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REPORT

OF THE

NEW JERSEY STATE PRISON,

EMBRACING THE REPORTS OF THE

Inspectors, Supervisor, Keeper, Moral Instructor, Physician
and Joint Committee,

FOR THE YEAR

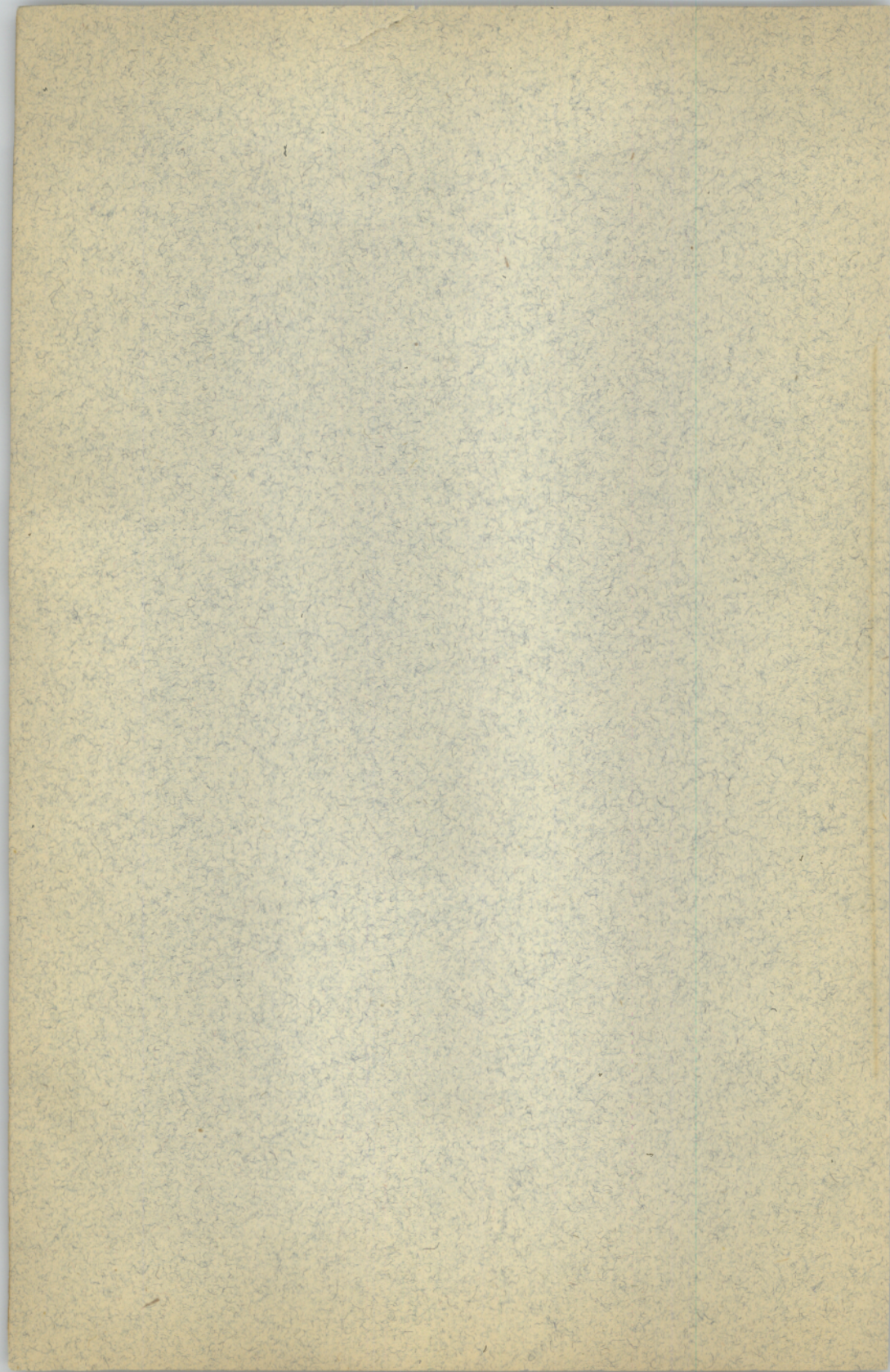
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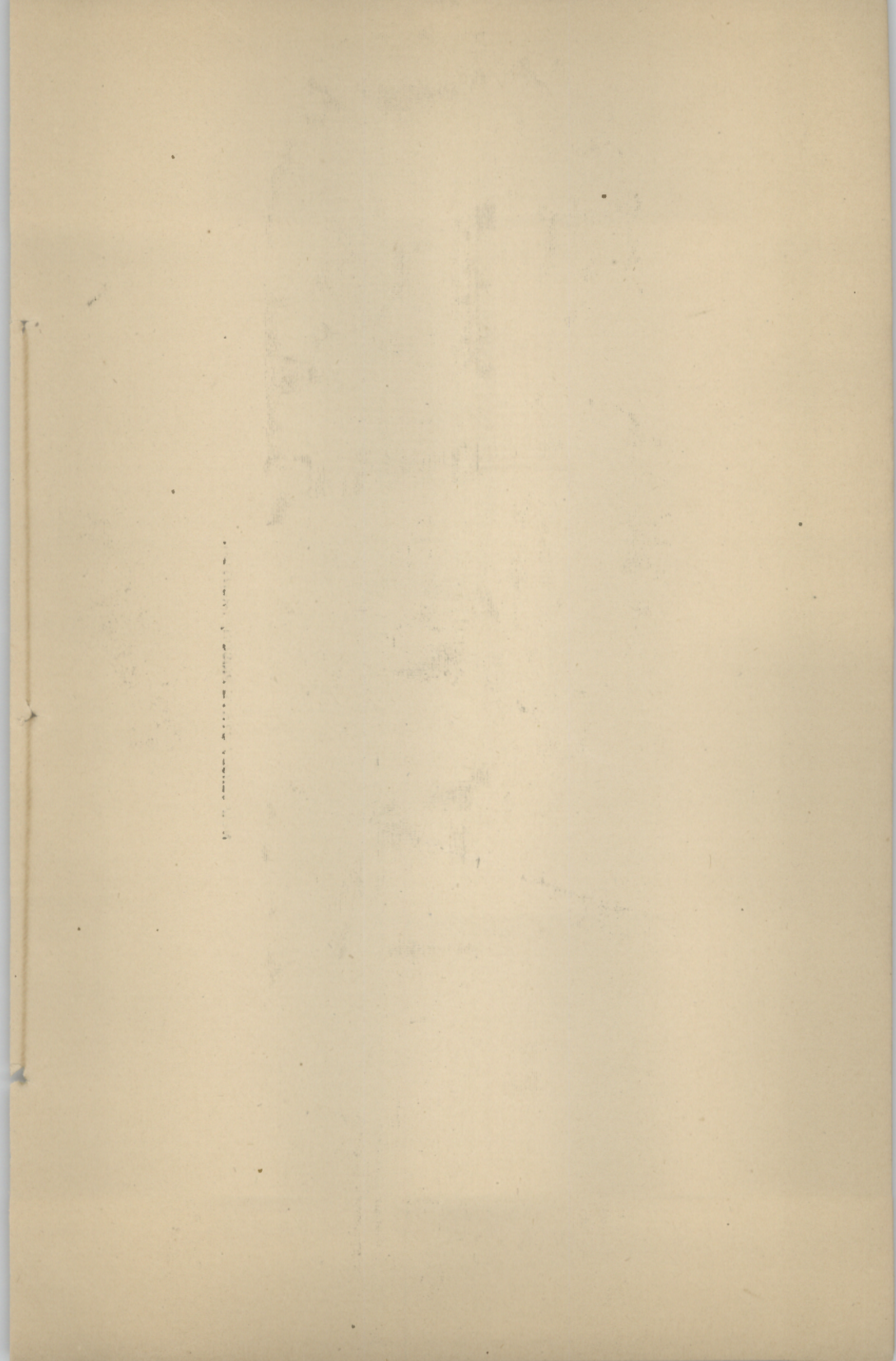
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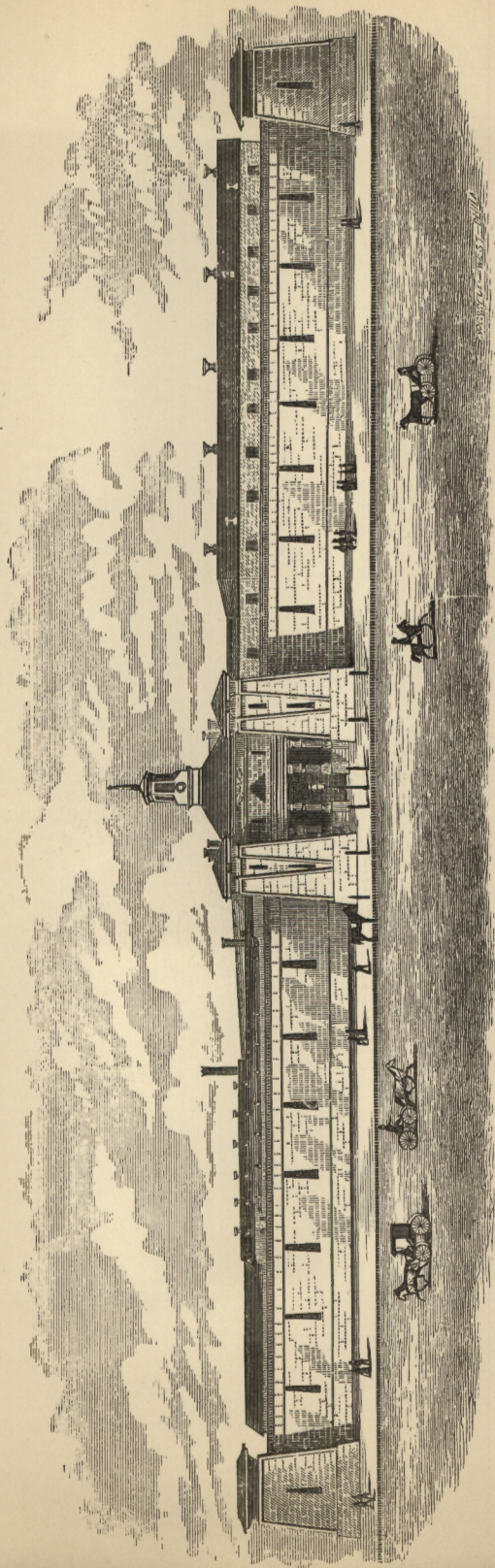
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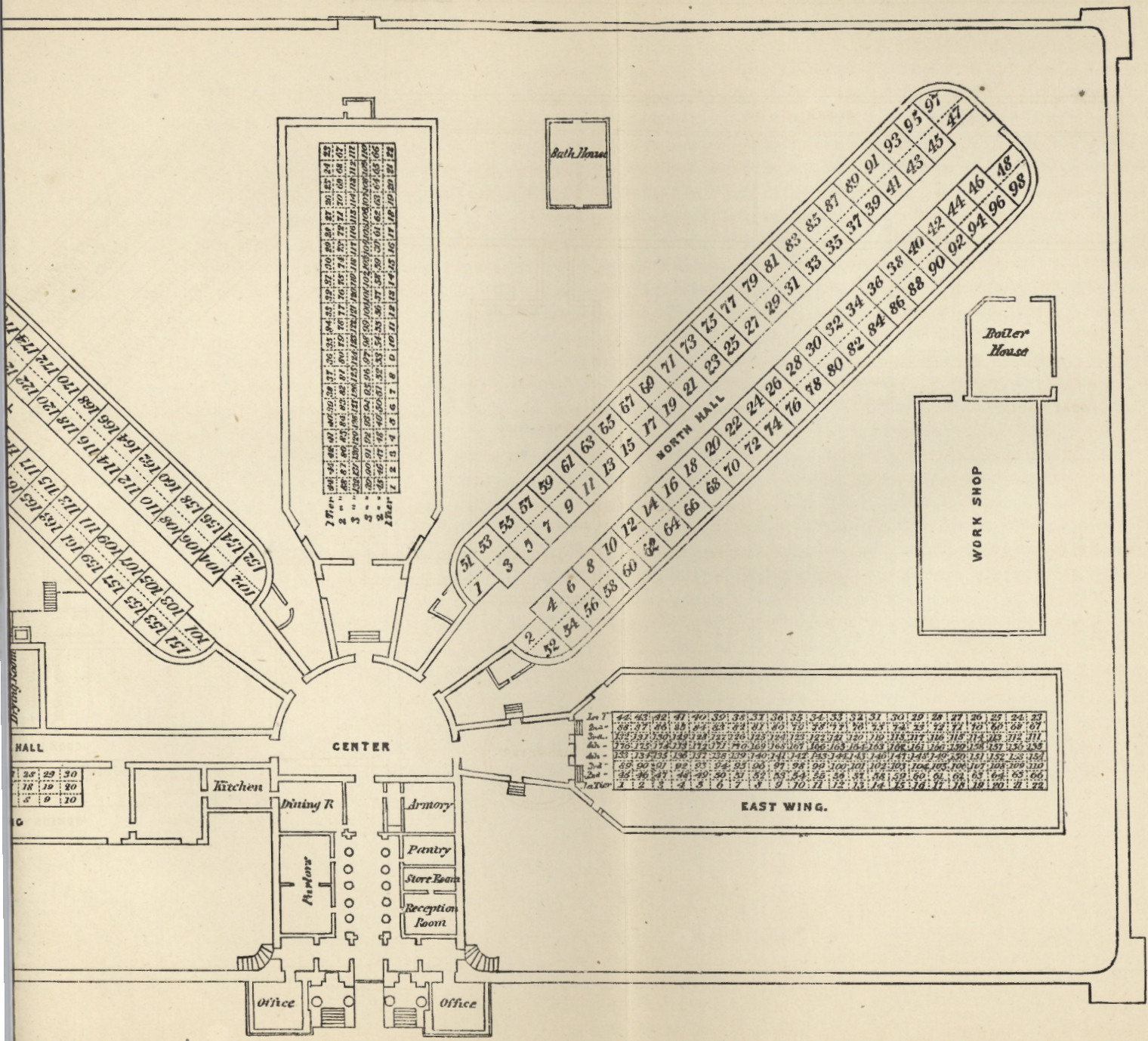
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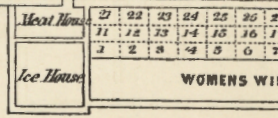
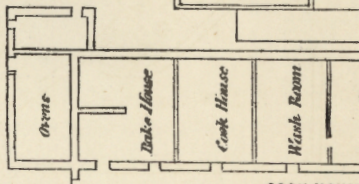
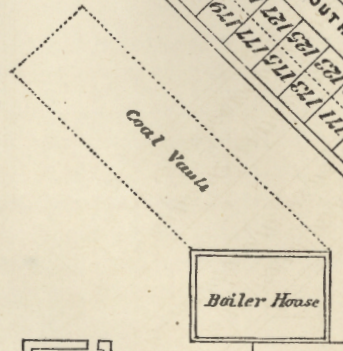
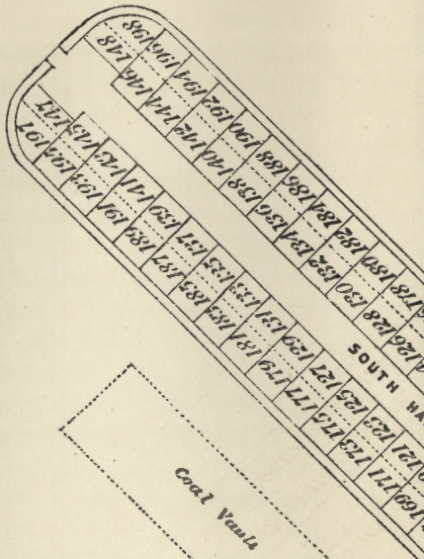
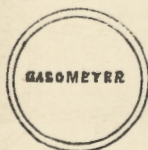
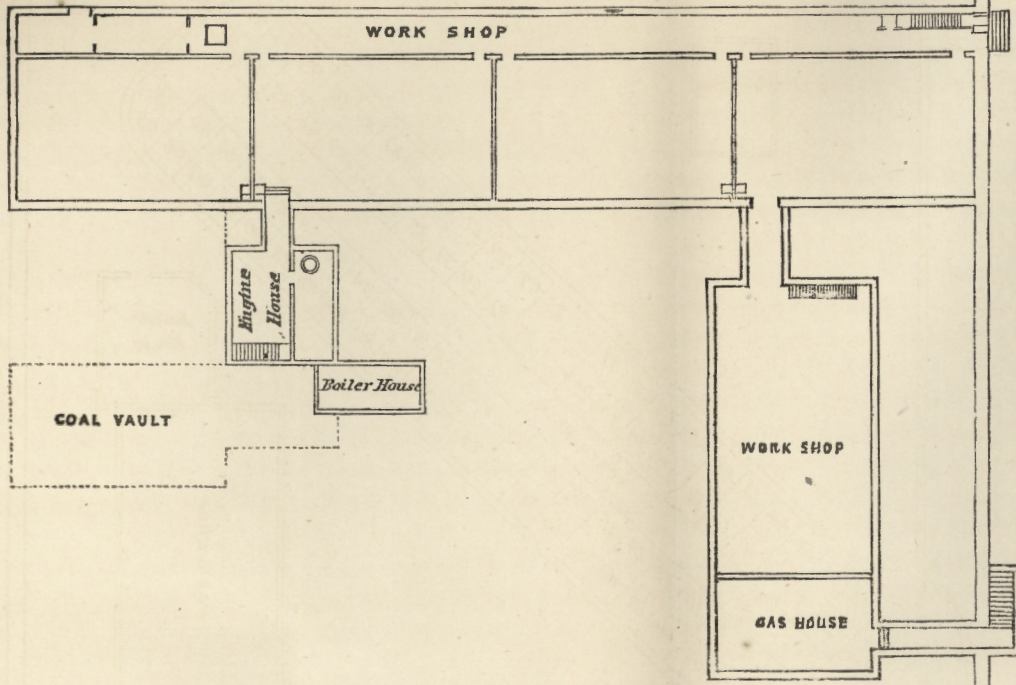
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STATE PRISON

TRENTON, N. J.

REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE.

The Joint Committee of the Legislature on the State Prison, respectfully report :

That we have visited the institution, in discharge of our official duties, and examined the supervisor's account of the expenditures for the year ending October 31st, 1875, as well as the vouchers thereof, and find them to agree.

The whole amount of expenditures during the year, including salaries, provisions, clothing, &c., amount to \$110,000; receipts for the same time, \$81,500; permanent improvements, not included in the above statement, \$17,500.

This favorable exhibit is particularly gratifying, especially when it is considered that during the several months of the past year, but a small number of the convicts have been employed in a way remunerative to the state.

We refer to the supervisor's report for an accurate and more detailed account of the financial condition of the institution during the past year.

We have also inspected the prison buildings, including cells, work-shops, bake-room, wash-house, &c., and find the same neatness, cleanliness and discipline to prevail throughout the institution, reflecting much credit upon the keeper, Mr. Charles Wilson and his corps of efficient and well selected deputies.

We cannot leave the cook and wash-room, however, without calling attention to their improper ventilation, and would advise some alteration and improvement for the escape of steam, to prevent its permeating the building to the extent it does at present; and also more modern machinery for the washing and wringing of clothes, thereby saving largely to the state in the unnecessary wear and tear of clothing and bedding; and at the same time, looking to the necessity, which already exists, for an increase in the number of cells, in order to relieve the crowded condition of the convicts, incident upon the constantly increasing number of commitments, as shown by the reports of preceding years.

By examination of the records we find a good, sanitary condition to have prevailed during the year, which we doubt not, is largely

due to the cleanly condition of the building, the daily exercise of the prisoners in the open air, when not at work in the shops, the uniform warmth of the cells, proper clothing, plain but well prepared food, and especially to the vigilant and professional skill of Dr. W. W. L. Phillips.

The commendable improvements made in the hospital department during the past year, are worthy of special notice.

The gas works authorized by an act of the legislature, and to which reference was made in last year's report, have been completed in an entirely satisfactory manner, comprising not only convenience and economy, but materially lessening the risk of fire. The expense for the production of gas by the present arrangement, is but about one-fourth that formerly paid to the city.

The joint committee are particularly anxious that the legislature should not lose sight of the recommendations of previous years with regard to the moral and religious instruction of the convicts, and hope that the time is not far distant when we may be able to report more progress in this direction, thereby aiming to discharge our whole duty to these unfortunate fellow beings led astray by our common enemy; and to the furtherance of this object, we would again advise a suitable apartment wherein the moral instructor may gather his congregation and speak to them face to face, instead of talking, as at present, to the cells, without knowing whether the inmates are giving heed to his advice.

To the energy, economical administration and financial ability of the supervisor, Col. W. R. Murphy, is largely owing the gratifying results as shown by the report of this year, and hope the legislature will not overlook the recommendation of last year in regard to his inadequate salary, when considering the duties devolving upon him.

The prompt and efficient discharge of their respective duties by the several officers of the institution, is the subject of commendation by your committee, and the ability, close attention to the many duties incumbent upon the position, and general order maintained by the present keeper, Charles Wilson, are deserving of special remark. And we also wish particularly, to notice the accurate and systematic book-keeping of the present clerk, Robert B. Bonney.

In conclusion, the attention of the legislature is called to the reports of the Supervisor, Inspectors, Keeper, Physician and Moral Instructor, for a more full account of the expenditures, general operations and present condition of the prison.

Respectfully submitted,

BARTON F. THORN,

JOHN HOPPER, *Senate Committee.*

JOHN W. BOGERT,

ANDREW TEED,

CHARLES P. SWING, *House Committee.*

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

To His Excellency, Joseph D. Bedle, Governor of New Jersey :

SIR:—The annual report required by law, relating to those interests of the State Prison which are especially entrusted to the Supervisor, is herewith respectfully submitted.

The balance sheet annexed, and the several statements, exhibit the affairs of the Prison during the fiscal year which ends to-day :

The income amounts to the sum of \$81,596.30, and is derived from the following sources :

Convict labor,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$80,048 15
Interest,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	996 49
Live stock,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	532 66
Chair seats,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19 00
							<hr/>	\$81,596 30

It should be stated here that the sum of \$10,000, forfeited to the state by contractors for convict labor, and elsewhere referred to, is included in the above statement.

The cost of maintaining the convicts during the year is \$57,941.69. The difference between the amount received and the amount expended, is \$23,654.61, which is the net gain on the business of the year, and is added to the capital stock, reported October 31, 1874, (\$128,936 62), making the present capital, as will be seen by the stock account, \$152,591.23. The assets amount to \$155,186.96, from which deduct the sum of "accounts payable," (\$2,595.73), and the difference is the net capital, as stated above, \$152,591.23.

To avoid misapprehension, it is necessary to say here, that the sum mentioned as the cost of maintaining the convicts, (\$57,941.69), does not include the salaries of officers, and other expenses incident to the Prison. All these will be found fully set forth in Statement C, and are, by law, paid by the State Treasurer, on the warrant of the Comptroller.

In my last annual report, this sentence occurs: "The prospect for

the year upon which we have just entered, gives assurance that our income will be nearly equal to all our expenses, including salaries." It is a source of regret that this expectation, which then appeared well founded, has not been realized.

By a supplemental contract made with Messrs. Bigelow and Howe, dated February 21st, 1874, it was, among other things, provided that the contractors might relinquish their contract by giving to the Supervisor three months' notice in writing, and paying to him for the use of the state, the sum of ten thousand dollars.

Availing themselves of this mode of terminating the agreement, the prescribed notice was given, dated February 25th, 1875, and on the 15th day of May the contractors paid to me the sum of \$10,000, being for liquidated damages, as stipulated in the above mentioned supplemental contract, and on the 25th day of the same month abandoned the contract. By this action nearly five hundred convicts were thrown out of employment.

The cause of this unexpected suspension of the contract, which had two years yet to run, is the general prostration of business, which began in the fall of 1873, and has continued with the most disastrous results to the present time. Other prisons are undergoing the same unfortunate experience. In my intercourse with the officers of several of them, and from the official reports of others, I learn that contracts have been given up because manufacturers could find no profitable market for their goods, and because the loss by cancelling good contracts was less than that which would result from the employment of capital in the production of goods, which in many cases would deteriorate in value while being held until the demand for them should increase.

But this stagnation in business is so well understood, and so universally felt, that it is needless to enlarge upon it in explanation of our changed prospects.

At a meeting of the board of supervisors, held on the 4th of June last, the supervisor was directed to offer the labor of the convicts by advertisement in the newspapers. This was done extensively, but beyond some general inquiries respecting this labor, the measure has attracted but little attention.

By reference to the tables of statistics, it will be seen that the average number of convicts is greater than during any previous year in the history of the Prison. But notwithstanding this large increase, the cost of maintenance is less than for the same class of expenses for the preceding year; and although almost our entire number has been idle since May last, yet all these expenses have been paid from our earnings during the year, and a surplus remains towards meeting the deficiency of the ensuing year, if we fail to procure employment for the prisoners.

The loss of revenue, however, from the labor of prisoners, while it is to be regretted, is a less evil to the state than the physical and

moral evils which this enforced idleness entails upon the convicts. It is a merciful provision of the law that the criminal is sentenced to "hard labor," as part of his punishment, and all except a small number so accept it.

To prevent disease and other disabilities, so often induced by close confinement, the prison physician recommended that the convicts be allowed to walk in the grounds within the walls. This required a considerable outlay in arranging guard-rooms on the walls, from which any breach of discipline could be restrained, and attempts to escape thwarted.

The loss of employment, brought about as above described, is one among many evils which often grow out of what is known as "The Contract System;" and yet it is, for many reasons, the safest plan of making this labor a source of revenue, (if that is the first consideration), rather than that the state should engage in manufacturing on its own account; because a business which is necessarily conducted and managed by a large number of persons, not one of whom has a personal interest in its success, and who are, perhaps, unskilled in the business entrusted to them, will almost certainly prove a losing one, except under conditions peculiarly favorable. But if the intellectual and moral improvement of the criminal be objects of consideration, then the plan of farming out his labor to those who have no other interest in him than to obtain the largest amount of work, is in direct antagonism to those objects.

The want of more adequate hospital provision has long been felt. This want has been met by occupying, for that purpose, the large apartment over the centre, and which was of no value for any useful purpose. It now contains all the appurtenances and arrangements of a complete and commodious hospital, and should be regarded as an expression of commiseration for suffering humanity, even in criminals, by the people of the state.

The gas works, authorized to be constructed by the act of March 3d, 1874, have been completed, and fully meet our best expectations, both in the quality of the light, and the cost of its production. The amount appropriated by the legislature for these works was \$12,000. The actual cost, complete, is \$11,839 52, leaving a balance of \$160.48 towards the purchase of a metre, which is a necessary part of gas light fixtures.

The act of March 30th, 1865, authorized an annual appropriation of \$10,000, to aid in the support of the prison. For the first time since 1868, this appropriation has this year been drawn from the treasurer of the state, and the same will no doubt be required for the next year; but it is hoped that this sum, together with available assets, amounting to about \$42,000, will render any special appropriation unnecessary.

Each year, from 1865 to 1869, inclusive, the legislature made a

special appropriation to meet the current deficiencies. The last one for this purpose, was authorized by the legislature of 1869, and at the same session enacted the law which now governs the institution, under whose wise provisions the cost of maintenance has been paid from the proceeds of our industries, besides nearly \$100,000 returned to the state during that period.

By an examination of Statement B, the following facts will be found in detail:

First. During the three years and four months ending March 31st, 1869, the aggregate *deficits* amounted to \$224,141.69.

Second. From the date last mentioned to the end of the present fiscal year, the *gains* amount to \$155,638.58.

I desire here to express my obligations to the comptroller and treasurer, my colleagues in the board of supervisors, for their counsel and aid in the performance of my duties.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. MURPHY,
Supervisor.

STATEMENT A.

GAINS.		LOSSES.	
Convict labor, -	\$80,048 15	Subsistence, - -	\$34,225 15
Interest, - - -	996 49	Fuel, - - - -	6,123 59
Live stock, - - -	532 66	Clothing, - - -	4,635 34
Chair seats, - - -	19 00	Discharged convict clothing, - - -	2,338 17
		Furniture, - - -	782 59
		Bedding, - - -	42
		Tobacco, - - -	2,526 04
		State shops, - -	201 29
		Hospital, (dispensary,)	2,328 91
		Stationery, - - -	348 98
		Convict stationery, -	12 62
		Forage, - - - -	610 05
		Water, - - - -	651 41
		Light, - - - -	2,029 52
		Carting, freights and expenses, - - -	60 83
		Miscellaneous, - -	1,061 78
		Gain, - - - -	23,654 61
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STATEMENT B.

Showing the Earnings, Expenses, Losses and Gains from November, 1865, to the close of the present fiscal year; compiled from official reports.

REPORTS.	EARNINGS.	EXPENSES.	LOSSES.	GAINS.
1866, Nov. 30.	\$26,172 78	\$77,156 59	\$50,983 81	
1867, " "	31,733 42	87,839 32	56,105 90	
1868, " "	39,392 38	95,369 68	55,977 30	
1869 to M'rch 31	6,777 52	67,852 20	61,074 68	
Total,	\$104,076 10	\$328,217 79	\$224,141 69	

UNDER THE PRESENT LAW.

REPORTS.	EARNINGS.	EXPENSES.	LOSSES.	GAINS.
1869 to Dec. 31.	\$42,356 13	\$49,317 89	\$6,961 76	
1870 to Oct. 31.	58,331 76	61,742 51	3,410 75	
1871 " " "	100,723 27	60,113 37		\$40,609 80
1872 " " "	80,892 59	52,414 52		28,478 74
1873 " " "	90,386 56	62,353 18		28,033 28
1874 " " "	104,041 98	58,807 05		45,334 93
1875 " " "	81,596 30	57,941 69		23,654 61
Total,	\$558,328 99	\$402,690 21	\$10,372 51	\$166,111 36

STATEMENT C.

Showing the aggregate cost and expenses of the prison during the year ending October 31st, 1875, and the several items thereof.

Maintenance of convicts, - - - - -	\$57,941 69
General repairs to buildings, - - - - -	7,149 07
Improvements or betterments, - - - - -	4,101 36
New steam boiler, - - - - -	1,497 28
Constructing and furnishing new hospital, - - - - -	4,642 01
Amount given to discharged convicts, - - - - -	1,147 00
Rewards and expenses to recover escaped convicts - - - - -	1,091 65
Extraordinary sources, - - - - -	450 00
Salaries, - - - - -	53,233 35
Total, - - - - -	<u>\$131,253 41</u>

BALANCE SHEET, NO. 7.

New Jersey State Prison, from October 31, 1874, to October 31, 1875.

LEDGER TITLES.	TRIAL BALANCE.		INVNTORY	PROFIT AND LOSS.		STOCK.		REAL.	
	DR.	OR.		DR.	OR.	DR.	OR.	DR.	OR.
Stock.....		\$128,986 63					\$128,986 63		
Cash.....	\$6,886 30							\$6,886 30	
Interest.....		996 49							996 49
Subsistence.....	35,600 09		\$1,374 94	\$34,225 15					1,374 94
Fuel.....	7,400 59		1,272 00	6,128 59					1,272 00
Clothing.....	13,599 45		8,964 11	4,635 34					8,964 11
Discharged Convicts' Clothing.....	3,427 07		1,088 90	2,338 17					1,088 90
Furniture.....	8,635 41		7,852 82	782 59					7,852 82
Bedding.....	2,319 37		2,318 95	42					2,318 95
Convict Labor.....		80,048 15					\$80,048 15		
Bills Receivable.....	19,261 86							19,261 86	
Tobacco.....	2,596 59		67 55	2,528 04					67 55
Chair Seats.....	231 00		250 00		19 00				250 00
State shops.....	342 79		141 50	201 29					141 50
State of New Jersey.....	85,747 80							85,747 80	
Live Stock.....	225 84		758 50		532 66				758 50
Hospital, (Dispensary).....	2,828 91		500 00	2,328 91					500 00
Stationery.....	405 98		57 00	348 98					57 00
Stationery for Convicts.....	28 98		16 36	12 62					16 36
Forage.....	765 25		376 14	2,029 62					376 14
Light.....	2,442 95								
Water.....	651 41			651 41					
Permanent Improvements.....	4,101 36								4,101 36
Repairs.....	7,149 07								7,149 07
New Steam Boiler.....	1,497 28								1,497 28
New Hospital.....	4,642 01								4,642 01
Carting, Freight and Expressages.....	60 83			60 83					
Miscellaneous.....	1,061 75			1,061 75					
Accounts Receivable.....	1,198 31								1,198 31
Accounts Payable.....		2,596 78							\$2,596 78
	\$212,576 99	\$212,576 99	\$25,193 97	23,654 61		\$152,591 23	23,654 61		
			To stock for net gain	\$81,596 30	\$81,596 30				
					Net capital	\$152,591 23	\$152,591 23		
					Total resources and liabilities			\$155,186 96	2,596 78
					Net capital as per stock				152,591 23
								\$155,186 96	\$155,186 96

REPORT OF THE INSPECTORS.

INSPECTORS' ROOM, NEW JERSEY STATE PRISON, }
November 1st, 1875. }

To His Excellency, Joseph D. Bedle, Governor of New Jersey :

SIR—In accordance with the provision of the law, the board of inspectors of the State Prison respectfully present to your Excellency their annual report for the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1875.

The total amount of moneys drawn from the State Treasurer on Inspectors' drafts is \$48,775.00, as follows :

Salaries of officers from November 1st, 1874, to November 1st, 1875.....	\$47,233 35
Return of escaped prisoners.....	1,091 65
Extra services of Clerk and Physician.....	450 00

On the morning of April 5th, 1875, six convicts, namely, Gustavus Dorflinger, Charles Gray, Patrick Simpson, James Fitzgerald, Philip Bernard and James Aiten, escaped from this institution. They were all employed in the cook house department, and of necessity were allowed more privileges than are allowed other convicts. Their escape was discovered a few moments after it was made, and pursuit at once given. After a long search in the swamps during the day without success, Mr. Ahab Wilson, Deputy Keeper, succeeded, about 8 o'clock in the evening, in capturing Patrick Simpson and James Fitzgerald, firing at Charles Gray, who escaped. The board of inspectors deemed this act to be one of special notice, and complimented him for his bravery in making the capture under the circumstances, being alone and unaided in the act. Dorflinger and Bernard were some time afterward arrested in Baltimore, and Charles Gray in New York state, and returned to this institution. Aiten, the other convict, is still at large.

Herman Liedendorf, alias "Dutch Harmon," who escaped April 17th, 1873, has been returned to this institution to serve his unexpired term.

The general behavior and deportment of the prisoners have been remarkably good, and it is with pleasure that we record for the past year, a less number of punishments than formerly, being evidence of the good discipline established and maintained by Keeper Wilson.

During the year, very few complaints have been made by the prisoners of ill-treatment or abuse, and, upon investigations made, we found no complaints substantiated worthy of notice.

The health of the prisoners has been remarkably good, notwithstanding the close confinement to which they have been subjected, by the close of the workshops. No contagious disease has prevailed, and but few deaths, the result in a great measure of the skill and attention of the Physician, Dr. Wm. W. L. Phillips, to whose report we respectfully call your attention.

The Hospital accommodations have been greatly increased by the board of supervisors, in fitting up and furnishing of the large room over the Centre for a hospital, thereby making the condition of the unfortunate sick far more comfortable than heretofore.

We last year called the attention of the legislature to the necessity of providing an apartment in the prison for the care and attention of insane convicts, no action having been taken, we respectfully call your Excellency's attention to the subject, the same necessity still existing.

Our relationship with the Supervisor, Col. Wm. R. Murphy, and his associates of the board of supervisors, has been, during the year, of the most pleasant nature.

With this report we also submit the usual annual statistics, compiled by the very efficient clerk of this institution, Robert B. Bonney, to whom we are under many favors for his able services, and kind attention.

The Keeper, Charles Wilson, has discharged his various duties with marked ability, it having been a pleasure to work in harmony with him in carrying out all the requirements of the law governing this institution.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. LAYTON,
GORDON SICKLES,
HENRY L. BUTLER,
FRANK H. TAYLOR,
ALEXANDER JACOBUS.

Board of Inspectors.

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TABLE A.

OCCUPATION.	NAMES.	1874.		1875.				TOTAL.
		NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MARCH	APRIL.	
Keeper.....	Charles Wilson.....	\$333 33	\$333 33	\$333 33	\$333 33	\$333 33	\$333 33	\$1999 98
Matron.....	Mrs. Chas. Wilson.....	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	600 00
Assistant Matron.....	Mrs. A. Wilson.....	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	450 00
Night Watch	Ruth Barrow.....	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	240 00
Clerk.....	Robt. B. Bonney.....	125 00	125 00	125 00	125 00	125 00	125 00	750 00
Physician.....	Wm. W. L. Phillips.....	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	600 00
Moral Instructor.....	A. H. Warner.....	83 33	83 33	83 33	83 33	83 33	83 33	499 98
Door Keeper.....	Ahab Wilson.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
Centre Keeper.....	James M. Brown.....	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	600 00
Marshal.....	Chas. H. Wardell.....	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	600 00
Engineer.....	Ephriam Kaufman.....	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	600 00
Cook House Superin't.	Jarvis Wanser.....	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	600 00
Deputy.....	James D. Armstrong.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	W. W. Blake.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	G. W. Crocker.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	S. V. Conover.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	G. F. Conover.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	Thos. H. Cole.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	J. W. Clark.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	J. C. Eastlack.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	Cornelius Holly.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	John Hazlett.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	Chas. T. Jordan.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	Chas. H. Kirby.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	Chas. H. Knox.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	John W. Latourette.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	Fred. Lowe.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	Theodore Lawrence.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	Daniel Megronegle.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	Chas. Miller.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	Thomas Moulds.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	Wm. Mendham.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	Joseph Newkirk.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	John Oliver.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	George Oliver.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	Anthony K. Perry.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	John E. Pepper.....	80 00	12 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	92 90
"	C. M. Riley.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	Asa Reeves.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	Silas Robinson.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	Chas. S. Squires.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	John Swartz.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	Jos. D. Shiffer.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	Wm. Seaman.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	James Wilson.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	John Wiley.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	James Allen.....	10 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 65
"	Mortimer Brown.....	.....	87 10	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	387 10
"	Joseph Tatem.....	.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	400 00
"	Samuel Tatem.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80 00	80 00
Driver.....	Jacob Fisher.....	50 00	50 00	50 00	50 00	50 00	50 00	300 00

TABLE A—CONTINUED.

OCCUPATION.	NAMES.	1875						TOTAL.
		MAY.	JUNE.	JULY.	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	
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Night Watch.....	Ruth Barrow.....	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	240 00
Clerk.....	Robt. B. Bonney.....	125 00	125 00	125 00	125 00	125 00	125 00	750 00
Physician.....	W. W. L. Phillips.....	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	600 00
Moral Instructor.....	A. H. Warner.....	83 33	83 33	83 33	83 33	83 33	83 33	499 98
Door Keeper.....	Ahab Wilson.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
Centre Keeper.....	James M. Brown.....	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	600 00
Marshal.....	Charles H. Wardell.....	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	600 00
Engineer.....	Epriham Kaufman.....	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	600 00
Cook House Superin't.	Jarvis Wanser.....	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	600 00
Deputy.....	Jas. D. Armstrong.....	80 00	80 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	160 00
"	W. D. Blake.....	80 00	80 00	.....	.....	.....	40 00	200 00
"	G. W. Crocker.....	80 00	80 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	160 00
"	G. F. Conover.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	S. V. Conover.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	Thomas H. Cole.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	J. W. Clark.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	J. C. Eastlack.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	Cornelius Holly.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	John Hazlett.....	80 00	80 00	45 44	80 00	80 00	80 00	446 44
"	Charles T. Jordan.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	40 00	40 00	400 00
"	Thos. H. Kirby.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	Charles H. Knox.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	John W. Latourette.....	80 00	80 00	40 00	.....	.....	.....	200 00
"	Fred. O. Lowe.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	Theodore Lawrence.....	80 00	80 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	160 00
"	Daniel Megronegle.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	Charles Miller.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	Thomas Moulds.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	Joseph Newkirk.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	John Oliver.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	George Oliver.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	Anthony K. Perry.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	C. M. Riley.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	Asa Reeves.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	Silas Robinson.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	Charles S. Squires.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	John Swartz.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	Joseph D. Shiffer.....	80 00	80 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	160 00
"	William Seaman.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	James Wilson.....	80 00	80 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	160 00
"	John Wiley.....	80 00	80 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	160 00
"	Joseph Tatem.....	80 00	80 00	.....	.....	40 00	80 00	280 00
"	Samuel Tatem.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	480 00
"	Mortimer Brown.....	80 00	80 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	160 00
"	Charles G. Estlow.....	.....	.....	.....	87 05	80 00	80 00	227 05
Driver.....	Jacob Fisher.....	50 00	50 00	50 00	50 00	50 00	50 00	300 00

TABLE B.

Charles Wilson, expense of escaped convicts.....	\$88 65
Wm. R. Murphy, expense and rewards incurred in capture of Dorfinger, Bernhard and Grey.....	603 00
Ahab Wilson, capturing of James Fitzgerald and P. Simpson.....	200 00
Stephen Carmack, capturing of H. Ledendorf.....	151 00
Charles Wilson, expense incurred in bringing H. Ledendorf back to prison.....	49 00
	<u>\$1091 65</u>

TABLE C.

Extra services of physician and clerks.....	\$450 00
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STATISTICS.

OFFICE OF NEW JERSEY STATE PRISON, }
TRENTON, November 1st, 1875. }

To the Honorable Board of Inspectors, New Jersey State Prison:

GENTLEMEN—Herewith find statistical tables, compiled from the records of this Institution, for the year ending October 31st, 1875.

Very respectfully,
ROBERT B. BONNEY,
Clerk of Prison.

STATISTICS.

Number confined October 31st, 1874.....	653
Number received from that time to October 31st, 1875.....	428
Escaped prisoners brought back.....	6
	1,087

There have been discharged as follows:

By remittance of time (act, April 2, 1869).....	337
Pardoned.....	43
Died.....	13
Sent to Asylum.....	3
Escaped.....	6
By order of Supreme Court.....	1
	403
Number in confinement October 31st, 1875.....	684

TERM OF SENTENCES.

During natural life.....	4
Thirty years.....	1
Twenty-seven years.....	2
Twenty years.....	15
Seventeen years.....	2
Fifteen ".....	19
Fourteen ".....	1
Thirteen ".....	1
Twelve ".....	4
Eleven ".....	1
Ten ".....	65
Nine ".....	1
Eight ".....	13
Seven years and six months.....	1
Seven ".....	18
Six ".....	16
Five ".....	90
Four years and six months.....	1
Four years.....	20
Three years and six months.....	5
Three years and three months.....	1
Three years.....	103
Two years and eight months.....	1
Two years and six months.....	6
Two years.....	112
One year and six months.....	36
One year.....	113
Nine months.....	11
Six months.....	21
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COUNTIES WHERE CONVICTED.

Atlantic.....	8
Burlington.....	40
Bergen.....	29
Camden.....	49
Cape May.....	7
Cumberland.....	16
Essex.....	111
Gloucester.....	9
Hudson.....	170
Hunterdon.....	11
Mercer.....	34

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Menmouth.....	3
Middlesex.....	35
Morris.....	15
Passaic.....	41
Salem.....	13
Sussex.....	9
Somerset.....	16
Union.....	38
Warren.....	12
Ocean.....	3
U. S. District.....	9
Bergen and Passaic.....	2
Union and Bergen.....	1
Hunterdon and Essex.....	1
Mercer and Somerset.....	1
Middlesex and Monmouth.....	1
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PLACES OF NATIVITY.

Vermont.....	1
Tennessee.....	2
Rhode Island.....	1
New Jersey.....	205
Connecticut.....	5
Pennsylvania.....	55
New York.....	100
Massachusetts.....	6
Maryland.....	16
Delaware.....	9
Virginia.....	13
West Virginia.....	1
South Carolina.....	4
North Carolina.....	2
Georgia.....	2
Ohio.....	6
Michigan.....	1
Louisiana.....	1
Kentucky.....	1
Mississippi.....	2
Texas.....	1
District of Columbia.....	4
Nova Scotia.....	2
Canada.....	3
Germany.....	71

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Scotland	8
Switzerland	5
England	33
France	2
Prussia	1
Ireland	102
Australia	1
Denmark	2
Sweden	3
Poland	2
Holland	3
Austria	2
Hungary	1
American waters on board ship	1
Italy	2
Gibraltar	1
Cuba	1
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YEARS IN WHICH RECEIVED.

1860	1
1861	1
1866	5
1867	4
1868	3
1869	9
1870	14
1871	26
1872	37
1873	87
1874	177
1875	320
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COLOR AND SEX.

White males	564
White females	24
Colored males	86
Colored females	10
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NUMBER OF COMMITMENTS.

First commitment	597
Second commitment	64

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Third commitment.....	20
Fourth commitment.....	1
Sixth commitment.....	1
Seventh commitment.....	1

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AGES WHEN RECEIVED.

From fifteen to twenty.....	104
“ twenty to twenty-five.....	215
“ twenty-five to thirty.....	130
“ thirty to forty.....	133
“ forty to fifty.....	72
“ fifty to sixty.....	24
“ sixty to seventy.....	4
“ seventy to eighty.....	2

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Daily average males.....	626
“ “ females.....	30

Daily average whole number.....	656
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Third commitment	101
Fourth commitment	102
Sixth commitment	103
Seventh commitment	104

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thirty to forty	107
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forty to fifty	109
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fifty to sixty	111
" " " " " " " "	112
sixty to seventy	113
" " " " " " " "	114
seventy to eighty	115

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Daily average males	116
" " " " " " " "	117
Daily average whole number	118

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KEEPER'S REPORT.

KEEPER'S OFFICE, NEW JERSEY STATE PRISON, }
Trenton, November 1st, 1875. }

To His Excellency, Joseph D. Bedle, Governor of New Jersey:

SIR:—I have the honor to transmit you herewith a report of this institution, for the year ending October 31st, 1875.

From October 31st, 1874, to October 31st, 1875, the average number of prisoners confined here was six hundred and fifty-six.

The state received for contract labor, same time, - \$77,682 15
“ “ “ convict labor, other than contract, 2,366 00

Sum total of convict labor, - - - - -	\$80,048 15
The cost of subsistence was, - - - - -	34,225 15
	\$45,823 00

The number of prisoners discharged from October 31st, 1874, to October 31st, 1875, was as follows:

By remittance of time (act, April 2d, 1869), - - - - -	337
Pardoned, - - - - -	43
Died, - - - - -	13
Sent to the Asylum, - - - - -	3
Escaped, - - - - -	6
By order of Supreme Court, - - - - -	1

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The amount paid to discharged convicts from October 31st, 1874, to October 31st, 1875, \$1,147.00.

The amount paid for transportation and costs of conviction of prisoners, from October 31st, 1874, to October 31st, 1875, was \$33,619.17.

Amount paid on draft approved by the Inspectors—

Salaries of officers from October 31st, 1874, to October 31st, 1875, - - - - -	\$17,233 35
For capture of prisoners, - - - - -	1,091 65
Extra services (Clerk and Physician), - - - - -	450 00

At the beginning of the present year, the state was indebted to me, eight dollars (\$3.00), on account of money for discharged convicts. I have received during the year, from the State Treasurer, for paying to discharged convicts, the sum of eleven hundred and fifty-five dollars (\$1,155), eleven hundred and forty-seven of which I have paid to discharged convicts.

There are now confined in this institution six hundred and eighty-four (684) convicts. Thirty-four (34) being females.

It will be seen by the reports, that we have averaged forty-one (41) prisoners more than last year. The subsistence is five hundred and ninety-three dollars and ninety-eight cents less. The salaries of officers is two thousand two hundred and twenty-five dollars and thirty-one cents less than last year; this is owing to the convicts not being at work in the shops, therefore reducing the number of officers required.

The Supervisors have added much to the comfort of the sick of this institution, by fitting up and furnishing the room over the centre for a hospital.

The gas works erected by the Supervisors is in operation, and produces the amount of gas required in this institution, satisfactory in every respect; price of gas not exceeding one dollar per thousand feet, including incidental expenses.

In my last report, I called attention to the fact that the number of cells was far short of the number of convicts (being at that time, 536 cells to 653 convicts). We are to-day in a far worse condition on this account, than last year, as the number of convicts has increased to 684, with every prospect of reaching over 700. This not only cramps us for room, but interferes materially with the strict enforcement of the laws and rules of the prison. I would again call attention to the manner in which the deputies of this institution are obliged to live, thus preventing their aid in the institution, if fire, escape, or any emergency should occur, requiring their services.

As to the escaped prisoners mentioned above, I deem it necessary to make the following statement: James Aiten, Patrick Simpson, James Fitzgerald, Philip Bernhard, August Dorflinger, and Charles Gray escaped from the cook-house, about five o'clock, on the morning of the fifth (5th) of April last, by taking up the stone floor of the meat-house, going through the cellar to the women's wing, and over the wall by a rope made of the bread cloths plaited together. As is well known, the convicts do all the baking and cooking for the institution, therefor having more leniency shown them than other prisoners, with more chance of escape. In this case, they were required to go to the cook-house in the morning, before daylight, so as to prepare the convicts' breakfast in time to go to the workshop, and also to make the bread for the day's baking. The cook-house being so poorly ventilated, that when we are cooking,

the steam is so dense that it is almost impossible to see a man, unless you are close by him. It is the duty of the officer that has charge of the centre at night, to look after the men in the cook-house; on going down to look after them, he found that the above mentioned convicts had just scaled the walls. He immediately rang my alarm, and as soon as possible, I relieved all of the night officers that I could spare (for it was not time for the day officers). They pursued three of the convicts to the river, and the other three took to the country, and were followed by the officers to the Bear Swamp, about three miles from the city. They watched the swamp all day, and at night about eight o'clock, the officers captured James Fitzgerald and Patrick Simpson, leaving Charles Gray in the swamp, who was afterwards captured in New York state, and delivered to the prison on the 5th day of May last. The other three crossed the river, and went towards Philadelphia. Dorfinger and Bernhard were captured in Baltimore. I went after them and returned them to the prison of the 4th of May last. James Aiten is still at large.

There has been several attempts made to escape, by cutting through the floors and walls of the cells at different times at nights, but have been detected in time to prevent escape.

George Leonard, a convict who was attending the boilers, keeping up steam for pumping water, attempted to escape on Sunday, September 12th, about four o'clock in the afternoon, by scaling the yard wall by a temporary ladder, and was pursued by the officers of the prison, and captured and brought back. I think he was absent about forty minutes.

Herman Ledendorf, alias John Dunn, who escaped from this prison, on the 17th of April, 1873, was brought back to this prison on the 31st of July last, from New York, by me.

For the moral and religious condition of the convicts, I would most respectfully refer you to the report of the Moral Instructor, Rev. A. H. Warner; and for the sanitary condition to the report of the Physician, Dr. Wm. W. L. Phillips.

My relations with the Supervisor, Inspectors and officers have been both pleasant and agreeable.

To the deputy officers of the institution, I am under many obligations, for their prompt attention to duty, and aiding in enforcing the discipline of the prison.

For the usual statistical information, I would respectfully refer you to the report of the Honorable Board of Inspectors.

Very respectfully submitted,

CHARLES WILSON,
Keeper.

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There has been several attempts made to escape, by cutting through the floor and walls of the cells at different times at nights, but have been detected in time to prevent escape.

George Leonard, a convict who was attending the boiler, keeping up steam for pumping water, attempted to escape on Sunday, September 12th, about four o'clock in the afternoon, by scaling the yard wall by a temporary ladder, and was pursued by the officers of the prison, and captured and brought back. I think he was sent about forty minutes.

Herbert Ledebert, alias John Dunn, who escaped from this prison on the 17th of April 1878, was brought back to this prison on the 31st of July last, from New York, by me.

For the moral and religious condition of the convicts, I would most respectfully refer you to the report of the Moral Instructor, Rev. A. H. Warner; and for the sanitary condition to the report of the Physician, Dr. Wm. W. Phillips.

My relations with the Supervisor, Inspectors and officers have been both pleasant and agreeable.

To the deputy officers of the institution, I am under many obligations for their prompt attention to duty, and aiding in enforcing the discipline of the prison.

For the moral statistical information, I would respectfully refer you to the report of the Honorable Board of Inspectors.

Very respectfully submitted,

CHARLES WILSON

Wm.

MORAL INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT.

To His Excellency, Joseph D. Bedle, Governor, and the Honorable Board of Supervisors of the New Jersey State Prison:

GENTLEMEN:—In presenting this, my eighth annual report, I am enabled to state that during the past year, no interruption or suspension of the duties devolving upon me has occurred. Six services on the Sabbath, one in each wing, have been held, in each of which the order mentioned in former reports has been invariably observed.

Many of the convicts have given attention to the instruction imparted, and in a considerable number of them there is a marked change in their conduct for the better. Some appear to be seriously inclined, and seek after personal instruction on religious subjects; and their inquiries manifest the fact that their attention has been arrested on such subjects as the following:—the doctrine of the trinity of persons in the God-head; the person and the work of Christ; the necessity of the atonement; what is true and saving faith? what constitutes genuine repentance? what is the sin against the Holy Ghost? how can I confess my sins, seeing I have sinned these many years? and the like inquiries.

Frequent calls are made for books of the highest religious order, such as Baxter's *Call to the Unconverted*, Baxter's *Saints' Everlasting Rest*, Doddridge's *Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul*, Guthrie's *Way of Life*, and books of like character.

A few, at times, indulge the hope of having passed from death unto life.

Religious tracts have been occasionally distributed, accompanied by a word or two, as to the particular truth exhibited in them, and thus the attention of the recipient is directed to that point.

The monthly distribution of the *American Messenger* has been continued, and thereby the prisoners have been provided with a large amount of religious reading matter, which seems to be duly appreciated by many of the men.

LIBRARY.

Six years will have elapsed, at the next session of the legislature, since an appropriation has been made for the benefit of the prison library. Owing to the wear and tear of the books by constant use, many of them have become useless and have been stricken from the catalogue; many others will soon be unfit for use, unless they are speedily repaired. I have no funds for the repair of broken books, nor for replenishing the library. Unless funds are soon forthcoming, the library, in the course of a year or eighteen months, will have to be closed, and very many of the prisoners will feel they have suffered a great loss, for they know how to appreciate a good book.

I have had the kind co-operation of Mr. Charles Wilson, the Keeper of the prison, in the discharge of my duties.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER H. WARNER,

Moral Instructor.

State Prison, Trenton, N. J., 31st Oct., 1875.

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

To the Inspectors :

GENTLEMEN—A review of the records of the medical department of the prison for the year just closed, shows that we have been mostly exempt from the prevalence of acute diseases. The only ones prevailing under that classification have been acute rheumatism and pneumonia. These diseases prevailed within the prison walls, as they did elsewhere during the winter and spring months.

Of chronic diseases we have had a larger share than usual.

Thirteen deaths occurred during the year; nine were caused by consumption; one by paralysis; one by rheumatic endo-pericarditis, and two by broncho pneumonia.

Three insane convicts were sent to the lunatic asylum. The propriety of the law allowing the transfer of convicts, who may have become insane, to the lunatic asylum, is questionable; yet no other course is feasible, unless the state shall furnish a proper building and accommodation for them, within the limits of the prison property. As indicating the needs of the case, I may state that there are now at the asylum, some twenty-five convicts; there remains in the prison, under treatment, some fifteen others.

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WM. W. L. PHILLIPS.

October 31st, 1875.

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

To the Warden:

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