blunt their moral sense that they cannot be reached by any higher motives, it is aimed to convince, if possible, that it "pays better" to obey the laws than to lead a life of crime.

And I may state by way of encouragement, that during the twelve years ending to-day, I have discharged from this prison five hundred and twenty-nine convicts, of whom only thirty-six, less than seven per cent., have been re-committed here. It is probable, however, that about as large a percentage as return here find their way into other prisons. Still leaving a large proportion who, if not "reformed," it is hoped are lifted from the "criminal classes."

Deacon Asa Perkins, so long Clerk of this prison, died February 12th, 1875, aged about 77 years. He had served the State with marked fidelity and ability for nearly forty-four years, and was emphatically, and in the full sense of the words, an "honest man," and a "faithful public servant." I sympathize with his afflicted family in their loss, and would pay this just tribute to his memory.

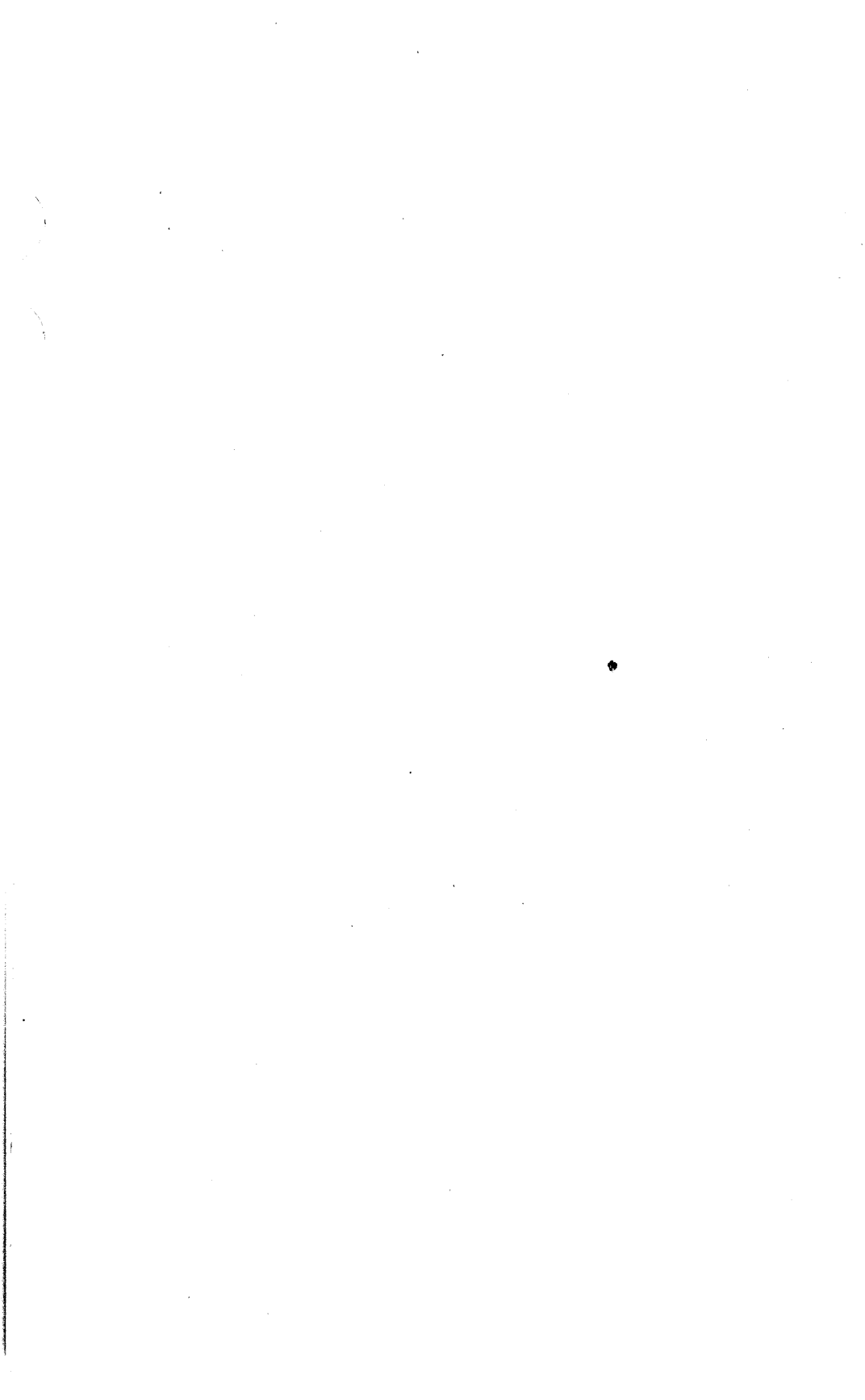
CONCLUSION.

I desire to make special acknowledgment of kind services and valuable suggestions rendered by the Governor and Council and the Board of Inspectors; also, to the officers of the prison for their fidelity in the discharge of duties oftentimes extremely perplexing.

Respectfully submitted.

WARREN W. RICE, *Warden.*

MAINE STATE PRISON, }
 Thomaston, December 1, 1875. }



Dr.

MAINE STATE PRISON IN ACCOUNT WITH THE STATE OF MAINE.

Cr.

1875. Nov. 30	For paid transporting prisoners..... " convicts discharged..... " officers' salaries.....	..... ..... .....	\$317 03 651 40 14,231 49	1875. Nov. 30	By fees from visitors .....	.....	\$288 00
1874. Nov. 30	CARRIAGE DEPARTMENT. For stock on hand..... purchased since.....	..... ..... .....	\$52,314 92 29,563 38 81,878 30	1875. Nov. 30	CARRIAGE DEPARTMENT. By stock and tools on hand..... amount of sales.....	..... ..... .....	\$58,455 71 46,257 31 104,713 02
1874. Nov. 30	SHOEMAKING. For stock on hand..... purchased since.....	..... ..... .....	7,251 44 5,865 11 13,116 55	1875. Nov. 30	SHOEMAKING. By stock on hand..... amount of sales.....	..... ..... .....	6,614 58 7,733 67 14,348 25
1874. Nov. 30	EXPENSE ACCOUNT. For stock on hand..... purchased since.....	..... ..... .....	5,505 17 4,360 83 9,866 00	1875. Nov. 30	EXPENSE ACCOUNT. By stock on hand..... amount of sales.....	..... ..... .....	4,994 58 1,936 21 6,930 79
1874 Nov. 30	CLOTHING. For stock on hand..... purchased since.....	..... ..... .....	3,951 13 2,986 71 6,937 84	1875. Nov. 30	CLOTHING. By stock on hand..... amount of sales.....	..... ..... .....	4,006 55 746 09 4,752 64
1874. Nov. 30	FUEL AND LIGHTS. For stock on hand..... purchased since.....	..... ..... .....	905 15 2,738 10 3,643 25	1875. Nov. 30	FUEL AND LIGHTS. By stock on hand..... amount of sales.....	..... ..... .....	563 56 350 88 914 44
1874. Nov. 30	SUBSISTENCE. For stock on hand..... purchased since.....	1,896 12 8,363 85 10,259 97	1875. Nov. 30	SUBSISTENCE. By stock on hand..... amount of sales.....	2,149 43 1,101 06 3,250 49

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STATE PRISON.

1874. BUILDING AND REPAIRS.		1875. BUILDING AND REPAIRS.			
Nov. 30.	For stock on hand.....	1,348 46	Nov. 30. By stock on hand.....	438 72	
	purchased since.....	8,370 10		amount of sales.....	798 62
					1,237 34
		9,718 56		By expended for building and repairs..	8,481 22
				loss in other departments.....	5,704 20
		\$150,620 39			\$150,620 39

STATEMENT.

1874.	For amount stock	\$73,172 39	1875.	By stock on hand.....	\$77,223 13
Nov. 30.	balance due Prison.....	25,629 09	Nov. 30.	balance due Prison.....	19,392 93
	appropriation.....	12,000 00		building and repairs	8,481 22
				loss in other departments	5,704 20
		\$110,801 48			\$110,801 48

WARREN W. RICE, *Warden.*

Knox, ss—December, 1875.

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.*

WARDEN'S REPORT.

CONVICTS IN THE STATE PRISON NOVEMBER 30, 1875.

County.	Name.	Age.	Sentence.	Crime.	When Committed.	Place of BIRTH.	No. Com.
Cumberland	Amelen, Edward	28	2 years.	Larceny	Feb. 4, 1875	Bluetown, Cardiff.	1
Androscoggin	Allen, Charles	25	1½ "	Larceny	March 11, 1875	Vienna	1
Cumberland	Austin, Moses	55	5 "	False pretences	May 28, 1875	Westbrook	1
Washington	Ayers, Jesse	50	15 "	Assault to kill	Oct. 18, 1875	East Machias	1
Knox	Blake, William D.	40	Life, Com'ted	Murder	May 18, 1863	Brooksville	1
Kennebec	Burns, William	35	10 years.	Burglary	April 12, 1866	Lexington	2
Sagadahoc	Bartlett, David	49	15 "	Larceny	Jan. 9, 1868	Philadelphia	1
Hancock	Beckett, Robert	47	5 "	Burglary	April 25, 1872	Ireland	4
York	Bickford, Frank W.	22	14 "	Larceny	Oct. 5, 1872	Great Falls	2
Oxford	Bragdon, John	23	5 "	Larceny	Dec. 13, 1873	Standish	2
Oxford	Bayhem, Frank	19	5 "	Larceny	Dec. 13, 1873	Windham	1
Cumberland	Burke, John	29	5 "	Larceny	Feb. 13, 1874	Ireland	1
Cumberland	Brown, Anthony	22	2 "	Arson	Feb. 13, 1874	New York	1
Cumberland	Brown, George H.	19	2 "	Larceny	Feb. 13, 1874	Lake Champlain.	1
Somerset	Benson, John S.	23	2 "	Larceny	April 4, 1874	Norridgewock	1
Kennebec	Brown, William	20	2 "	Larceny	April 10, 1874	Connecticut	1
Somerset	Brown, George W.	34	5 "	Rape	Oct. 3, 1874	Castine	1
York	Bridges, John	22	2½ "	Larceny	Oct. 6, 1874	Saco	2
Cumberland	Black, Augustus A.	28	20 "	Rape	Feb. 4, 1875	Gray	1
Kennebec	Britt, Charles H.	24	5 "	Larceny	March 11, 1875	Augusta	2
Kennebec	Britt, William	27	3½ "	Larceny	March 11, 1875	Augusta	1
Cumberland	Bryant, Willis	14	6 "	Arson	May 28, 1875	Portland	1
York	Baker, Edward J.	23	3½ "	Larceny	June 1, 1875	Cape Elizabeth	1
Kennebec	Bolton, Jacob	31	3 "	Larceny	Aug. 17, 1875	Augusta	1
Kennebec	Britt, Frederick	23	3 "	Larceny	Aug. 17, 1875	Augusta	1
Knox	Butler, Lewis F.	35	6 "	Larceny	Sept. 29, 1875	South Hope	2
Cumberland	Bundy, Anthony	22	7 "	Assault	Oct. 6, 1875	Bangor	1
Cumberland	Bush, James H.	25	2 "	Adultery	Oct. 6, 1875	Portland	1
Androscoggin	Brooks, John	19	3 "	Larceny	Oct. 20, 1875	Canada	1
Penobscot	Cleveland, Howard A.	23	Death.	Murder	Sept. 20, 1869	Orrington	1

Knox	Conlon, John	50	10 years.
Lincoln	Cunningham, William E	33	Life.
Penobscot	Curtis, Reuel	19	4 years.
Androscoggin	Clark, Jane	14	4 "
Penobscot	Collins, Amos	25	2 "
Cumberland	Clark, Thomas Jr	17	5 "
York	Curtis, John	21	2 "
Washington	Colbert, John	25	1½ "
Kennebec	Carter, Charles M	30	3½ "
York	Clough, Jacob C	53	5 "
Lincoln	Clifford, Alexander	16	5 "
Washington	Downes, John	22	Life.
Knox	Dillon, Frank T	24	10 years.
Cumberland	Daley, Peter	30	12 "
Kennebec	Danforth, Albert B	29	3 "
Cumberland	Dennison, George H	22	2 "
Cumberland	Dennison, Edward	14	6 "
Cumberland	Doherty James	51	4 "
York	Day, Reuben H	24	3 "
Washington	Daley, John	27	Life.
U. S Court	Eveleth, George W	52	10 years.
Oxford	Eastman, James	22	5 "
Washington	Estes, James	21	2 "
Cumberland	Eastman, Charles L	15	6 "
Kennebec	Evertson, John	37	4 "
Knox	Fuller, Charles B	39	4 "
Penobscot	Frazer, Samuel	22	6 "
Kennebec	Fitzgerald, John	23	2 "
Androscoggin	Griffin, Patrick	40	Death.
Oxford	Gilman, Ephraim	25	Life, Com'ted
Penobscot	Glidden, Isaac N	24	Life.
Cumberland	Green, Henry	24	5 years.
Knox	Hight, Charles	31	7 "
Kennebec	Hoswell, Edward H	47	9 "
Cumberland	Howard, Alonzo B	27	6 "
Kennebec	Haskell, Otis E	33	4 "
U. S Court	Haines, Samuel D	16	4 "
Cumberland	Harkins, James	28	9 "
Franklin	Hanlin, William	27	3 "

Assault to kill	Oct. 2, 1871	Ireland	1
Rape	Nov. 20, 1871	Washington	1
Larceny	March 4, 1873	Exeter	1
Common thief	July 1, 1874	Portland	1
Larceny	Aug. 26, 1874	Long Island	1
Larceny	Sept. 15, 1874	St. Johns	1
Larceny	Oct. 6, 1874	California	1
Larceny	Oct. 26, 1874	Milltown	1
Larceny	March 11, 1875	Somerville	1
As't to commit incest	Oct. 12, 1875	New Hampshire	1
Arson	Nov. 6, 1875	Somerville	1
Burglary	Nov. 9, 1865	No 10	1
Arson	Oct. 7, 1869	Philadelphia	1
Robbery	Jan. 13, 1871	England	1
Larceny	April 10, 1874	Freedom	1
Larceny	Feb. 4, 1875	Portland	1
Arson	May 23, 1875	Machias	1
Common thief	July 9, 1875	Portland	1
Adultery	Oct. 12, 1875	Alfred	1
Burglary	Oct. 18, 1875	Minnesota	1
Robbing the mail	Feb. 24, 1871	Phillips	1
Burglary	Dec. 13, 1873	Parsonsfield	2
Larceny	Oct. 26, 1874	New York	1
Arson	May 25, 1875	New Hampshire	1
Embezzlement	Nov. 20, 1875	New York	1
Assault to ravish	Oct. 15, 1873	Union	1
Robbery	June 1, 1874	New York	1
Breaking and entering	Aug. 17, 1875	Hallowell	1
Murder	May 17, 1862	Ireland	1
Murder	Aug. 27, 1863	Denmark	1
Burglary	March 3, 1874	Sebec	1
Cheating	Feb. 4, 1875	Chicago	1
Larceny	May 7, 1870	Wiscasset	1
Manslaughter	Dec. 19, 1870	Pawtucket	1
Larceny	June 14, 1872	Portland	2
Burglary	Aug. 16, 1872	Smithfield	1
Robbing the mail	Dec. 14, 1872	Patten	1
Assault dang. weapon	Feb. 13, 1874	Ireland	1
Larceny	March 16, 1874	Wiscasset	2

CONVICTS IN THE STATE PRISON NOVEMBER 30, 1875—(Continued.)

County.	Name.	Age	Sentence.	Crime.	When Committed.	Place of Birth.	No. Com.
Kennebec	Hilton, Samuel T	26	4 years.	Larceny	April 10, 1874	New York	1
Somerset	Hussey, Charles	27	2 "	Larceny	March 31, 1874	Hallowell	1
Aroostook	Harmon, Charles W	36	6 "	Arson	Oct. 23, 1874	New Brunswick	1
Penobscot	Holt, Benjamin S	17	2 "	Larceny	Dec. 5, 1874	Dexter	1
Androscoggin	Higgins, Rufus N	33	7 "	Manslaughter	Feb. 20, 1875	Bangor	1
York	Johnson, George	26	2 "	Larceny	Oct. 6, 1874	Canada	1
Somerset	Jones, Fred	22	3½ "	Rape	Oct. 6, 1875	Bangor	1
Androscoggin	Knight, George	40	Death,	Murder	Sept. 24, 1857	Poland	1
Cumberland	Keenan, Charles H	25	Life, Com'ted	Murder	May 2, 1867	Louisiana	1
Washington	Kerby, Edward S	31	7 years.	Manslaughter	Nov. 12, 1872	Nova Scotia	1
York	Kelley, Joseph	20	3 "	Larceny	Feb. 7, 1873	Ossipee	1
Penobscot	Kenney, Albert	23	Life	Burglary	March 3, 1874	Ellsworth	1
Cumberland	Katzenstein, Simon	23	3 years.	Larceny	May 28, 1875	Germany	1
Washington	Kennedy, John	45	1 "	Larceny	June 14, 1875	Ireland	1
Cumberland	Kyne, Michael	27	1½ "	Larceny	Oct. 6, 1875	Ireland	1
York	Littlefield, Rufus	39	Life.	Rape	Feb. 11, 1862	Kennebunk	2
Penobscot	Lawrence, John F	32	Life, Com'ted	Murder	Sept. 12, 1870	Newport	1
Cumberland	Libby, Frank F	28	6 years.	Larceny	Jan. 13, 1871	Gray	1
Knox	Little, Bernard	51	Life.	Murder	April 6, 1872	Ireland	1
Cumberland	Littlefield, George H	31	2 years.	Adultery	Feb. 13, 1874	Windham	1
Androscoggin	Lowell, James M	31	Life, Com'ted	Murder	May 23, 1874	Westley	1
Androscoggin	Lawler, Thomas	22	3½ years.	Assault and battery	Feb. 20, 1875	Lewiston	1
Sagadahoc	Maguire, Edward	26	15 "	Larceny	Jan. 9, 1868	New York	1
Kennebec	McDonald, S S. L	32	Life.	Rape	Aug. 23, 1868	Parkman	1
Knox	Moore, Langdon W	40	7 years.	Larceny	Sept. 30, 1870	Washington, N. H	1
Cumberland	Murray, Lawrence J	26	7 "	Robbery	Jan. 13, 1871	Ireland	1
Oxford	McCluskey, Patrick H	43	Life.	Rape	Dec. 28, 1871	Ireland	1
York	Maxwell, Enos	19	3 years.	Larceny	Feb. 7, 1873	Alfred	1
Androscoggin	Murray, Anthony	20	3 "	Assault	May 5, 1873	Bangor	2
Penobscot	Mehan, Cornelius	33	4 "	Larceny	March 3, 1874	Ireland	1
Penobscot	McCluskey, Daniel	22	4 "	Burglary	March 3, 1874	Bangor	1
Androscoggin	Murray, William F	24	3 "	Larceny	Sept. 24, 1874	Lewiston	1
Piscataquis	McCauslin, Edwin D	59	5 "	Arson	April 8, 1875	Vassalboro'	1

Penobscot.....	Martin, Burnham	25	4 years.
Somerset	Mack, George	24	5 "
Cumberland	Miller, John.....	63	Life.
Penobscot.....	O'Brien, James	23	2½ years.
Androscoggin	Preble, Joel C	29	Death.
Cumberland	Pierce, George	22	10 years.
York	Plaisted, Calvin	47	Life.
Kennebec	Packard, Sewall.....	51	4 "
Cumberland.....	Pinkham, Thomas.....	78	2 "
Hancock	Pressey, Jonathan C.....	40	8 "
Penobscot	Pangburn, William.....	82	10 "
Cumberland.....	Plummer, Orestes, M.....	25	4 "
Washington.....	Poltier, Andrew.....	22	5 "
Waldo	Pendleton, Alice V.....	19	2 "
U. S. Court.....	Rogers, John.....	62	6 "
Androscoggin	Richards, Nathan.....	57	3 "
Penobscot	Reed, Elbridge W.....	35	Life.
Washington	Roix, William	20	3 years.
Cumberland	Ragan, Jeremiah	46	4 "
Androscoggin	Read, George.....	25	6 "
Androscoggin	Robinson, Lewis.....	24	3 "
Washington	Reynolds, Simon P.....	44	3 "
Penobscot	Sullivan, Cornelius.....	21	21 "
Sagadahoc	Simms, Orrin	29	15 "
York	Smith, Luther.....	60	10 "
Penobscot	Smith, Joseph D.....	20	Life, Com'ted
Kennebec	Smith, Michael.....	24	4 years.
Somerset	Sanborn, John.....	24	2 "
Cumberland	Sanders, Charles.....	25	4 "
Kennebec	Stevens, John.....	27	3 "
Cumberland.....	Starrett, George M.....	22	2 "
Cumberland	Smith, Charles.....	29	3 "
York	Spear, Freeman II.....	23	4 "
Somerset	Simons, John E.....	35	2½ "
Aroostook.....	True, John V.....	20	2 "
Penobscot.....	Tracey, George.....	38	3 "
Waldo	Towers, Martin L.....	19	25 "
York	Wilkinson, Charles.....	21	Life.
Cumberland.....	Wilson, James.....	26	5 years.

Burglary.....	Sept. 1, 1875	Bradford.....	1
Larceny.....	Oct. 6, 1875	Dover.....	2
Murder.....	Oct. 6, 1875	Brunswick.....	1
Burglary.....	Sept. 1, 1875	Boston.....	1
Murder.....	Oct. 22, 1861	Whitefield.....	1
Larceny.....	Jan. 22, 1870	Portland.....	2
Arson.....	Oct. 22, 1870	York.....	1
Burglary.....	Aug. 17, 1872.....	Vassalboro'.....	1
Assault and battery	Feb. 13, 1874.....	Southport.....	1
Assault to rape.....	May 4, 1874.....	Deer Island.....	1
Manslaughter.....	Sept. 1, 1875	St. John, N. B.....	1
Common thief.....	Sept. 24, 1875.....	Portland.....	1
Assault to ravish.....	Oct. 18, 1875	St. Johns.....	1
Perjury	Nov. 13, 1875	Maryland.....	1
Embezzlement.....	Oct. 5, 1871	Topsham.....	1
Burglary.....	May 23, 1874	Wayne	7
Murder.....	Aug. 26, 1874	Medway	1
Larceny.....	Oct. 26, 1874	St. George.....	1
Common thief.....	Feb. 4, 1875	Ireland	3
Burglary.....	Feb. 20, 1875	Sudbury, Mass.....	1
Assault and battery	May 5, 1875	Nova Scotia.....	1
Larceny.....	Oct. 18, 1875	Denneysville	2
Larceny.....	March 8, 1866.....	Bangor.....	1
Larceny.....	Jan. 9, 1868.....	New Hampshire	1
Assault to kill.....	Jan. 25, 1872	Waterboro'.....	1
Murder.....	March 5, 1872.....	Veazie	1
Larceny.....	Aug. 17, 1872.....	Augusta.....	1
Larceny.....	March 31, 1874.....	Harmony.....	1
Assault.....	June 6, 1874	New York.....	1
Larceny.....	Aug. 12, 1874	Pittston.....	1
Larceny.....	Oct. 5, 1874.....	East Boston.....	1
Robbery	Feb. 13, 1874.....	Norway	1
Arson.....	Feb. 13, 1874.....	Saco.....	1
Forgery.....	March 29, 1875.....	Pittsfield.....	1
Larceny.....	Oct. 23, 1872	Madawaska.....	1
Burglary.....	Sept. 1, 1875	Scotland.....	1
Rape.....	Nov. 13, 1875.....	Stockton.....	1
Murder.....	March 23, 1867.....	Sanford.....	1
Larceny.....	Jan. 25, 1872.....	Philadelphia.....	1

CONVICTS IN THE STATE PRISON NOVEMBER 30, 1875—(Concluded.)

County.	Name.	Age.	Sentence.	Crime.	When Committed.	Place of Birth.	No. Com.
Penobscot.....	Whalen, Michael.....	19	6 years.	Larceny.....	March 3, 1874...	Bangor.....	1
Penobscot.....	Wall, Peter.....	22	2 "	Larceny.....	March 3, 1874...	Bangor.....	1
Somerset.....	White, Charles H.....	28	4 "	Burglary.....	March 31, 1874..	Gardiner.....	1
Cumberland.....	Webb, Fred H.....	18	3 "	Larceny.....	June 6, 1874....	Gorham.....	1
Cumberland.....	Welch, Thomas.....	38	1½ "	Larceny.....	Oct. 6, 1875....	Ireland.....	1
Kennebec.....	Young, Owen F.....	20	4 "	Larceny.....	Aug. 17, 1875...	Rome.....	2
Kennebec.....	York, Henry.....	23	3 "	Larceny.....	Nov. 20, 1875...	Fairfield.....	1

CONVICTS.

Number of convicts Nov. 30, 1874...	137	Number received since July 2, '24..	2,153
Number received since	53	Disch'd on expiration sentence..	1,391
	<u>190</u>	Pardoned.....	495
Disch'd by expiration of sentence.	26	Discharged on writ of error...	1
Pardoned	11	Died.....	81
Died	1	Executed.....	4
Executed.....	2	Removed to Insane Hospital..	10
Removed to Insane Hospital.....	2	Sentences commuted to jails...	4
	<u>42</u>	Escaped and not retaken	19
Present number, Nov. 30, 1875.....	148		<u>2,005</u>
			148

CRIMES.

Larceny.....	66	Assault to kill.....	4
Burglary.....	16	Robbing the U. S. mail.....	2
Arson	10	Embezzlement.....	2
Robbery	4	Assault and battery.....	6
Cheating.....	2	Forgery	1
Rape	8	Assault to commit incest.....	1
Adultery.....	3	Perjury	1
Manslaughter	4	Breaking and entering	1
Assault to ravish	3		
Murder.....	14	Aggregate	<u>148</u>

REPORT of STATE PRISON and JAIL INSPECTORS.

To the Governor and Council of the State of Maine :

In compliance with the provisions of law, the State Prison and Jail Inspectors submit the following report for the year ending November 30th, 1875 :

STATE PRISON.

The following account of expenditures and earnings shows the financial result of the past year, not including the salaries of the Warden and Inspectors :

EXPENSES.

Expense account.....	\$2,935 21
Clothing.....	2,185 20
Fuel and lights.....	2,728 81
Subsistence.....	7,009 48
Convicts discharged.....	651 40
Transporting convicts.....	317 03
Officers salaries.....	14,231 49
	<hr/>
	\$30,058 62

EARNINGS.

Carriage department.....	\$22,834 72
Shoe department.....	1,231 70
Fees from visitors.....	288 00
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	\$24,354 42

Deficit \$5,704 20

The financial operations during the year have been characterized by the same energy and fidelity on the part of the Warden, as during former years when the earnings were in excess of the expenditures. The present deficit is attributable to the general prostration of business, and the shrinkage in value of stock on hand.

BUILDINGS AND REPAIRS.

The sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) was appropriated by the last Legislature—six thousand two hundred nineteen dollars and forty-three cents (\$6,219.43) was applied to the payment of balance due on workshops erected in place of those destroyed by fire. The sum of eight thousand four hundred eighty-one dollars and twenty-two cents (\$8,481.22) has been expended this year, leaving a deficit of twenty-seven hundred dollars and sixty-five cents (\$2,700.65), for which an appropriation will be needed. The expenditure has been economically and judiciously made.

In the management of the internal affairs of the prison during the past year, the same general policy has been pursued. The discipline has been mild but effective. Due attention has been given to the sanitary condition of the prisoners, and they have enjoyed good health. Special attention has been given to their intellectual and moral improvement. The resident clergymen of Thomaston have preached on the Sabbath, and Mr. Starrett has given instruction to the convicts. He has spent each Sabbath with them, and two hours each evening. From a very interesting report that he has made to us, it appears that the whole number who have been under his instruction is 79. The average number, 52. Twelve are learning to read; sixty-seven are studying arithmetic; twelve geography and three grammar. Mr. Starrett is interested in his work, and from the above statements and personal observation, we are satisfied he has accomplished much good. He thinks an appropriation of two hundred dollars, for the purchase of school books and books for the library, should be made.

On the 12th of February, 1875, Deacon Asa Perkins, the Clerk of the prison, died at the age of 76 years, 10 months and 23 days. His official connection with the prison extended through the long period of 43 years. He was a most faithful and efficient officer. His integrity was acknowledged by all who knew him, and he was universally respected.

Statement of Net Profits and Expenditures in the different Departments from November 30, 1874, to November 30, 1875.

CARRIAGE DEPARTMENT.			
1874.			
Nov. 30.	Dr.	For stock on hand.....	\$52,314 92
		purchased since.....	29,563 38
1875.			
Nov. 30.	Cr.	By stock on hand.....	58,455 71
		amount of sales.....	46,257 31
			\$81,878 30
		Gain.....	104,713 02
			22,834 72
—			
SHOEMAKING.			
1874.			
Nov. 30.	Dr.	For stock on hand.....	7,251 44
		purchased since.....	5,865 11
1875.			
Nov. 30.	Cr.	By stock on hand.....	6,614 58
		amount of sales.....	7,733 67
			13,116 55
		Gain.....	14,348 25
			1,231 70
—			
FEES FROM VISITORS.			
1875.			
Nov. 30.	Cr.	By balance of account.....	288 00
		Gain.....	288 00
—			
EXPENSE ACCOUNT.			
1874.			
Nov. 30.	Dr.	For stock on hand.....	5,505 17
		purchased since.....	4,360 83
1875.			
Nov. 30.	Cr.	By stock on hand.....	4,994 58
		amount of sales.....	1,936 21
			9,866 00
		Loss.....	6,930 79
			2,935 21
—			
CLOTHING.			
1874.			
Nov. 30.	Dr.	For stock on hand.....	3,951 13
		purchased since.....	2,986 71
1875.			
Nov. 30.	Cr.	By stock on hand.....	4,006 55
		amount of sales.....	746 09
			6,937 84
		Loss.....	4,752 64
			2,185 20

Statement of Net Profits and Expenditures—(Continued.)

		FUEL AND LIGHTS.		
1874.				
Nov. 30.	DR.	For stock on hand.....	\$905 15	
		purchased since.....	2,738 10	
1875.				\$3,643 25
Nov. 30.	CR.	By stock on hand.....	563 56	
		amount of sales.....	350 88	
				914 44
		Loss.....		2,728 81
—				
SUBSISTENCE.				
1874.				
Nov. 30.	DR.	For stock on hand.....	1,896 12	
		purchased since.....	8,363 85	
1875.				10,259 97
Nov. 30.	CR.	By stock on hand.....	2,149 43	
		amount of sales.....	1,101 06	
				3,250 49
		Loss.....		7,009 48
—				
BUILDING AND REPAIRS.				
1874.				
Nov. 30.	DR.	For stock on hand.....	1,348 46	
		purchased since.....	8,370 10	
1875.				9,718 56
Nov. 30.	CR.	By stock on hand.....	438 72	
		amount of sales.....	798 62	
				1,237 34
		Expended.....		8,481 22
—				
CONVICTS DISCHARGED.				
1875.				
Nov. 30.	DR.	For balance of account.....	651 40	
		Loss.....		651 40
—				
TRANSPORTING CONVICTS.				
1875.				
Nov. 30.	DR.	For balance of account.....	317 03	
		Loss.....		317 03
—				
OFFICERS' SALARIES.				
1875.				
Nov. 30.	DR.	For balance of account.....	14,231 49	
		Loss.....		14,231 49

Statement of Net Profits and Expenditures—(Concluded.)

1875.		BUILDING AND REPAIRS ACCOUNT.		
Nov. 30.	Dr.	For appropriation last Legislature.....	\$12,000 00	\$12,000 00
	Cr.	By excess of appropriation last year	6,219 43	
		amount expended.....	8,481 22	14,700 65
		Excess of appropriation		2,700 65
—				
RECAPITULATION.				
		Earnings—Carriage Department		22,834 72
		Shoemaking Department.....		1,231 70
		Fees from Visitors		288 00
				24,354 42
		Expenses—Expense Account.....	2,935 21	
		Clothing.....	2,185 20	
		Fuel and Lights.....	2,728 81	
		Subsistence.....	7,009 48	
		Convicts Discharged	651 40	
		Transporting Convicts.....	317 03	
		Officers' Salaries	14,231 49	30,058 62
		Balance against.....		5,704 20
—				
NOTES AND ACCOUNTS.				
		Due the prison on old notes	346 00	
		“ “ “ books	475 56	
		“ “ “ new books	50,534 82	
		“ “ “ notes	9,834 00	61,190 38
		Prison owes on old books	24 72	
		“ “ “ new books	34,310 71	
		“ “ “ new notes	7,462 02	41,797 45
				\$19,392 93

J A I L S .

PENOBSCOT COUNTY JAIL.

This jail is large enough and intended to accommodate all the sentenced men from Piscataquis, Aroostook, Hancock and Washington counties. The workshops erected last year have been in successful operation most of the year.

The following report of the Jailer shows what has been accomplished, and indicates beyond a doubt the wisdom of the law establishing workshops in connection with jails :

"The amount received for the labor of prisoners from the time we commenced work, February 17th, 1875, to May 31st, is seven hundred sixty-two dollars and three cents (762.03); after which time, owing to a combination of causes, the most prominent of which was a general depression of business, our Board of County Commissioners felt obliged to exempt Mr. Brown, the contractor of our prison labor, from the payment of bills for labor, but with the understanding that he is to pay the same when business revives; and I have recently learned that from and after the second Tuesday of this month, payment will be required as during the first three months of operating.

The business of the contractor is the manufacture of doors, mouldings, sash, blinds, and brooms.

The terms of contract for our prison labor with Mr. Brown are: for all male prisoners for the first thirty days, twenty-five cents per day; and all such after thirty days and less than ninety days, fifty cents per day; and all after ninety days, eighty cents per day; and for all male prisoners awaiting trial who may choose to work, fifty cents per day; and for boys under fifteen years of age, one-half price paid for men.

We have religious services in the jail every Sabbath, conducted by students belonging to the Theological Seminary of this city, frequently assisted by resident clergymen and members of the Woman's Crusade, quite a number of whose members have been untiring in their efforts to impress upon the minds of the prisoners true principles, which will lead to reform and the practices of a better life.

We have also established a school in one of the Privilege rooms of the jail, of sufficient capacity to accommodate from sixteen to eighteen scholars, which has been in successful operation since April last, under the instruction of Mr. Ferguson, a graduate of Bowdoin College, and a deservedly popular teacher, to whose report, herewith inclosed, I most respectfully call your attention.

The moral effect of keeping the mental and physical faculties of the prisoners employed in the attainment of an education and in honest labor, is perceptible even to the most casual observer.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. WHITNEY, *Jailer.*"

The law establishing workshops in connection with the jails, contemplates the maintenance of evening schools for the instruc-

tion of the convicts. A school has been maintained in connection with this jail, and from the report of Mr. Ferguson, who has had charge of the school nine months of the year, as well as our own personal inspection, we are satisfied that the plan to establish schools in all the jails with which workshops are connected can be successfully carried out.

The following report of the teacher gives a detailed account of the operation of this school :

To the Honorable Board of Jail and Prison Inspectors of Maine :

“In accordance with request by members of your board, a partial report is herein submitted of the practical workings and results of a nine months’ trial, in Penobscot county, of the jail school provided for in Sect. 5, Chap. 133 of the laws of 1873. As such report was not anticipated, its material has not been preserved so scrupulously as it might otherwise have been. But enough is at hand to demonstrate the feasibility of the plan. This being the pioneer school of the kind, we (the teacher and jailer) were obliged to work out our own system. A room in the jail was set aside for the school, and furnished with a blackboard and a few other indispensables. Here ‘such as might be benefited thereby’ were assembled for ‘instruction one hour each evening, except Sundays.’ Thus far about forty have availed themselves of these advantages. Of this number, eight were unable to read or write, and seven others could not write, though able to read more or less intelligently. Nearly all these have made good progress, while in a few instances of attendance for some months, greater improvement has been effected, so that these prisoners have gone out able to read intelligently and to write a fair hand.

Arithmetic and the elements of geography, with a little grammar, have been taught to those prisoners whose proficiency in other things have seemed to warrant it. Several boys who are to be inmates of the jail for a long time, and in whom a desire to learn has been aroused, will be enabled, through these school advantages of one hour each day of their confinement, to go out into the world intelligent men, *capable of becoming* worthy citizens. Without the school and its influences, the moral good which months or years of incarceration would do them must, at least, be very much lessened. Leading the mind into healthy channels is assuredly the only way to work any real reform. And the inculcation of some degree of intelligence is as certainly the first step

in the right direction. If there is any doubt here, consider the fact that the most striking characteristic of the inmates of this jail is a prevailing want of that foundation for ordinary intelligence which it is the aim and purpose of the jail school to give.

In the government of the school, firm authority has been found necessary, but in only three instances has the discipline of the jail been applied, and then with the desired effect. The organization of perfect *school* order among convicts cannot, of course, be effected without some discipline. In this regard no secondary standard has been taken, and it is believed that the prevailing order and decorum of the prisoners while in attendance upon school duties, is not inferior to those in ordinary common schools.

This is not the place for a detailed argument of this matter, and we only add that our experience and interested observation for the past nine months have made us thorough believers, not only in the practicability of jail schools, but in the duty of the State to provide in some measure for the mental improvement of those who are confined in her jails and prisons.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. FERGUSON, *Teacher.*"

KENNEBEC COUNTY JAIL.

This jail is intended to accommodate the sentenced men in Somerset county as well as Kennebec. Though the report of the jailer contains nothing except statistics, yet we are able to say from personal examination that there has been an improvement in the management of the jail the past year. The workshop has been in operation, but no effort has been made to give instruction to the convicts.

ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY JAIL.

This jail will accommodate all the sentenced men from Oxford and Franklin counties. It has been efficiently managed. The workshops have been in operation during the year. Religious instruction has been given on the Sabbath, but no school has been established. The report of the jailer contains but little besides the statistics, which will be found in the tables annexed to this report.

LINCOLN COUNTY JAIL.

This jail will accommodate the sentenced men from Waldo, Knox and Sagadahoc counties. The general management of this jail has been excellent. The prisoners have been kept at work most of the time. They are at work on contract, the county receiving one-half each man earns. No school has been established, but the prisoners receive religious instruction part of the time on the Sabbath. The jailer speaks of some indications of moral improvement, and states that most of the prisoners have signed the temperance pledge.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY JAIL.

This jail will accommodate the sentenced men from York county. In Portland a substantial brick building, designed for a workshop, has been erected the past year, and will soon be occupied. This jail has been well managed, and we see no reason why there may not be still further improvement when the prisoners are set at work.

We are unable to make a report of the earnings of the convicts during the past year, for the reasons that some of the jails have been at work on the county's account, and have not balanced their accounts; and others on contract, and have not settled with the contractors. Hereafter it is expected the jailers will render a financial report at the close of each year.

We desire to call especial attention to the fact that the principal design of this new arrangement is to secure the reformation of convicts, many of whom are young men and victims of adverse influences. By the establishment of workshops, they may be kept from idleness, the parent of many vices, and learn some useful trade, or at least become accustomed to work. And by the maintenance of evening schools many whose education has been entirely neglected may become familiar with those elementary branches of study which are necessary to prepare any one for the ordinary duties of life. And we are confident that by a little effort such moral and religious instruction may be furnished the prisoners on the Sabbath, as will awaken their moral sense and incline some of them, at least, to lead virtuous lives. And as the success of this new arrangement depends chiefly upon the men having the jails in charge, it remains to be determined whether the sheriffs can, with all their other duties, give to it the attention which is necessary to insure success.

We have nothing special to report concerning other jails with which no workshops are connected, though there has been a marked improvement in the management of some of them, especially in the one at Alfred.

While on our tour to the jails in the eastern part of the State, we made an unofficial visit to some of the jails and the Penitentiary in the neighboring Province of New Brunswick, and are under special obligations to those in charge for courtesies shown us. At these institutions we found much to commend, and but little to criticise. They are all patterns of neatness, but not generally as secure as ours. The remarkably small number of escapes as compared with the large number of prisoners, shows that those in charge are extremely vigilant. At one jail visited, we were informed that but one had escaped for nearly half a century, during which the present jailer has been in charge.

STATISTICAL TABLE.
WITH WORKSHOPS.

JAILS.	No. of prisoners for the year ending December 1, 1875.	No. serving sentences.	No. awaiting trial.	No. days' board for those serving sentences.	No. days' board for those awaiting trial.	No. males.	No. females.	No. under age	No. born in United States.	No. of foreign birth.	Amount for board per week.	No. your jail will accommodate.	No. escaped from jail.	No. retaken.	Amount received for labor of convicts.	Average number at work.	Do the prisoners labor on contract ?	How much per day is received for their labor ?	Amount paid officers, not including turnkey.	Have you a school connected with your jail ?	No. attending school.	No. not able to read or write when admitted.	Do the prisoners receive religious instruction on the Sabbath ?
Auburn	348	280	68	16,978	465	310	38	-	-	-	3 00	60	-	-	-	34	No.	-	-	-	-	-	Yes.
Augusta	265	239	26	2200	150	260	5	4	-	-	3 00	40	-	-	-	-	No.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bangor	329	237	91	9311	2885	312	17	27	-	-	3 00	100	5	5	-	27	Yes.	-	\$975	Yes.	40	8	Yes.
Portland	742	234	83	8269	5483	673	69	118	247	495	3 00	136	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	No.	-	-	Yes.
Wiscasset	104	69	35	6068	1952	97	7	32	73	31	3 00	40	2	2	-	-	Yes.	-	-	No.	-	-	Yes.

STATISTICAL TABLE—CONCLUDED.

WITHOUT WORKSHOPS.

JAILS.	No. prisoners for year ending Dec. 1, 1875.	No. serving sentences.	No. awaiting trial.	No. days' board for those serving sentences.	No. days' board for those awaiting trial.	No. males.	No. females.	No. born in U. S.	No. foreign birth.	No. under age.	Amount for board per week.	No. jail will accommodate.	No. escaped from jail.	No. retaken.	No. not able to read.
Alfred.....	156	131	35	5656	1181	134	22	75	81	51	\$3 00	60	-	*1	-
Belfast.....	83	-	-	-	-	81	2	43	40	2	2 75	24	4	1	-
Ellsworth.....	50	10	-	287	480	49	1	47	3	5	3 00	24	-	-	-
Farmington.....	4	-	-	271	-	4	-	4	-	-	-	6	-	-	-
Houlton.....	23	12	11	163	453	23	-	12	11	3	3 00	18	1	-	3
Machias.....	62	56	6	2659	162	52	10	46	16	2	3 00	30	1	-	-
Norridgewock.....	19	11	8	240	302	19	-	11	8	1	3 00	16	1	1	1
Paris.....	18	-	-	-	-	18	-	17	1	-	3 25	16	3	2	1

* Escaped in 1874.

WILLIAM WILSON, } State Prison and
 RUFUS PRINCE, } Jail Inspectors.
 A. J. BILLINGS, }

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

To the Governor and Council of the State of Maine :

GENTLEMEN :—In compliance with the requirements of the Institution, I herewith submit my annual report of the physical health of the convicts in Maine State Prison for the year ending November 30th, 1875.

The general health of the Institution is good and has been during the past year, the diseases being those resulting from atmospheric changes, influenza, diarrhœa, pneumonia, rheumatism, &c. No death has occurred during the year from acute, or any disease contracted within the Institution, a fact which I consider greatly due to the good ventillation and sanitary regulations.

Excepting the deaths of L. H. F. Wagner and J. T. Gordon (executed), there has been but one death during the year, that of Daniel Webster, who died September 30, of apoplexy.

Of the chronic cases of grave type, is that of Charles Sanders of scrofulous disease of the walls of the thorax; Charles Smith, of phthisis pulmonalis, whose case I would recommend to your clemency, if in your judgment it can with propriety be shown him.

It is no less a pleasure than a duty for me to bear testimony to the admirable manner in which the convicts are cared for. Every attention is paid to their comfort as far as circumstances will allow. Their food is of good quality, and it is always carefully prepared. Strict attention is paid to cleansing the cells, and to making the inmates as comfortable as possible. The sick are treated with the utmost care and attention by the officers and those who have them in charge.

To all the officers of the prison I am under many obligations for the uniform courtesy and kindness which they have exhibited towards me, and I am under special obligations to the Deputy Warden, who has rendered me very valuable assistance in preparing and dispensing medicines, as well as in the attention he has bestowed upon the sick under his care.

J. B. WALKER, M. D.,
Physician to Maine State Prison.

THOMASTON, November 30, 1875.

CLERGYMEN'S REPORT.

To the Governor and Council of the State of Maine:

GENTLEMEN:—As “Clergymen of Thomaston” we have been employed by the State Prison authorities, as provided by the statute in case of a vacancy in the chaplaincy, to preach to the convicts and conduct whatever other religious services related thereto have been deemed essential. Those duties have been discharged according to our judgment and ability; with what success, it is not for us to say. Truth has been presented, and it has been listened to with as much apparent attention and respect as by congregations outside of prison walls. The improvement in this direction has been quite observable as compared with five or ten years ago. We think this is partly the result of the method we adopt, viz: approaching and preaching to the convicts and praying with them, not as convicts, but as men; sinners, indeed, but like ourselves needing pardon, needing to make personal effort to lead better lives, and for whom there is an equal possibility; endeavoring to impress them with the idea that they are not hopeless outcasts, by no direct allusions calculated to deepen their feeling of degradation and despair; but by assuming their common manhood, and so lifting them into a state of mind favorable to hope and radical reform.

Some have resolved on such reform, and we are pleased to believe give good reason to judge them honest. We have hope of many, if they can have the proper encouragement.

Having no official connection with the prison, whatever other service we attempt to render besides preaching at nine o'clock on every Sunday morning, in rotation, is a *gratuity*, and only an offering of humanity or Christian love.

The teacher employed last year has supplemented that part of the Chaplain's work that is purely educational; in regard to the success of which you will be advised by the Inspectors' report.

We have only to say, that we are aware of nothing that has transpired during the past year calculated to diminish our former confidence in the officers, or in the general management of the convicts, and beg to assure the Warden, Deputy Warden, and other officials of our respect and personal regard.

Very respectfully,

J. K. MASON,
G. P. MATHEWS,
C. E. LIBBY.

THOMASTON, Nov. 30, 1875.

COMMUTATION LAW.

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 service 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 of good conduct; three years or less, and more than two years, two days; four years, three days; five years, four days; seven years 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.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEE.

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

GENTLEMEN :—The undersigned, a committee appointed by the Governor to visit the State Prison, as provided by Sect. 45, Chap. 140 of Revised Statutes, has attended to the duties required of him, and herewith submits his report.

By direction of the Governor and Council I have visited the prison three times the past year, and made a thorough and careful examination into the condition of the prison and inmates, and its affairs and management. The Inspectors are men of large experience, who know their duty and have a *will* to do it. Under their careful management and wise counsel, the material interests of the prison have been protected and the inmates well cared for.

The good judgment and long experience of Warden Rice have enabled him to give effect to the will of the Inspectors, and by his industry and economy the several departments of labor have been so conducted as to give the best practical results. The great care exercised by the Warden in selecting officers to assist him in the discharge of the duties of the prison, and foremen to take charge of the shops, is worthy of special notice, as every officer and foreman appear to have been selected with reference to their ability and fitness for the places they occupy.

From the fact that much of the Warden's time is occupied in the general management of the prison, the discipline largely devolves upon his deputy, who seems to have special aptitude for his work. The discipline is not of the rigid character that formerly existed in the prison, but is more mild and persuasive. The Warden and deputy avail themselves of frequent opportunities of enforcing upon the minds of the prisoners that it is wrong to disregard the prescribed regulations of the prison, but that it is *manly* to be obedient. By this method of treatment the prisoners are taught and made to understand and believe that they yet have manhood, and the result is that the discipline of the prison, with a very few exceptions, is equal to, if not superior, to that of any establishment employing an equal number of laborers.

The sanitary condition of the prison is well looked after, as it will appear from the record that only a small number of the inmates have been in the hospital. The subsistence is ample, of good quality and well prepared, according to the testimony of many of the inmates and by a personal examination of your committee. It will be evident to the minds of all observing persons that a majority of the prisoners are better fed, better clothed and better cared for, generally, than they ever had been before entering the prison. The religious instruction by the several clergymen of Thomaston, and the secular instruction by a resident teacher, exert a healthy influence on the prisoners, and it is believed that when these persons regain their liberty they will have a clearer understanding of right and duty, and be prepared to earn an honest living.

It is with pleasure that I can express satisfaction with the management of the affairs of the prison, and would tender my thanks to Warden Rice and the subordinate officers of the prison, for courtesies shown me during my visits.

CHARLES BUFFUM.

AUGUSTA, December 31, 1875.