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OF THE

INSECTORS AND WARDEN

OF THE

MAINE STATE PRISON,

AND OF THE

PHYSICIAN AND CLERGYMEN.

1877.

Published agreeably to a Resolve approved February 25, 1871.

AUGUSTA:

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OFFICERS.

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WARREN W. RICE, Warden.
WENDELL P. RICE, Deputy Warden.
JOSHUA G. RICE, Clerk.
ALMOND B. DAVIS,
                            Overseer of Carriage Shop.
AUGUSTUS ALDEN,
                              "
                                     "
WILLIAM P. BUNKER, Assistant
SUMNER E. CUSHING,
                            Overseer of Blacksmith Shop.
CHARLES T. KNOWLTON,
                               "
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ISAAC H. BURKETT,
                            Overseer of Paint Shop.
JOSEPH E. MEARS, Assistant
                                     "
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WILLIAM H. SMITH,
                            Overseer of Harness Shop.
ZENAS B. PUTNAM, Assistant
                           Overseer of Shoe Shop.
THOMAS F. PHINNEY,
                            Overseer and Salesman.
WILLIAM G. RICE,
ADELBERT J. BUTLER,
                            Guard.
FRED W. SHIBLES,
EDGAR S. BARROWS,
EDWARD C. BUCKLIN,
GEORGE W. BOWERS,
PETER RICHARDSON,
FRANK L. ROBINSON,
                              "
NOAH W. RICE,
                              "
SILAS A. ALDEN,
OSCAR R. BURKETT,
                            Gate Keeper.
JOHN B. WALKER,
                            Physician.
CLERGYMEN OF THOMASTON,
                            Chaplains.
DAVID J. STARRETT,
                            Teacher.
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WILLIAM WILSON, RUFUS PRINCE, A. J. BILLINGS,

REPORT OF INSPECTORS OF STATE PRISON AND COUNTY JAILS.

To the Governor and Council of the State of Maine:

In compliance with the statute requiring an Annual Report from the Inspectors of State Prison and County Jails, the following is respectfully submitted:

THE AMOUNT OF PROPERTY CONNECTED WITH THE PRISON.

In accordance with our custom, as well as the requirments, of law, we have made an inventory of all the property belonging to the prison, not including real estate, and appraised the same. This appraisal is preserved in a book at the prison, and is open for examination by the officers of the State or any one interested in the management of the institution. By this account it appears that the amount of property owned by the State and connected with the prison was, on the 30th of November, 1877, ninety thousand eight hundred and five dollars and twenty-one cents (\$90,805.21.) Only a part of this amount, however, can be regarded as working capital, for there are included in the appraisal, the machinery, tools, bedding, clothing, and all the fixtures connected with the institution.

BUSINESS OPERATIONS DURING THE YEAR.

There are three distinct branches of business carried on in the prison, viz: The manufacture of carriages, of boots and shoes and harnesses. The carriage department is the most extensive, the sales amounting to \$47,746.12. These figures include also the sales of harnesses. The sales of boots and shoes amount to \$7,195.48 From these statements some estimate of the amount of work performed by the prisoners may be formed.

Considering the fact that there has been during the past year an unusually large number of new men in the prison who have not learned any of the trades, we think that a large amount of work has been done.

EARNINGS AND EXPENSES.

The table annexed to this report contains a detailed statement of the expenses of carrying on the prison during the year, and the earnings resulting therefrom. According to this statement the earnings of the prison have amounted to twenty-two thousand two hundred and ninety-nine dollars and forty-four cents; (\$22,299.44) and the expenses thirty-two thousand one hundred and nine dollars and forty-four cents, (\$32,109.44) leaving a balance against the prison of nine thousand eight hundred and ten dollars (\$9,810.00.)

An appropriation to cover this deficit will be required. This deficit is larger than we estimated in our last report that it would be. It results largely from the continued depression in business, the shrinkage of values, the expense of fitting up the cells in the new building, and of furnishing clothing for so large a number of new men, who, on account of their lack of skill in any of the trades carried on in the prison, have earned but little.

ESTIMATE OF THE EXPENSES AND EARNINGS OF THE PRISON FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1878.

There are thirty-six more convicts in the prison than there were one year ago; and the probabilities are that there will be more the year to come than during the past year. The expenses of maintaining the prison will therefore be increased, while the earnings will not be increased in the same proportion; for the new men are generally obliged to learn some trade before their labor is of much value. We therefore estimate the earnings of the prison will be \$23,000.00, and the expenses \$33,000.00. Should the business of the country improve, the deficiency will probably be less; but should it

remain in the present depressed condition, the deficiency may be more; and we recommend that an appropriation be made by the present Legislature to cover the estimated deficiency for the year to come; so that the Warden may have more means at his command, and thus avoid the necessity of doing so much business on credit and waiting for an appropriation from the next Legislature.

BUILDING AND REPAIRS.

During the year the west wing of the prison has been extended sixty feet; and this addition will, when completed, furnish accommodation for sixty-two prisoners. If this addition had not been made it would have been impossible for the prison to accommodate all the prisoners, for already thirty cells in the new part are occupied. This addition contains a hospital, six large cells in which vicious prisoners who cannot be trusted in yard or shops can work, and a school-room. It is constructed of granite and the walls lined with brick, and has been built very economically. In its erection about eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000.00) have been expended, and it will require one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) more to finish it.

About one thousand dollars have been expended in enlarging the blacksmith shop, which the increased number of convicts rendered an absolute necessity; and \$483.05 for general repairs and in the erection of a building near the blacksmith shop for storing purposes. The whole amount expended for building and repairs is \$19,483.05, for which an appropriation of \$15,000.00 was made by the last Legislature; thus leaving a balance of \$4,483.05, to which add \$1,000.00 to complete the prison, making \$5,483.05, for which an appropriation will be needed.

We are of the opinion that the interests of the prison demand a larger harness shop. This can be furnished by taking the present harness shop for the use of the trimmers and adding seventy feet to the building now used for the trimming and storage of carriages; and we recommend that an appropriation of \$2,000.00 be made for this purpose.

For information as to the sanitary condition and the moral and intelectual improvement of the prisoners, we refer to the excellent reports of the Physician, Teacher and the Chaplains.

Statement of Net Profits and Expenditures in the different Departments from November 30, 1876, to November 30, 1877.

1876.	CARRIAGE DEPARTMENT.		
Nov. 30	Dr. For stock on hand	\$67,925 77	
	purchased since	29,284 86	
1877.	•		\$97,210 63
Nov. 30	Cr. By stock on hand	70,199 94	• ,
	amount of sales	47,746 12	
			117,946 06
	Gain	l	20,735 43
			,
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1876.	SHOEMAKING.		
Nov. 30		7,834 08	
	purchased since	5,129 37	
1877.	parozasoa sinoo reeree		12,963 45
Nov. 30	CR. By stock on hand	7,169 73	12,000 10
21011.00111	amount of sales	7,195 48	
	umount of bures ::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::	1,200 20	14,365 21
			11,000 21
	Gain		1,401 76
	WILL		1,101 10
1877.	FEES FROM VISITORS.	1	
Nov. 30		162 25	
21071.00111	on. By balance of account	102 20	
	Gain		162 25
	Gain		102 20
			-
1876.	Expense Account.	!	
Nov. 30		5,493 14	
21011.00111	purchased since	4,387 84	
1877.	purouaseu since	2,001 04	9,880 98
Nov. 30	Cr. By stock on hand	5,105 11	0,000 00
2101.00	amount of sales	1,484 52	
	amount of sales	1,404 02	6,589 63
			0,000 00
	Loss	ĺ	3,291 35
	LIUSD	*****	3,231 33
	and the second		
1876.	CLOTHING.		
Nov. 30		4,144 40	
2107.00	purchased since		
1877.	purchased since	4,472 44	0 616 04
Nov. 30	Cr. By stock on hand	5,528 11	8,616 84
1104.00	omount of solos		
ĺ	amount of sales	638 85	6 166 06
			6,166 96
	Loss	-	9 440 00
ı	.AIVAD	•••••	2,449 88

Statement of Net Profits and Expenditures-Continued.

1876. Nov. 30 Dr. For stock on hand	\$3,012 60
Nov. 30 Dr. For stock on hand \$750 69 2,261 91 1877. Nov. 30 Cr. By stock on hand 444 81	\$3,012 60
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1877. Nov. 30 Cr. By stock on hand	\$3,012 60
amount of sales 199 99	
· [644 80
Loss	2,367 80
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1876. Subsistence. Nov. 30 Dr. For stock on hand	
Nov. 30 Dr. For stock on hand	
purchased since 8,672 26	10 440 04
1877.	10,446 64
Nov. 30 Cr. By stock on hand 916 71	
amount of sales	
	2,133 88
Loss	8,312 76
1876. Building and Repairs.	
Nov. 30 Dr. For stock on hand	
purchased since	
1877.	21,962 53
	11,002 00
amount of sales	9 470 40
	2,479 48
	10 402 05
Expended,	19,483 05
TOWN D. T.	
1877. CONVICTS DISCHARGED. Nov. 30. Dr. For balance of account	
Nov. 30 Dr. For balance of account	
•	E07 05
Loss	597 95
1877. Transporting Convicts.	
Nov. 30 Dr. For balance of account	
Loss	444 30
1877. Officers' Salaries.	
Nov. 30 Dr. For balance of account	
Loss	14,645 40
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RECAPITULATION. Expanse Account 3.291 35	
Expenses—Expense Account	
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Expenses—Expense Account 3,291 35 Clothing 2,449 88 Fuel and Lights 2,367 80	
Expenses—Expense Account	

Statement of Net Profits and Expenditures—Concluded.

RECAPITULATION. Earnings—Transporting Convicts Officers' Salaries Earnings—Carriage Department Shoemaking Departm Fees from Visitors	\$444 30 14,645 40 20,735 43 1,401 76
2002 11002 11002011	
	22,299 44
Balance against	9,810 00
Notes And Accoun Due the prison on books Due the prison on notes Prison owes on books	51,443 84 16,407 20
Prison owes on notes	
	\$7,024 26

JAILS.

By referring to the tabular statement found in another part of this report it will be seen that the whole number of persons committed to our jails during the year has been 2,364. The number committed last year was 1,978. These figures include those awaiting trial, and for debt, as well as those serving sentences. From this and the increased number in the State Prison, the unpleasant inference may be drawn that crime is on the increase. Of the entire number, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven have been committed to the jails having workshops, and four hundred and eightyseven only to those jails having no shops; and the majority of the latter number are persons awaiting trial or serving short sentences. From this it appears that nearly all of the persons who have been sentenced to imprisonment for more than thirty days have been committed to jails having workshops, and made to do something towards their own support.

The reports from the jails are incomplete and do not show their actual financial standing. From Wiscasset and Auburn we have no report of the expenses or profits of the workshops. The shop connected with the Bangor jail has paid its expenses; that at Augusta has realized a net profit of \$545.00, and the one at Portland of \$1,800.00. This exhibit, as far as it goes. is as favorable as could be reasonably expected, and proves that it is possible, in favorable times, to make the prisoners in our jails do something towards their own support. as we have stated in previous reports, the chief benefit to be derived from the maintenance of workshops in connection with our jails is not to be found in profits of the labor performed by the prisoners, but in the restraint, discipline and habits of industry which work naturally gives to those who perform it. For these jails in which so large a number of persons, mostly young, are confined, if no employment is provided them. will become, in spite of the best management, schools in which all kinds of vicious practices are taught, and the youthful offenders will be trained for lives of vagrancy and wickedness.

While crime is on the increase, and statesmen and philanthropists are earnestly seeking for means and methods for arresting it, certainly our penal institutions should not be so managed as to educate those who are detained in them for the successful prosecution of crime when their sentences expire and they resume their places in society; and if the maintenance of workshops shall be the means of restraining and disciplining them, and of compelling them to form habits of industry, they will serve their purposes.

In visiting and inspecting the jails during the past year we have been pleased to notice some decided improvements. There has been a marked improvement in the management of the jails in Augusta and Belfast, and some changes made in the latter, and we have been assured that other improvements needed will soon be made. There is need of improvement in the jail at Houlton, the lower cells of which are damp, dark and unhealthy. The jail at Ellsworth is neither safe nor comfortable, and should be remodeled at once. With the management of the jails in the remaining counties we have been quite well satisfied.

Religious services have been held on the Sabbath in the jails at Auburn, Augusta, Portland and Bangor. A school has been maintained in the jail at Bangor.

WILLIAM WILSON, RUFUS PRINCE, A. J. BILLINGS,

THOMASTON, December, 1877.

JAILS.	Whole number committed during the year ending Dec. 1, 1877.	Average number.	Number in Jail Dec. 1, 1877.	No. serving sentences now in Jail.	Number sentenced for six months or less.	Number sentenced from 6 months to 1 year.	Number sentenced from 1 to 3 years.	Number sentenced to labor since workshop has been in operation.	Number under age.	Number of foreign birth.	Amount received for board per week.	Number Jail will accommodate.	Number escaped from Jail during the year.	Number retaken.	Average number at labor.
AuburnAugustaBangor	330 369 416	42 40	54 58 47	42 57 30	32 54 28	4	- 6 - 2	564	110 - 15	220	\$3 00 2 50 2 50	60 70 100	4	2 	41 - 20
Portland	671 91	$\frac{73}{24}$	85 34	62 27	51 23	13 3	18 1	236	133 11	401 20	3 00 2 75	136 40	-	-	50 8
Alfred	121	16	17	13	72	3	ī	-	21	24	2 50	60	-	_	_
Belfast Ellsworth	121 53	8 5	11 6	2	39 11	- 1	-	_	10 6	14 6	2 75 3 00	24 24	1	_1	=
Farmington	11 50	1 6	2	1	1 7	-	-	-	1 6	1 6	3 00	8	-	_	-
Machias	61	8	3	2	19	-	4	_	2	_	3 00	_		_	-
Norridgewock	47 23	3 3	3 2	_ 1	11 4	_ 1	-		6 1	8	3 00	12 16	-1	=	

WARDEN'S REPORT.

Gentlemen:—M respectfully submitt	d Council of the State of Maine: y Fifteenth Annual Report is herewith ed. convicts on the first day of December,
Males	
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	771 or the year
The present num	per is—
Males	203
${f F}{f e}{f males}\dots$	4
Total	
Average for	or the year
Average in	ncrease over last year 18
	mmitted during the year, nine more than 74 committed during the year, there
York County.	
· ·	ounty
Washington	" 7
${ m Penobscot}$	" 7
$\mathbf{Kennebec}$	" 6
Knox	" 6
Waldo	· 5
Hancock	" 4
Somerset	" 3

Aroostook County	3
Oxford "	3
Sagadahoc "	2
Androscoggin "	1
Lincoln "	1
Total	$\frac{-}{74}$
Crimes of those committed in 1877:	
Larceny	39
Breaking and entering	7
Assault and battery	5
Forgery	5
Burglary	4
Receiving stolen goods	3
Manslaughter	3
Murder	2
Robbery	2
Arson	1
Adultery	1
Assault to rape	1
Assault to ravish	1
Total	$\frac{-}{74}$
Period of sentence of those committed in 1877:	
One year	7
Two years, and over one	28
Three years, and over two	14
Four years	8
Five "	6
Six "	5
Eight "	1
Ten "	1
Fourteen years	1
Life	3
Total	$\frac{-}{74}$

The number committed, though seemingly large, is less than the number committed in 1866, when there were 83 commitments; and also in 1869, when there were 84 committed. And the number is far less in proportion to the population, than has been committed to the State Prison of any other of the United States during the same time.

It is also gratifying to note the fact, that a less proportion of those committed here during the last year are sentenced for "crimes against the person" than hitherto, indicating that the increase of crime is probably in consequence of there being less demand for the services of the laborer than in more prosperous times, rather than in the growth of wickedness, and it is therefore hoped that the increase will be but temporary.

An unusually large proportion of those committed the past year appear to belong to the "tramp" species, a class of criminals that require more attention in the way of discipline than the average convict, and from whose labor not much profit can be expected, as they are not apt to take very kindly to labor of any sort. I do not, however, mean to convey the idea that in this State persons are sentenced to State Prison simply because they are known to be "tramps," though I should not greatly doubt the wisdom of such a disposition of them, whether regard is had to the safety of community or the best good of that peculiar class of unfortunates.

Of the 207 convicts now in prison 186 are serving for their first conviction, 17 for their second, three for their third, and one for the seventh. It will thus be noticed that of the whole number, 10 per cent. are "repeaters," and the prison records show that most of that class of convicts were first sent to prison under a short sentence, of but one or two years. I should recommend that the laws be changed, so that if any person who had served in the State Prison for crime, should again be convicted of any crime punishable by imprisonment in the State Prison, the penalty should be a sentence of at least twice the length of time he had already served.

FINANCIAL.

Notwithstanding the fact that the business of the country continues depressed, our sales from the carriage department have increased about 37 per cent. in value, and about 50 per cent. in quantity, over those of last year—the total amounting to \$47,746.12, against \$34,865.17 last year. The amount of sales of boots and shoes is \$7,125.48, being a trifle less than last year, as the number of men employed in that department has been reduced.

The income of the prison derived from the earnings of the convicts, has been \$22,299.44, and the expenses, including salaries, amount to \$32,109.44, showing a balance against the prison of \$9,810.00,

As will be seen by the examination of the tables annexed, it has cost for the support of each convict for subsistence \$44.21, clothing \$13.08, fuel and lights \$12.60, and other expenses \$12.18; and in addition to the above is the amount paid for salaries of officers, transportation of convicts from the jails, and the amount paid convicts when discharged.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Foreseeing a considerable increase in the number of convicts last year, in my report I recommended an enlargement of the prison, which was then very nearly full. At the suggestion of the Legislative Committee which visited the prison, I submitted a plan for the extension of the west wing of the prison, at an estimated cost of \$20,000. The Legislature approved of the plan, but appropriated only \$15,000 with which to construct it. The extension was commenced, and it was found necessary to very nearly complete it, as a large proportion of it was needed for occupancy by the convicts already received. The entire extension has been finished except the cell doors and railings, which are now being put up as fast as needed. The cost of the building so far has been about \$18,000, and the cost of finishing will not vary much from \$1,000.

The extension when completed will be a great improvement to the prison in many respects. In it provision is made for isolating the more vicious convicts from the others, so that they will have less opportunity to be disturbers of the peace of the entire prison community, and also an apartment in which insane convicts can be properly confined, instead of as now sending them to the Insane Hospital.

The increased number of convicts made it necessary to furnish more shop room, and so the blacksmith shop was enlarged by adding 60 feet to its length, and another building of the same length for the storage and protection of goods in process of manufacture. These, together with considerable repairs upon other buildings connected with the prison, cost \$1,483.05; making up the whole building and repairs account to \$19,483.05. There is still a lack of shop room, in which to employ the convicts we now have, and the prospective addition of perhaps twenty during the coming year.

The usual good health of the convicts has continued during the year; only two deaths have occurred, the particulars of which will be given you in the report of the prison Physician, Dr. J. B. Walker, who has been faithful and skillful in his attendance upon the sick.

There have been no escapes from the prison, and notwithstanding the confusion consequent upon the building operations, which have necessitated the employment of considerable outside help, there has been no serious disturbance by any convict, and the amount of punishment which it has been found necessary to resort to, very little.

The clergymen of Thomaston have officiated as chaplains very acceptably, and I trust with some good results. Their report will accompany this.

The Instructor, D. J. Starrett, Esq., has continued his efforts to teach the more ignorant of the convicts, and the school-room which the extension provides will enable him to make his labors of greater value to the State. His report will be found of interest.

Conclusion.

I desire to again express my great obligation to the Governor and Council for their great kindness; also to the Board of Inspectors for valuable suggestions and advice, and to the officers of the prison for the fidelity with which they have discharged the duties assigned them.

WARREN W. RICE, Warden.

THOMASTON, December 1, 1877.

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.

Dr.	Maine State I	Prison i	n accou	int w	rith the State of Mai	ine.	Cr.
1877. Nov. 30	For paid transporting prisoners convicts discharged officers' salaries	-	\$444 30 597 95 14,645 40	1877. Nov. 30	By fees from visitors	-	\$162 2 5
1876. Nov. 30	CARRIAGE DEPARTMENT. For stock on hand purchased since	\$67,925 77 29,284 86		1877. Nov. 30	CARRIAGE DEPARTMENT. By stock and tools on hand amount of sales	\$70,199 94 47,746 12	
1876. Nov. 30	SHOEMAKING. For stock on hand purchased since	7,834 08 5,129 37	97,210 63	1877. Nov. 30	SHOEMAKING. By stock on hand	7,169 73 7,195 48	117,946 06
1876. Nov. 30	EXPENSE ACCOUNT. For stock on hand purchased since	5,493 14 4,387 84	12,963 45	1877. Nov. 30	EXPENSE ACCOUNT. By stock on hand	5,105 11 1,484 52	14,365 21
1876. Nov. 30	CLOTHING. For stock on hand purchased since	4,144 40 4,472 44	9,880 98	1877. Nov. 30	CLOTHING. By stock on hand	5,528 11 638 85	6,589 63
1876. Nov. 30	FUEL AND LIGHTS. For stock on hand purchased since	750 69 2,261 91	8,616 84	1877. Nov. 30	FUEL AND LIGHTS. By stock on hand	444 81 199 99	6,166 96
1876. Nov. 30	SUBSISTENCE. For stock on hand purchased since	1,774 38 8,672 36	3,012 60	1877. Nov. 30	SUBSISTENCE. By stock on hand	916 71 1,217 17	644 80
4	•		10,446 64	l.			2,133 88

1876. Nov. 30	Building and Repairs. For stock on hand purchased since			1877. Nov. 30	BUILDING AND REPAIRS. By stock on hand	1,440 80 1,038 68	
			\$1,962 53 \$179,781 32		By expended for building and repairs loss in other departments	=	2,479 48 150,488 27 19,483 05 9,810 00 \$179,781 32

STATEMENT.

1876. Nov. 30	For amount of stock. balance due Prison State Treasurer appropriation.	9,369 23 4,237 50	Nov. 30	By stock on hand	7,024 25
		\$127,122 51			\$127,122 51

WARREN W. RICE, Warden.

KNOX COUNTY, December, 1877.

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 in the State Prison November 30, 1877.

County.	NAME.	Age.	Sentence.	Crime.	When Committed.	Place of Birth.	No. Com.
Cumberland	Austin, Moses	55	5 years.	False pretence	May 28, 1875	Westbrook	1
Washington		50	15 "	Assault to kill	Oct. 18, 1875	East Machias	1
Somerset	Allen, Charles	20	1 "	Larceny	Jan. 5, 1877	New York	i i
York	Andrews, Ingalls B	48	6 "	Larceny	Jan. 19, 1877	Lowell	l ī
Waldo	Adams, George W	19	24 "	Breaking and entering	Jan. 23, 1877	Waltham, Mass	l î
Washington	Anderson, George G	•	11 "	Manslaughter	Nov. 6, 1877	Steuben	l î
Knox	Blake, William D	40	Life, Com'ted	Murder	May 18, 1863	Brooksville	i
York	Bickford, Franklin W	22	14 years.	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	ī
Somerset	Brown, George W	34	5 "	Rape	Oct. 3, 1874	Castine	î
Cumberland	Black, Augustus A	28	20 "	Rape	Feb. 4, 1875	Gray	ī
Kennebec	Britt, Charles H	24	5 "	Larceny	Mar. 11, 1875	Augusta	2
Kennebec	Britt, William	$\overline{27}$	31 "	Larceny	Mar. 11, 1875	Augusta	ī
Cumberland	Bryant, Willis	14	6 "	Arson	May 28, 1875	Portland	l î
Kennebec	Bolton, Jacob	31	3 "	Larceny	Aug. 17, 1875	Augusta	i
Kennebec	Britt, Frederick	23	3 "	Larceny	Aug. 17, 1875	Augusta	i
Cumberland	Bundy, Anthony	22	7 "	Assault	Oct. 6, 1875	Bangor	î
Androscoggin	Brooks, John	19	3 '.	Larceny	Oct. 20, 1875	Canada	i
Cumberland	Bubier, Llewellyn	15	4 "	Assault and battery	Feb. 1, 1876	Lewiston	i
Cumberland	Barter, Charles	27	2 "	Larceny	Feb. 1, 1876	Penobscot	i
Penobscot	Briggs, Frank M	21	3 "	Robbery	Mar. 18, 1876	Bangor	1
Waldo	Barnes, William	14	10 "	Obstructing railroad	Apr. 27, 1876	Monroe	1
Cumberland	Bruns, Mads N	40	10 "	Incest	Sept. 27, 1876	Denmark	1
Kennebec	Bragg, Dean	27	2 "	Larceny	Dec. 5, 1876	Vassalboro'	1
Cumberland	Prown Coords U	24	5 "	Larceny	June 5, 1877	Lake Champl'n, N. Y	2
Cumberland	Brown, George H	32	2 "				1
	Barnes, Francis H			Assault and battary	Oct. 9, 1877	Harpswell	1
York	Blaisdell, John D	26	1½ " 3 "	Assault and battery	Nov. 1, 1877	W. Lebanon	ļ <u>†</u>
Washington	Brazill, Gilbert	18		Larceny	Nov. 6, 1877	Columbia	1
Penobscot	Cleaveland, Howard A		Death.	Murder	Sept. 20, 1869	Orrington	1
Knox	Conlon, John	50	10	Assault to kill	Oct. 2, 1871	Ireland	1
Penobscot	Curtis, Reuel	19	4 "	Larceny	Mar. 4, 1873		1
Androscoggin!	Clark, Jane	14	4 "	Common thief	July 1, 1874	Portland	1

Cumberland	Clark, Thomas, Jr	17	5 years.	Larceny	Sept. 15, 1874	St. John	1
Kennebec	Carter, Charles M	30	31 "	Larceny	Mar. 11, 1875	Somerville	1
York	Clough, Jacob C	53	5 "	Assault to commit incest	Oct. 12, 1875	New Hampshire	1
Lincoln	Clifford, Alexander	16	5 "	Arson	Nov. 6, 1875	Somerville	1
Sagadahoc	Cummings, Frank	33	2 "	Larceny	Apr. 14, 1876	Bath	1
Waldo	Chase, Oak A	22	5 "	Breaking and entering	Apr. 27, 1876	Canaan	2
Washington	Conners, James	23	4 "	Larceny	May 22, 1876	Milbridge	1
Piscataquis	Cole, William	27	Life.	Rape	Sept. 27, 1876	Nova Scotia	1
York	Curtis, John	24	5 "	Larceny	Jan. 19, 1877	California	2 .
Cumberland	Cardiff, Frank	24	2 "	Larceny	Feb. 1, 1877	Portland	1
Knox	Collins, Timothy	22	2 "	Larceny	Mar. 17, 1877	Salem, Mass	2
Washington	Corneil, Peter	57	11 "	Larceny	Mar. 20, 1877	Prescott	1
Aroostook	Cullen, Aaron	50	1 "	Larceny	Mar. 26, 1877	New Brunswick	1
Sagadahoc	Cox, Isaac N	14	6 "	Manslaughter	Apr. 20, 1877	Bowdoin	1
Washington	Colby, Thomas	21	2 "	Forgery	May 28, 1877	Deer Isle	1
Cumberland	Chapman, William	62	11 "	Breaking and entering	Oct. 9, 1877	South Thomaston	2
Lincoln	Cokley, James R	32	15 "	Adultery	Nov. 1, 1877	Shepody, N. B	1
York	Costa, Joseph	34	11 "	Assault and battery	Nov. 1, 1877	Spain	1
Kennebec	Cochran, Lyman W	21	5 " "	Larceny	Nov. 23, 1877	West Waterville	1
Cumberland	Daley, Peter	30	12 "	Robbery	Jan. 13, 1871	England	1
Cumberland	Dennison, Edward	14	6 "	Arson	May 28, 1875	Machias	1
Cumberland	Doherty, James	51	4 "	Common thief	July 9, 1875	Portland	1
York	Day, Reuben H	$2\overline{4}$	3 "	Adultery	Oct. 12, 1875	Alfred	1
Washington	Daley, John	27	Life.	Burglary	Oct. 18, 1875	Minnesota	1
Cumberland	Dalton, Charles A	35	4 "	Larceny	Feb. 1, 1876	Springfield, Mass.	1
Cumberland		20	5 "	Assault and battery	May 25, 1876	Bangor	1
Cumberland	Doherty, Stephen J	16	4 "	Larceny	May 25, 1876	St. Johns	1
Cumberland	Douglass, Charles	41	3 "	Breaking and entering	May 25, 1876	Scotland	1
Cumberland	Dean, Peter	$2\overline{4}$	6 "	Robbery	Sept. 20, 1876	Nova Scotia	1
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Aroostook	Dooly, Daniel	26	1 "	Larceny	Mar. 26, 1877	New Brunswick	1
Washington		30	4 "	Larceny	May 28, 1877	Tremont	1
York	Duff, William R	19	ī "	Burglary	June 20, 1877	Jamestown, N. B	1
Cumberland	Davis, Charles E	36	4 "	Larcenv	Oct. 9, 1877	Mt. Desert	3
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Oxford	Eastman, James	22	5 "	Burglary	Dec. 13, 1873	Parsonsfield	2
Kennebec	Evertson, John	37	4 "	Embezzlement	Nov. 20, 1875	New York	1
Cumberland	Edwards, Frederick	31	2 "	Larceny	Sept. 20, 1876	Philadelphia	1
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Penobscot	O'Brien, James	23	2½ years.	Burglary	Sept. 1, 1877	Boston	1
Androscoggin	Preble, Joel C	29	Death.	Murder	Oct. 22, 1861	Whitefield	1
Cumberland	Pierce, George	22	10 years.	Larceny	Jan. 22, 1870	Portland	2
York	Plaisted, Calvin	47	Life.	Arson	Oct. 22, 1870	York	1
Hancock	Pressey, Jonathan C	40	8 years.	Assault to rape	May 4, 1874	Deer Island	1
Penobscot	Pangburn, William	82	10 "	Manslaughter	Sept. 1, 1875	St. John, N. B	
Cumberland	Plummer, Orestes M	25	4 "	Common thief	Sept. 24, 1875	Portland	1
Washington	Peltier, Andrew	22	5 "	Assault to ravish	Oct. 18, 1875	St. Johns	1
Knox	Peters, Daniel	19	2 "	Forgery	Sept. 27, 1876	Warren	1
0xford	Peterson, Hans	52	2 "	Breaking and entering	Oct. 23, 1877	Germany	1
York	Patterson, Alex	19	11 "	Assault and battery	Nov. 1, 1877	Indianapolis, Ind.	1
York	Perkins, James	33	11 "	Assault and battery	Nov. 1, 1877	Dover, N. H	1
York	Quimby, James	26	11 "	Larceny	Jan. 19, 1877	W. Lebanon	1
Androscoggin	Richards, Nathan	57	3~ "	Burglary	May 23, 1874	Wayne	7
Penobscot	Reed, Elbridge W	35	Life.	Murder	Aug. 26, 1874	Medway	1
Cumberland	Ragan, Jeremiah	46	4 "	Common thief	Feb. 4, 1875	Ireland	
Androscoggin	Read, George	25	6 "	Burglary	Feb. 20, 1875	Sudbury, Mass	1
Androscoggin	Robinson, Lewis	24	3 "	Assault and battery	May 5, 1875	Nova Scotia	1
Washington	Reynolds, Simon P	43	3 "	Larceny	Oct. 18, 1875	Dennysville	2
Cumberland	Reed, Frederick H	38	5 "	Larceny	May 25, 1876	Portland	2
Washington	Robbins, Joseph B	58	2 "	Forgery	May 28, 1877	North Haven	1
Cumberland	Robinson, Henry	36	4 "	Larceny	Oct. 9, 1877	Washington, D. C.	1
Hancock	Richards, Abel E	18	11 "	Breaking and entering	Nov. 6, 1877	Isle au Haut	
Penobscot	Sullivan, Cornelius	21	21 "	Larceny	Mar. 8, 1866	Bangor	1
Sagadahoc	Simms, Orren	29	15 "	Larceny	Jan. 9, 1868	New Hampshire .	1
York	Smith, Luther	60	10 "	Assault to kill	Jan. 25, 1872	Waterboro'	1
Penobscot	Smith, Joseph D	20	Life, Com'ted	Murder	Mar. 5, 1872	Veazie	1
U. S. Court	Smith, William	24	Life.	Pirate	Jan. 5, 1876	Rockland	1
York	Smith, Hugh	56	5 years.	Manslaughter	Jan. 21, 1876	Buxton	1
Cumberland	Suess, Rudolph	25	2 "	Larceny	Sept. 20, 1876	Texas	1
Cumberland	Scott, Alexander	28	8 "	Robbery	Sept. 20, 1876	Scotland	1
Kennebec	Smith, Michael	28	3 "	Larceny	Oct. 28, 1876	Augusta	2
Waldo	Staples, William	23	2 "	Larceny	Oct. 28, 1876	Stockton	1
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Knox Ward, Clementine	1
Sagadahoc Woodford, Thomas	1
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Kennebec York, Henry	1
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CONVICTS.

Number of convicts Nov. 30, 1876 171	Number received since July 2, '24 2,293
Number committed since 74	Disch'd on expiration sentence 1,452
Retaken	Pardoned 506
	Discharged on writ of error 1
246	Died
Disch'd by expiration of sentence, 29	Executed 4
Pardoned 6	Removed to Insane Hospital. 13
Died 2	Sentence commuted to Jails 4
Removed to Insane Hospital 2	Escaped 20
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Present number, Nov. 30, 1877 207	207

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PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

To His Excellency the Governor and the Honorable Executive Council:

Gentlemen:—The lapse of time again enables me to lay before you my Fifth Annual Report of the physical health of the convicts in the Maine State Prison, for the year ending November 30, 1877.

The number of prisoners during the year has been 245; the average number about 185.

The general health of the inmates of the Institution is good, and has been during the past year. No diseases of an epidemic or contagious character visited us during the year, and the convicts have been favored with their ordinary degree of health.

There have been but two deaths during the year, both of which were produced by pulmonary consumption. Charles L. Eastman died March 10th of consumption, aged 17 years. This young man was scrofulous to the last degree, and the disease finally attacked his lungs. In Prison 21 months, crime arson, and sentence 6 years. William Roix died May 15 of consumption, aged 23 years. In Prison $2\frac{1}{2}$ years, crime larceny, and sentence 3 years.

During this year two prisoners have been sent to the Insane Asylum,—John Burke and John Wall.

When the large numbers committed here and the character of the diseases with which most of them are affected are considered, the mortality rate is far below the outside average. The unexcelled management of the Institution affords a marked illustration of the good results that may be reached by order and perfect system.

The condition of the Prison as regards ventilation, order, regular habits, proper and sufficient food and clothing, is good, and the kindness and attention of its officers in cases of illness merits the highest commendation.

In conclusion, I would take this opportunity to express my thanks to the Warden, Deputy Warden, and all the officers of the Prison, for their unvarying kindness to me, and for the hearty zeal with which they have enforced such rules and regulations as conduce to the health and comfort of the unfortunate men under their charge.

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

THOMASTON, Nov. 30, 1877.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

To His Excellency the Governor and the Honorable Executive Council:

Gentlemen:—Our services at the State Prison during the past year have consisted for the most part in conducting a religious service, consisting of the usual exercises in connection with the delivery of a sermon. The services have been held at 9 A. M. on the Sabbath, and have been conducted by the Clergymen of Thomaston in rotation. No Sabbath during the year has passed without such a service being held.

In our ministrations among the prisoners, we have endeavored faithfully to impress those truths which we have deemed the most important to their present and future welfare. Recognizing them as "the off-spring of God," fellow heirs of immortality, and yet like ourselves sinners, we have inculcated the duty of "repentence toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ." Keeping also continuously before our minds the probability that many whom we address will again go out into the world and be subject to influences inimical to their personal welfare and to the welfare of the State, we have sought to impress them with the idea that the gospel of the grace of God which brings pardon to the repentant sinner enjoins us to "live soberly, righteously and godly, in this present world."

With what degree of success we have performed our work we leave for another day to declare. Some incidents transpire to encourage our hearts, leading us to hope that our "labor is not in vain." The attendance upon the services has been good, and the attention paid during the exercises has been most gratifying. We have ever been ready to confer with any who desired our counsel; some have told us of their desires and endeavors to live a new and better life.

Our relation to the Prison is not official, and we make no suggestions with regard to books, papers and other requisites to their intellectual and moral improvement, but we are gratified to learn that many of the prisoners enjoy the reading of books and papers possessing a high, moral and intellectual character. Our work has been supplemented by that of the appointed teacher, of whose work others will advise you.

With sincere thanks to the officers of the Prison, who, without exception, have been courteous and kind, and to those friends who have rendered material help by gratuitously assisting in the service of song, we submit this report.

G. P. MATHEWS, W. H. WILLIAMS.

INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT.

To the Inspectors of Maine State Prison:

The close of another year calls for a review of the work accomplished in the past, and a statement of what may be hoped for in the future.

From various causes, which, we trust, will not occur in the future, our school work has been somewhat broken; yet enough has been done to prove the wisdom of giving to these unfortunates the facilities of acquiring an education, of which so many of them are in need.

My last report gave the return of those under instruction at 75. The past year will not differ materially from that figure, and may be classed as follows:

In Arithmetic	60
Geography	20
Grammar	5
Spelling	60
Writing	75
Reading	10

To this number may be added about twenty who will commence study as soon as our new school-room is opened, about January 1st.

But few are aware how closely allied are crime and ignorance. Of the seventy-four received here the past year, nearly one-fourth could read but the simplest words, some of whom I was obliged to teach their letters, while more than one-half could not read intelligently a common newspaper article or book. Among them all, not more than five had received a common school education. This ignorance comes mostly from parents allowing their children to neglect the means provided by common school system to educate the

children. Instead of keeping them at school, they allow them to run at large in the streets, spending their time with idle and vicious companions, away from home influence, and receiving in this way, by night and day, such education as leads to crime and the prison. If parents and those interested in the welfare of the young, would save them from these evils, let them see to it that their children are educated at home and in the schools. All who come to us in this condition are runaway boys from school.

Our work here is to take these ignorant, erring boys and men, teach them what they have so sadly neglected in their earlier years, and in the best way we can, lead them to better and higher views of life, and thus prepare them for a more useful life here, and a brighter and better in the world beyond. With these objects in view, a school-room has been provided, where each may receive such instruction as they need.

In looking back over nearly four years of school work here, I see much to encourage, and trust the year to come will show still better results, to encourage those who were the first to inaugarate this system of prison schools.

The library is in fair condition; but I trust you will see that an appropriation is made for new books, as we have so many who have read the books we have, and consequently are without reading matter.

Allow me to thank the Methodist Publishing House, Boston, the Baptist Sunday School, Hallowell, by hand of Hon. William Wilson, and Dea. E. F. Duren, Bangor, for valuable religious books; also many kind-hearted ladies for religious papers, which I assure them were thankfully received and carefully read. My thanks are also due to the Warden, Deputy Warden and officers, for their aid.

Respectfully yours,

D. J. STARRETT, Instructor.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEE.

To the Honorable Governor and

Executive Council of the State of Maine:

Gentlemen:—Having been appointed by the Governor a Committee to visit the State Prison, as provided by chapter 140, section 45 of the revised statutes, I have attended to the duties imposed upon this office as far forth as I have understood them, and herewith submit my report.

I have made five visits, the first one March 14th, when I found the number of officers to be 23, as follows, viz: Warden, Deputy Warden, Clerk; Overseers, 9; Guards, 11; total, 23. And the total number of convicts 182, occupying the several departments as follows, viz: Carriage shop, 36; blacksmith shop, 32; shoe shop, 19; tailors' shop, 9; paint shop, 18; harness shop, 16; trimming shop, 4; washroom, 6; lumpers, 21; cooks, 4; waiters, 6; invalids, 4; sick in hospital, 1; in solitary, 6; total, 182.

I first visited the shoe shop, in charge of Thomas F. Phinney, a gentleman who appears very well fitted for the place with its responsibilities. I found quite an amount of boots and shoes of various kinds made and in process of making, of a very good quality generally, and such goods as in better times might sell for prices to cover cost, and perhaps something more, but with the present mode of manufacturing such goods, and the small margin there is left for the manufacturer, I am fully satisfied that the men thus employed can be employed to better advantage to the State in some other department—the harness department—as in that department there is a growing demand for the goods at remunerative prices, and I find my ideas agree with those of the Warden.

I next visited the blacksmith shop, where I found 32 prisoners at work, under the charge of Sumner E. Cushing and C. T. Knowlton, Overseers, men who appear to be well adapted to the responsible position. Here they do a variety of work, some of which really displays a good degree of skill; and the various kinds of work is so distributed among the convicts that it all comes from their hands very acceptably done, but not without a great deal of personal care and attention of the overseers and their assistants.

In this department more room is much needed, to work so many men to advantage, and I trust the Warden will find some way to enlarge the shop during the summer.

Next came the carriage shop in which I found 36 convicts; Albert P. Piper and A. B. Davis, Overseers; the most responsible position of any of the overseers, as it seems to me, for there are the largest number employed in any of the departments, where they make a great variety of carriages and sleighs, from the best and nicest down to the common grades, and therefore requires the constant attention of both This shop is the best the overseers and their assistants. adapted to its use of any of the working departments, being large, roomy and well furnished with the various kinds of tools necessary. In this department I found a large amount of goods in all the various stages of manufacture, embracing a large amount of material which it is necessary to have constantly on hand, in order that it may be thoroughly seasoned before being put together and finally completed, that this work when done shall be so done as to stand the test and maintain the reputation which the prison goods have gained under its present competent and efficient Warden.

Next came the paint shop—than which no better one can hardly be found any where—in which were 18 prisoners, with Isaac H. Burkett, Overseer; a man fully fitted for the place, as all appearances indicated. He has an assistant. The work as it comes from the shop is first class. It is in three separate apartments, all upon one floor—that over the carriage shop; the first in which the priming is done, the

second where the coatings and finishing colors are put on, and the third the varnishing room, where the work is finally completed.

Then comes the harness shop—Wm. H. Smith, Overseer—and the succession of years he has been there is a sufficient guarantee of his qualification for the place. Here were 16 convicts at work. This I regard as a profitable department, as the goods herein made are of very good style and quality, and find a ready sale at remunerative prices, and the demand now exceeds the supply. Quite a trade has been opened up out of the State for these goods, with a growing demand.

Here I would say that I would recommend the enlargement of this department of manufactures, at the expense of the shoe department, and to do this more room will be needed, of which I will speak more particularly hereafter.

Next came the trimming shop in which were four convicts at work under the direction of a fellow-convict, Wm. D. Blake, a first-class workman, as well as very faithful, and with whose workmanship the Warden is well pleased. The good order and neatness displayed here is the result of the full development of the organ of order—phrenologically speaking.

The next department visited were the carriage repositories, three in number, two outside the prison walls and one within, in which were a large number of sleighs and carriages of various styles and qualities, some of which are of the most modern style and of the best material and workmanship, such as reflect credit to the different workmen through whose hands they come, and especially the chief officer, upon whom devolves the task and responsibility of giving direction to the various kinds and styles there made, and I feel quite sure that whoever shall find himself the purchaser of these carriages, will feel fully satisfied he has got his money's worth.

The tailoring department is in charge of the Deputy Warden, where no work is done except for the prisoners; where all clothing is made and repaired.

As to the sanitary condition of the prison, I shall speak more fully further on, and will only here say that I find the general health of the prisoners good, and the prison as cleanly as might be reasonably expected, and well ventilated.

The enlargement of the prison, for which the Legislature made an appropriation of \$15,000 at its last session, will be commenced as soon as the season will permit, the Warden having already perfected his plans and is in negotiation with parties for furnishing materials. That measures for this enlargement have not been taken any too soon, will appear I think before the year shall close.

On the whole I am quite satisfied with the general appearance of the prison and its management, as I find it at this my first visit.

My second visit I made May 25th, when I found the number of prisoners to be 191, an increase of 9 since my previous visit, occupying the various departments in about the same proportion as before; the general health about the same as before. The enlargement of the prison was well under way, the foundation being nearly completed in a very thorough and substantial manner, and the work progressing very satisfactorily under the immediate supervision of the Warden.

My third visit was August 24th, when I found 187 prisoners, 4 less than before. The general health of the prisoners good; clothing comfortable and due regard is paid to their cleanliness, and the diet is good and ample; much improved from former years in variety especially. The extension I found in a good state of progress, the walls all up, the ground floor all laid, and a part of the cells put up—24 in number—and the work generally fast approaching completion, in a very substantial manner. I found the various departments running successfully, and with little if any friction.

September 25th I made my fourth visit, when I found 189 convicts—2 more than at previous visit. No material change in condition of prisoners. The extension still progressing satisfactorily, having got the roof on and a further number of cells put up; all going well.

My next and last visit was November 26th, when I found 207 prisoners, the largest number ever in the prison at any

one time, rendering this enlargement indispensable to the safety of the convicts. This enlargement is 60x47 feet, 3 stories high, and contains 62 cells, six of which are for work cells, 7x11 feet, well lighted, where the occupants may be by themselves and still be employed, as some such occasions This enlargement is now completed, with the exception of the doors to a part of the cells, and some few other matters of expense which are left to be finished at the convenience of the Warden, and as they may be needed. capacity of the prison is now sufficient to accommodate 250 persons safely and conveniently, well ventilated and conveniently arranged. The cost of this enlargement you will obtain from the Warden's report. I feel sure the job has been done reasonably cheap, as the contracts for materials were made at favorably low rates, and a large part of the labor was performed by the convicts, a full statement of which will be found in the Warden's report.

In this extension is a hospital, 20x35 feet, which was much needed, and will add much to the comfort of the sick; also a school-room 35x20 feet, a convenient and much needed room if the prisoners are to be taught, of which no one can doubt the propriety who has seen the good results of the faithful and efficient teacher, D. J. Starrett, who has spent his evenings and Sabbaths for the last three and one-half years, for quite too small a compensation, teaching these persons in their cells; and now that so good accommodations are provided, it is earnestly to be desired that the Legislature will see to it that a reasonable amount for this cause shall be appropriated.

An addition to the blacksmith shop, which was much needed, has been made, 60x20 feet, of wood, one story high; also a shed opposite to the above named shop, 60x16 feet, for storage, also needed, for the cost of which you will please see Warden's report.

If the shoe shop shall be discontinued to increase the harness business—of which I have before spoken—additional room will be needed in connection with the present room, and may be had by adding another story to the present shop,

thereby making ample room all under one roof, as it needs to be, in order not to increase the number of overseers, and at a cost estimated not to exceed one thousand dollars.

More room is still needed in the blacksmith department, and this may be had by letting the lower floor of the shoe shop building, which is now used for a chapel and is adjoining the present blacksmith shop, into said shop, by removing so much of the south end of the building as is contiguous to the shop, thus making a shop such as will meet the wants of that department; then take the room up stairs now used for the shoe shop, for the chapel, which will make a good one every way. Then some 30 feet of this shoe shop building—the north end—which is now too contiguous to the new wing of the prison on account of fire, should be taken off and swung around to the west, still connecting with the same building, to be used for storing provisions, &c., as now.

With these changes and additions the prison would only have such conveniences as are needed to conduct the business as it should be. This is, to-day, no less than a mannfactory, in which are employed over two hundred persons, thereby necessitating a large amount of room.

The sanitary condition of the prison is all that could be expected; but little sickness has prevailed during the year, and but two deaths—Charles L. Eastman, 17 years of age, in for arson, 6 years, and William Roix, 23 years of age, in for larceny, 3 years. The subsistence is of good quality and in abundance, and is as follows: Breakfast and supper, a bowl of tea and a large loaf of flour bread, made from sweet, medium grade flour; Monday, for dinner, baked beans; Tuesday, corned or fresh beef; Wednesday, stewed peas; Thursday, fish and potatoes; Friday, stewed beans; Saturday, beef soup; Sunday, fish and potatoes, and every noon all the brown bread they wish.

Every prisoner, when he first enters the prison is required to take a thorough bathing, and an entire change of clothing, and is furnished in his cell with water, soap, towel and comb, and is required to use them daily. All the precautions practicable for the health of the prisoners are used.

As to the general results of the year's business, it will not be expected of me to give it, as this will be given you in the Warden and Inspectors' reports. I will, however, here say that the result will prove more favorable than was expected earlier in the year. While there is a balance against the prison, it is not so much as last year, while until recently it was believed it would be more. The amount of sales of carriages and harnesses has been about \$48,000, against \$34,000 last year, and the Warden is confident he could have sold ten per cent. more, could he have had capital to have kept the shops supplied with such materials as he would have been glad to have had. He was reluctant in going further into debt on credit than he was absolutely obliged to, and so purchased sparingly.

The Inspectors have made the valuation on stock and goods on hand this year about ten per cent. lower than last, which will amount to about \$7,000, and for want of capital enough the Warden has paid about \$1,200 for interest on indebtedness, and as much more in prices for stock bought, than he would have been obliged to had he had cash to have made purchases with, so that it appears that could he have capital sufficient to do a cash business, the prospect is a reasonable one that he could make the institution nearly if not quite self-supporting another year.

The Inspectors are men of experience, and who have the interest of the State closely in view, and who co-operate with the Warden in a way that their united efforts, I feel sure, will result as successfully to the State as can reasonably be expected, when we consider how the business of the country has been affected by the times.

Warden Rice first assumed his present position in 1863, 14 years last June, during which time he has administered the affairs of the prison both honestly and faithfully, nothwithstanding the strong efforts made by some persons to show the contrary, with no success whatever, only the more fully to establish his integrity. The number of prisoners at the time he assumed charge were 115, but little more than half

the present number. While we may hope it will be otherwise, still we cannot but fear, the numbers will go on increasing until there is left no vacant cells in the prison.

The convicts are required every Sabbath to attend religious services in the chapel, in charge of the Deputy Warden, except those who for good reasons are excused. The clergymen of Thomaston alternate in supplying the desk, and singing which often is very good is furnished by singers in town who come in and give their services, to which many of the prisoners take much pleasure in listening.

The discipline is not ridged beyond necessity, except in extreme cases, and then only enough to meet the case, and those cases are rare exceptions. The principle upon which the Warden administers discipline is to endeavor to make the convict feel that he yet possesses manhood, and to cheerfully comply with the requirements is but manly, and will surely brings its just reward. Under this mode of treatment the prisoners generally in all the departments of labor appear to work with the interest of the institution in view, and have respect for and confidence in the Warden generally.

Should the Legislature decide to so act, it would be for the interest of the State, I feel sure, to appropriate a sum sufficient to so increase the working capital of the prison that the purchases might be made with cash, and thereby make a large saving, and consequently make the institution nearly if not quite self-sustaining.

And now in closing, I desire to express my general satisfaction with the management of the prison, after carefully looking into the various departments as best I have been able to do. And I would also here express my thanks to Warden Rice and all his subordinate officers for their attention and courtesies shown me from time to time while visiting the prison.

Respectfully submitted.

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Augusta, December 31, 1877.