

REPORT

OF THE

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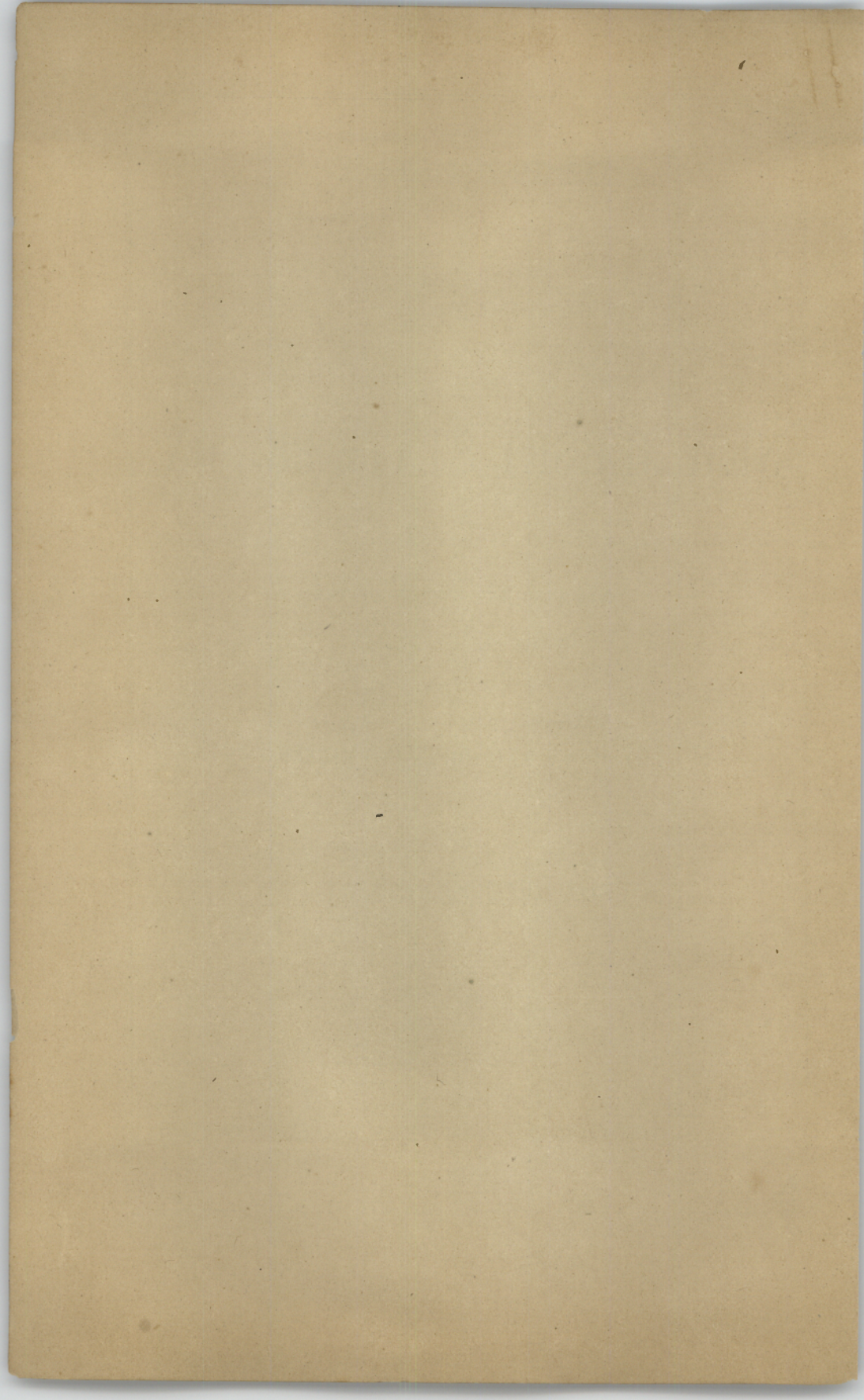
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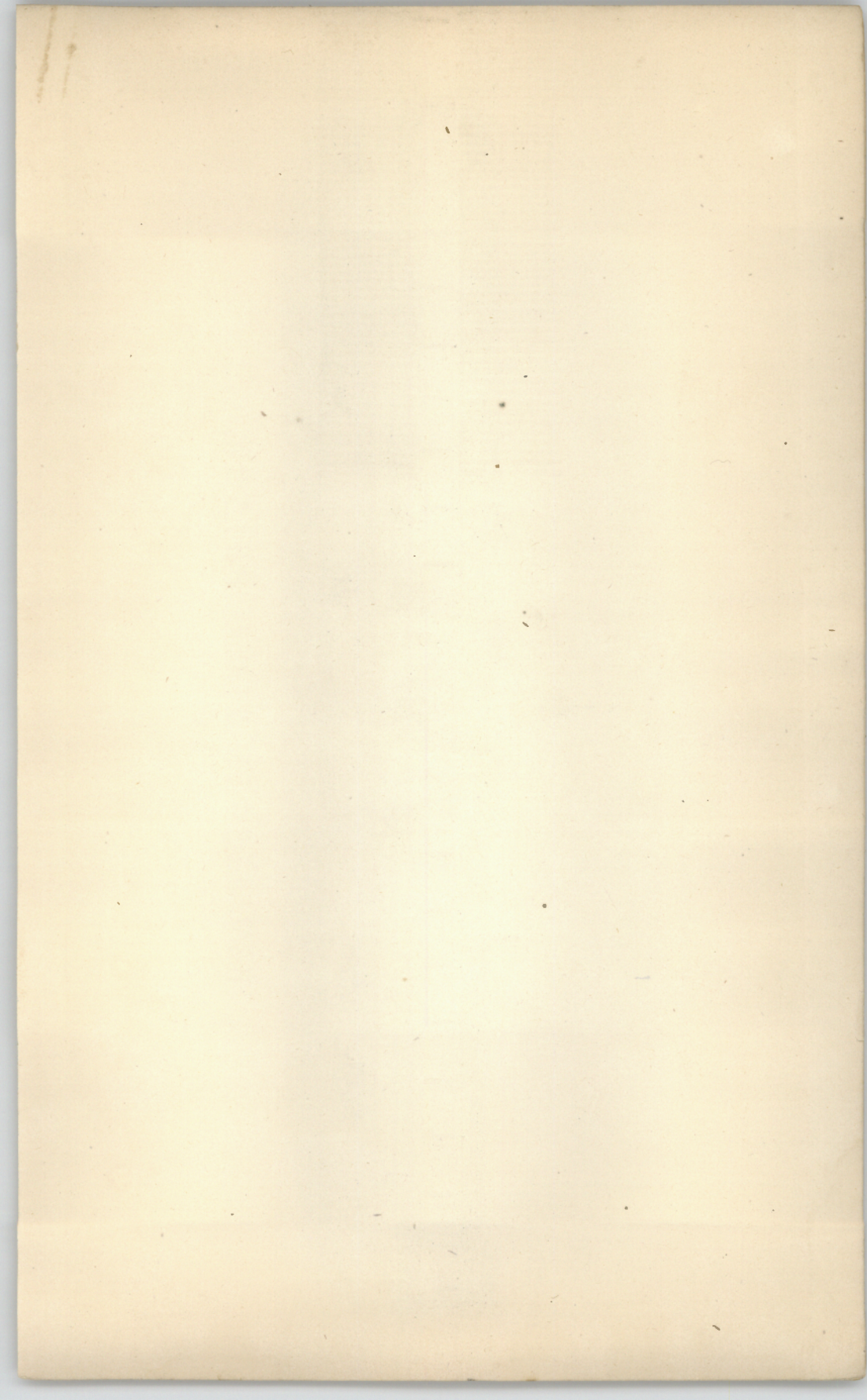
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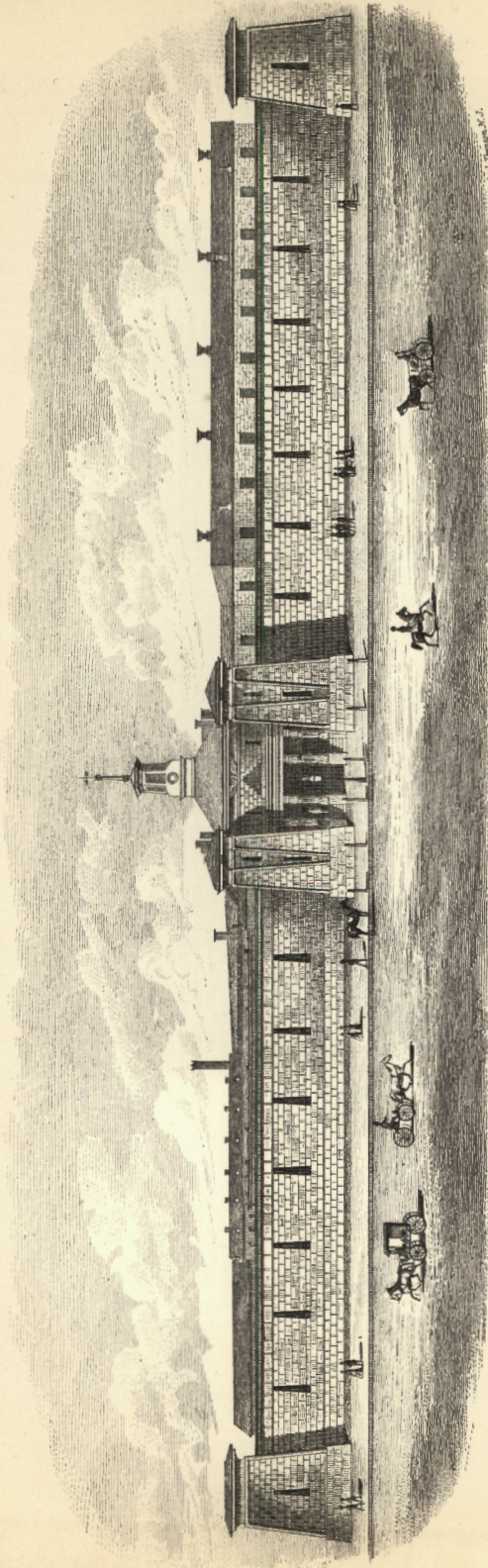
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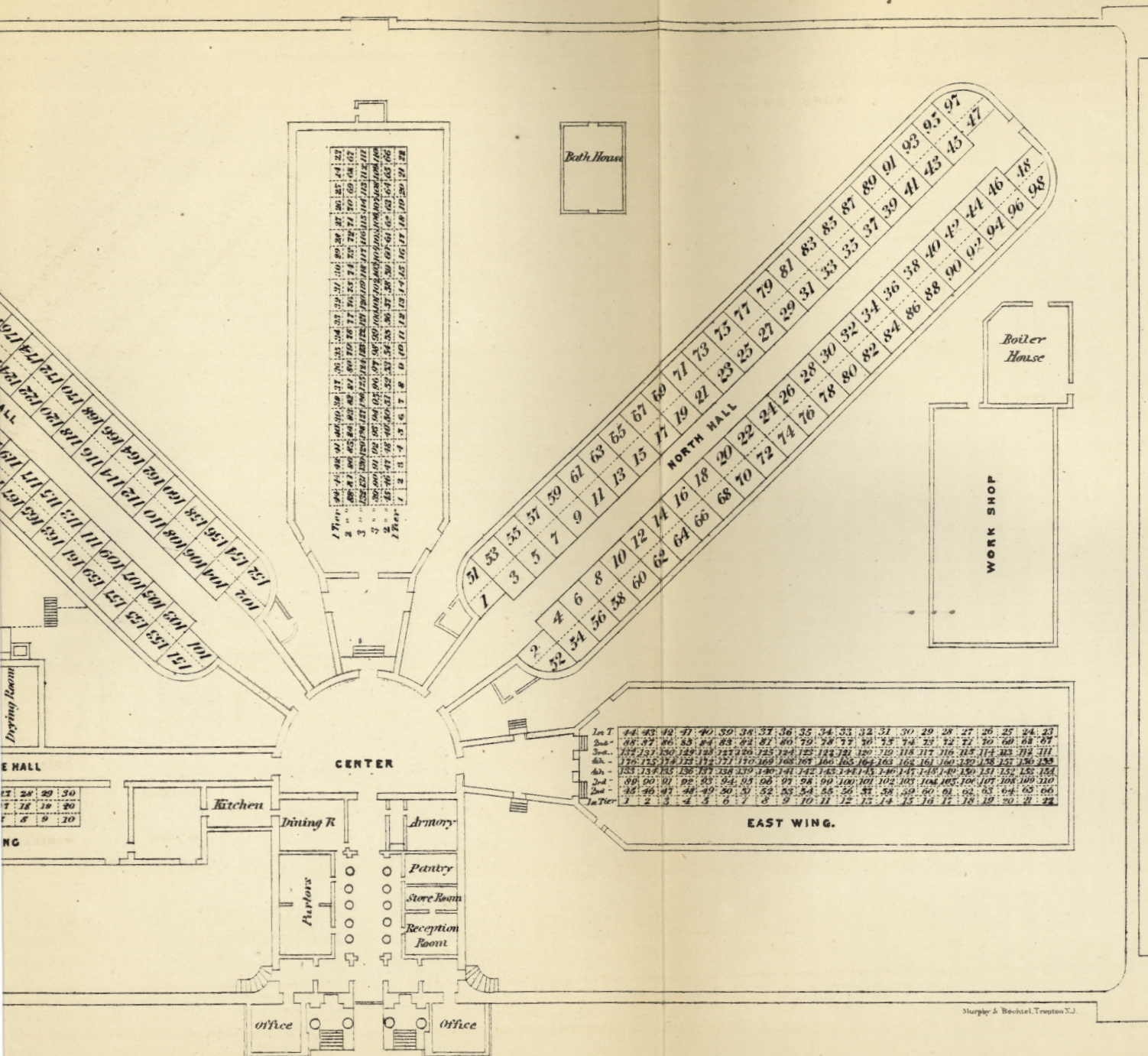
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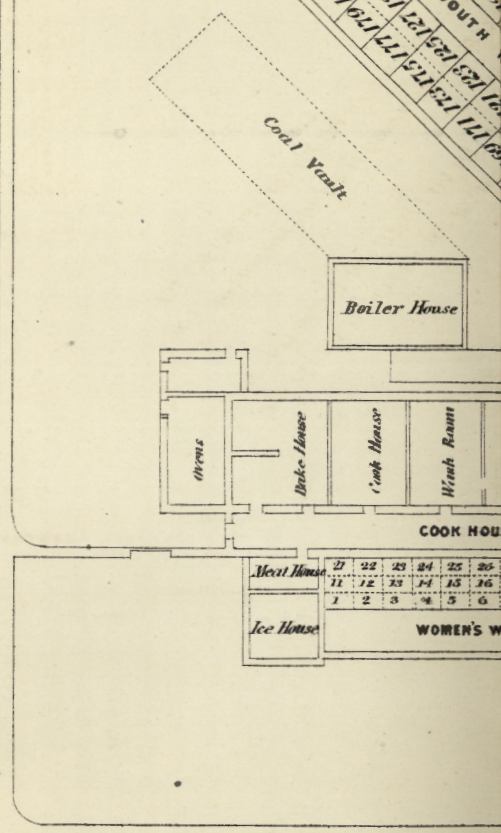
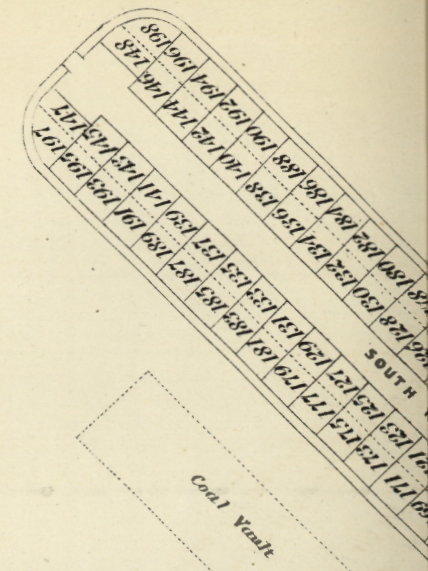
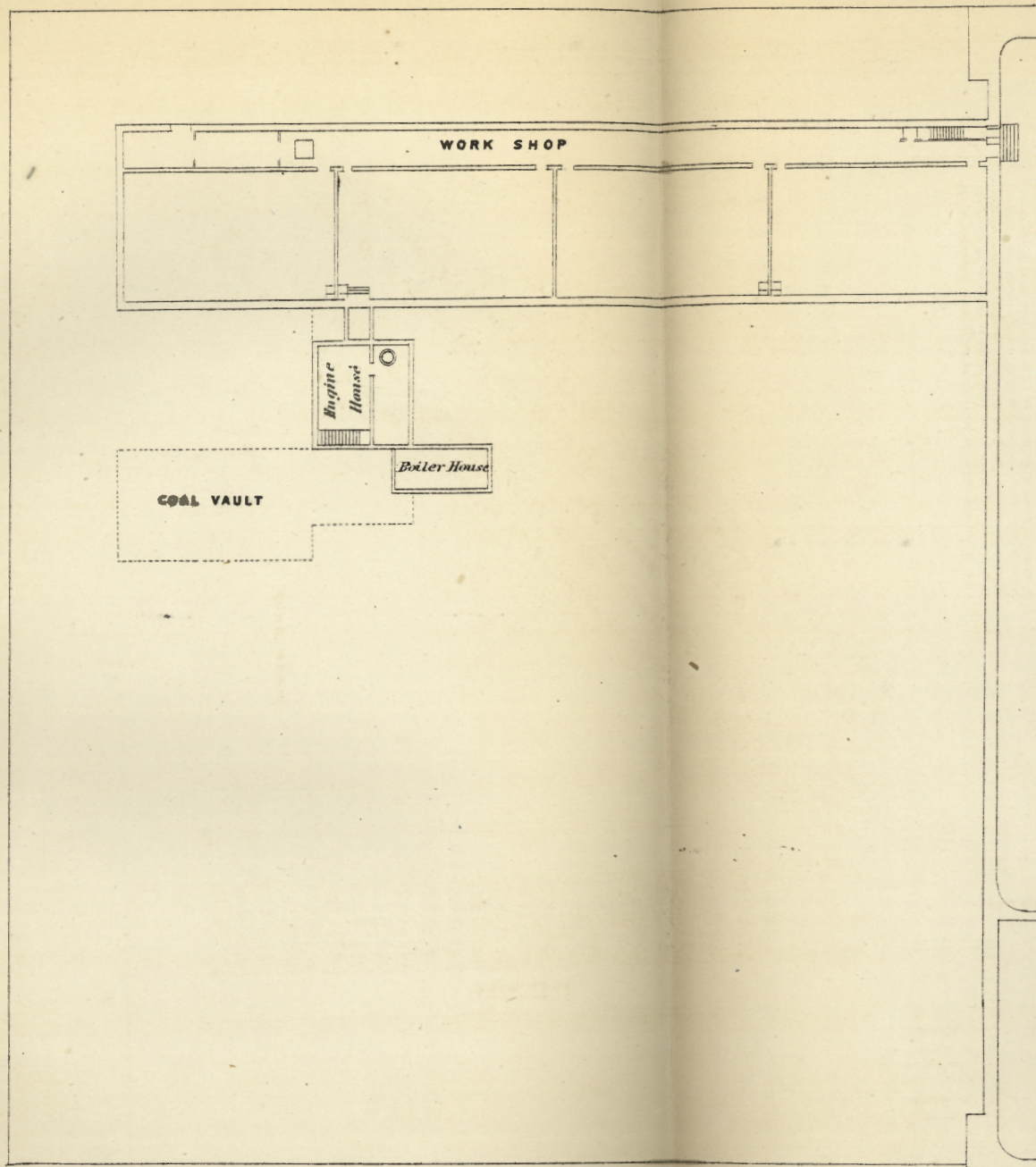
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EAST WING.



Meat House	27	28	29	30	31	32
	11	12	13	14	15	16
	1	2	3	4	5	6

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## REPORT OF THE INSPECTORS.

INSPECTORS' ROOM, NEW JERSEY STATE PRISON, }  
November 14th, 1873. }

*To the Honorable Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey :*

In conformity with law, the Board of Inspectors respectfully beg leave to present to the Legislature their annual report for the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1873.

We would remark here, in passing, that in our opinion the law in regard to the term of office of Inspectors should be changed. It seems unreasonable to make the existing Board responsible for the acts of their predecessors—as is now the case—by requiring from them a report for five months antecedent to their assuming office, and we would, therefore, respectfully suggest, that it would be far better to have the new appointments take effect from October 31st, the beginning of the present fiscal year, or else change the fiscal year so as to commence April 1st, and then hold the incumbents to a rigid and undivided accountability.

The total amount of moneys for all purposes drawn from the State Treasurer on Inspectors' drafts, is \$63,709.95, apportioned as follows :

Salaries of officers (see Table A), old board,	\$20,695 63	
“ “ new board,	29,072 49	
		\$49,768 12
Salaries of Inspectors ( “ B), old board,	\$1,662 00	
“ “ new board,	975 00	
		\$2,637 00
Permanent improvements (see Table C),		
new board,		\$4,660 44
Repairs of Prison (see Table D), old board,	\$2,035 78	
“ “ new board,	3,260 11	
		\$5,295 89
Incidentals (see Table E), new board,		1,348 50
Total,		\$63,709 95

It will be observed that a considerable amount (\$4,660.44) has been expended upon permanent improvements, in consequence of many necessary additions having been made to perfect the interior and surroundings of the institution.

It having been ascertained that communication was had from the street with prisoners in the shoe shop, by means of a cord let down from the inside, and that spirituous liquors and newspapers had been surreptitiously introduced into the prison, to the utter demoralization of its inmates, the Board felt justified in incurring a large outlay for the erection of a high board fence along the line of the streets on the east and west sides of the building, in order to prevent its repetition. Had this been done sooner, Edwards, the bank robber, who escaped more than a year since, would still have been in custody, as there would then have been no opportunity afforded to cut the window bars, as all approach thereto would have been shut off. Another large outlay was incurred in renewing the fence surrounding the park in front of the prison, which was in a lamentably dilapidated condition, and a disgrace to the State. A considerable sum was also expended in re-arranging steam pipes, and thoroughly reflooring and refitting the south hall—a very pressing necessity. The other expenses are of a general nature, such as are incident to the proper maintenance of any large building.

During the past year there have been three escapes—two of them successful. On the morning of April 17th, 1873, Herman Ledindorf and Samuel Carey, two convicts, escaped by cutting through the arched ceiling of their cell in the south hall, and thence through the roof, descending by a rope to the street. Carey was subsequently recaptured, crossing the canal about daylight, and a suitable reward paid his captor. A thorough investigation was made by the Board, which resulted in condemning the deputy keeper in charge, of negligence in not making the necessary daily examinations of the cells, as required by the rules. The deputy keeper tendered his resignation, which was promptly accepted by the Keeper.

On the evening of the 5th of May, 1873, another convict, William Quail, escaped by cutting through the roof of the shoe shop. A careful examination into the circumstances of the case, showed that he had concealed himself behind some packing boxes, as the prisoners were passing out to supper, and not being missed, (a miscount of the men having been made), made his exit in the mode described. The persons in charge were severely censured for their mistake.

A serious revolt occurred in No. 8 shop, at ten o'clock of the morning of September 24th. Deputy Keeper Eastlake on going into the shop, was suddenly assailed by Luke Marshall, a prisoner, who struck him several blows with a hammer, injuring him severely. Deputy Keeper Lowe called on him to desist, when he turned on him, strik-

ing him two or three times with the same weapon. Lowe then shot him dead, in self-defence, and the coroner's jury, after fully examining into the case, rendered a verdict of "justifiable homicide." The Board, also, after investigation, passed a resolution approving of the action of Mr. Lowe, believing that, by his prompt conduct, the revolt was prevented from spreading, as it was well known there were others ready to take advantage if opportunity offered.

The health of the prisoners during the past season has been remarkably good. No epidemic or contagious disease has prevailed, and but few deaths have occurred. Much of this desirable result has undoubtedly been attained through the skill and devoted attention of the Prison Physician, Dr. Phillips, and to the thorough cleanliness and intelligent observance of the laws of hygiene so strictly enforced by the Keeper, Mr. Charles Wilson, and his faithful subordinates. The discipline of the prison has been administered with kindness, though with evenhanded justice; the severer remedies have only been applied when all other methods failed to bring into subjection obstinate and refractory cases.

We would call the attention of your honorable body to the conflicting authority vested in the Board of Supervisors and Board of Inspectors, and ask that their respective powers may be more clearly defined. That no misunderstanding or conflict has occurred, is due more to their mutual forbearance and desire for the public welfare, than to the explicitness of the legal authority under which they act. As an evidence of the danger arising from the ambiguity of the law in relation to repairs and improvements—the Board of Inspectors last spring refusing longer to pay the enormous gas bills of the prison, claiming that they properly belonged to the Board of Supervisors, and the latter body being unwilling to assume the burden—the contract with the gas company was annulled, and kerosene substituted—a change we deem highly dangerous to the safety of the institution. It is extremely desirable, therefore, that exclusive power should be conferred upon one of the two bodies, by which a proper gasometer can be constructed, and the prison supplied with gas of its own manufacture, thereby effecting a large saving to the State, and greater security to the building.

Before concluding, there is another matter to which we request your attention, and that is, the compensation accorded the Inspectors. Under a literal construction of the present law, the amount allowed for services falls considerably short of the actual railway expenses of a member residing in either extreme of the State. Doubtless, the honor of the position is relied upon to compensate for any such little deficiencies, but, in our opinion, it would be far better, and certainly far more satisfactory to all concerned, that the Legislature should attach such a fixed rate of compensation to the position, in

lieu of the present per diem system, as it in its wisdom may decide upon.

To Mr. Bonney, the efficient Clerk of the Prison, we are under many obligations for his polite attention and valuable services.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. A. PIERCE,  
WM. E. LAYTON,  
HENRY L. BUTLER,  
FRANK H. TAYLOR,  
ALEX. JACOBUS.

STATE PRISON REPORT.

TABLE A.

OCCUPATION.	NAMES.	1872		1873			TOTAL.
		Nov.	DEC	JAN'Y.	FEB'Y.	MAR.	
Keeper	R. H. Howell	\$333 33	\$333 33	\$333 33	\$333 33	\$333 33	\$1,666 65
Matron	Miss L. A. Howell	50 00					50 00
"	Mrs. S. H. Howell	75 00	75 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	330 00
Assistant Matron	Mrs. E. Armstrong	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	200 00
Night Watch	Ruth Barrow	125 00	125 00	125 00	125 00	125 00	625 00
Clerk	Robert B. Bonney	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	500 00
Physician	W. W. L. Phillips	83 33	83 33	83 33	83 33	83 33	416 65
Moral Instructor	A. H. Warner	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	400 00
Door Keeper	U. H. Armstrong	80 00	80 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	460 00
Centre Keeper	James M. Brown	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	400 00
Marshal	C. H. Wardell	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	400 00
Deputy	Armstrong, James D.	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	400 00
"	Allen, James	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	400 00
"	Brown, John W.	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	400 00
"	Coolahan Stephen	80 00	77 42	13 30			170 72
"	Crocker, G. W.	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	400 00
"	Conover, G. F.	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	400 00
"	Cox, Richard	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	400 00
"	Doran, G. N.	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	400 00
"	Dunn, Edward	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	400 00
"	Eastlack, J. C.	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	30 97	330 07
"	Hopper, A. G.	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	400 00
Cook House Supert.	Howell, John S.	80 00	80 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	460 00
Deputy	Jordan, Charles T.	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	400 00
Engineer	Kaufman, Ephraim	80 00	80 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	460 00
Deputy	Latourette, John W.	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	400 00
"	Lowe, Fred. O.	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	400 00
"	Murphy, James M.	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	400 00
"	Megronegle Daniel	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	400 00
"	Marshall, Jr. Joseph	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	400 00
"	Marclaskey, Charles	80 00	80 00	81 00	80 00	80 00	400 00
"	Muller, Charles	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	400 00
"	Moulds, Thomas			38 70	80 00	80 00	198 70
"	Osterman, Jacob	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	400 00
"	Osborn, W. C.	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	400 00
"	Ossenber, eter	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	400 00
"	Perry, Anthony K.	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	400 00
"	Palmer, George	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	400 00
"	Riley, Charles M.	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	400 00
"	Reeves, Asa	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	400 00
"	Squires, Charles S.	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	400 00
"	Smith, Hatfield	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	400 00
"	Swartz, John	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	400 00
"	Sinclair, Daniel	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	400 00
"	Shiffer, Joseph D.	82 53	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	402 53
"	Warner, Jarvis	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	400 00
Driver	Furman, Israel	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	40 00	360 00
Deputy	Cox, Townsend	18 00					18 00
"	Tyler, Leaming	10 32	*33 54	80 00	80 00	*46 44	380 03
"	Seaman, William	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	400 00
Stable man	Powers, Edward		36 00	45 00	36 00	75 00	193 00
Night Fireman	Kaufman, Joseph			62 00	56 00	50 00	168 00
Deputy	Hemingway, A. B.					80 00	80 00

\$20,695 63

## STATE PRISON REPORT.

TABLE A—CONTINUED.

OCCUPATION.	NAMES.	1873								TOTAL.
		APRIL.	MAY.	JUNE.	JULY.	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.		
Keeper.....	Charles Wilson.....	\$333 33	\$333 33	\$333 33	\$333 33	\$333 33	\$333 33	\$333 33	\$333 33	\$2,333 31
Matron.....	Mrs. C. Wilson.....	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	700 00
Assistant Matron.....	Mrs. A. Wilson.....	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	525 00
Night Watch.....	Ruth Barrow.....	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	280 00
Clerk.....	Robt. B. Bonney.....	125 00	125 00	125 00	125 00	125 00	125 00	125 00	125 00	875 00
Physician.....	W. W. L. Phillips.....	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	700 00
Moral Instructor.....	A. H. Warner.....	83 33	83 33	83 33	83 33	83 33	83 33	83 33	83 33	583 31
Door Keeper.....	Ahab Wilson.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	560 00
Centre Keeper.....	Jas. M. Brown.....	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	700 00
Marshal.....	C. H. Wardell.....	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	700 00
Engineer.....	E. Kaufman.....	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	700 00
Cook House Sup't.....	Jarvis Wanser.....	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	700 00
Deputy.....	Armstrong, J. D.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	560 00
"	Allen, James.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	560 00
"	Brown, John W.....	80 00	69 66	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	549 66
"	Crocker, G. W.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	560 00
"	Conover, G. F.....	80 00	12 90	69 34	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	482 24
"	Cox, Richard.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	560 00
"	Conover, S. V.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	560 00
"	Doran, G. N.....	80 00	40 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	120 00
"	Dallas, Edward.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	280 00
"	Dunn, Edward.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	560 00
"	Eastlack, J. C.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	560 00
"	Hopper, A. G.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	560 00
"	Jordan, Chas. T.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	560 00
"	Latourette, J. W.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	560 00
"	Lowe, Fred. O.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	560 00
"	Murphy, Jas. M.....	80 00	40 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	120 00
"	Megrongle, D.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	560 00
"	Marshall, Jr., J.....	80 00	40 60	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	120 00
"	Multer, Chas.....	80 00	74 82	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	554 82
"	Marclasky, Chas.....	80 00	40 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	120 00
"	Moulds, Thos.....	80 00	77 40	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	557 40
"	Oliver, John.....	64 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	544 00
"	Osterman, Jacob.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	320 00
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"	Riley, Chas. M.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	560 00
"	Reeves, Asa.....	80 00	80 00	10 66	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	170 66
"	Squires, Chas. S.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	560 00
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"	Swartz, John.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	560 00
"	Sinclair, Daniel.....	80 00	7 75	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	87 75
"	Shiffer, Jos. D.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	560 00
"	Seaman, Wm.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	560 00
"	Tyler, Leaming.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	560 00
Stable man.....	Powers, Edward.....	80 00	57 16	34 74	40 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	211 90
Deputy.....	Hemingway, A. B.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	560 00
Driver.....	Thompson, J. S.....	13 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	493 00
Deputy.....	Kirby, Elos H.....	74 82	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	474 82
"	Lawrence, Theo.....	67 08	80 00	33 54	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	429 62
"	Mendham, Wm.....	40 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	440 00
"	Newkirk, Jos.....	30 96	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	439 96
"	Knox, Chas. H.....	40 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	440 00
"	Hines, John O.....	40 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	440 00
"	Simpson, James.....	51 60	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	451 60
"	Wilson, James.....	40 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	440 00
"	Wiley, John.....	46 44	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	286 44

\$29,072 49

TABLE B.

SALARIES OF INSPECTORS—OLD BOARD.

1872.			
November	6.	J. C. Goble.....	\$96 00
		R. S. Johnson.....	357 00
		William Calhoun.....	200 00
1873.			
January	2.	William E. Layton.....	159 00
		W. A. Pierce.....	126 00
		J. C. Goble.....	96 00
February	5.	R. S. Johnson.....	156 00
March	31.	William Calhoun.....	150 00
		R. S. Johnson.....	90 00
		William E. Layton.....	90 00
		J. C. Goble.....	90 00
		William A. Pierce.....	52 00
			\$1,662 00

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August	27.	F. H. Taylor.....	\$375 00
		William A. Pierce.....	180 00
		Alexander Jacobus.....	150 00
October	29.	Alexander Jacobus.....	120 00
		F. H. Taylor.....	150 00
			\$975 00
			\$2,637 00

TABLE C.

*Amount Expended for Permanent Improvement from April 1st to November 1st, 1873.*

1873.			
May	7.	McPherson & Maharg, lumber.....	\$112 87 Main Hall.
June	4.	Bodine & Bullus, lumber.....	307 24 South Hall Floor.
July	1.	S. T. Foreman, mason work, weave shop.....	211 87
		Henry J. Bennett, painting fence.....	132 00 Around Park.
		Timothy Field, iron door, &c.....	143 47 Centre.
		Field & Hardie, revolvers.....	116 25
		Titus & Conrad, fence around park.....	630 09
		Daniel Lodor, wash basins, &c.....	172 04
		Thomas E. Boyd, steam pipes, &c.....	437 89 South Hall.
Aug.	5.	Sutton & Johnson, carpenter work.....	34 50 Main Hall.
		S. T. Foreman, mason work.....	242 70 South Hall.
		Titus & Conrad, fence around shoe shop.....	989 68

1873.	
Aug. 5.	Titus & Conrad, laying floor south hall..... 282 88
	Henry J. Bennett, painting fence..... 91 50 Shoe Shop.
	Philadelphia Lamp Co., for lamp on tower.. 70 50
	Thomas E. Boyd, gas pipes and fittings..... 113 29 South Hall.
	L. A. Lee, revolvers..... 65 70
Sept. 2.	R. P. Gallagher, plan of prison..... 35 00
	Bodine & Bullus, joists, south hall..... 43 21
Oct. 7.	Stewart & Johnson, burlaps..... 10 50
	Henry J. Bennett, painting roofs..... 292 50
	George H. Stevenson, building observatory.. 124 76
\$4,660 44	

## TABLE D.

*Amount Expended for Repairs by Old Board, Including Convict Labor, from November 1st 1872, to March 31st, 1873.*

1872.	
November 6.	Daniel Lodor, plumbing..... \$61 75
	Pickel, Lanning & Co., lime..... 23 25
	Dunn & Brother, hardware..... 122 62
	Henry J. Bennett, painting..... 58 50
	Joseph K. Whittaker, tinning..... 53 20
	William R. Murphy, Supervisor, convict labor..... 156 50
	McPherson & Maharg, lumber..... 27 66
	O. O. Bowman & Co., brick and clay..... 33 75
December 4.	William R. Murphy, Supervisor, paid T. Drain, labor 69 00
	Phillips & Hill, carpenter work..... 26 52
	Joseph K. Whittaker, tinning..... 5 70
	Thropp, McKenzie & Wilkes, machinists..... 60 85
	A. Hammer, locks..... 6 67
	Daniel Lodor, plumbing..... 146 70
	William Johnson, Jr., mason work..... 138 87
1873.	
January 2.	Daniel Lodor, plumbing..... 13 24
	Dunn & Brother, hardware..... 41 87
	John Farrell, carpenter work..... 10 57
	A. Hammer, keys, &c..... 5 95
	Dunn & Ashton, packing..... 7 70
	Titus & Scudder, burlaps..... 25 75
	McPherson & Maharg, lumber..... 50 09
February 5.	McPherson & Maharg, lumber..... 52 20
	F. S. Katzenbach & Co., hardware..... 18 50
	Charles Carr, repairs..... 3 30
	Dunn & Ashton, packing..... 2 98
	Colonel W. R. Murphy, paid for locks &c..... 139 80
	J. K. Whittaker, tinning..... 28 24
	William Johnson, Jr., mason work..... 14 00
March 5.	J. Haberstick, plumbing..... 24 93
	McPherson & Maharg, lumber..... 41 73
	Thropp, McKenzie & Wilkes, machinists..... 150 87

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1873.			
March	5.	O. O. Bowman & Co., bricks .....	18 25
		R. P. Gallager, architect.....	18 00
	31.	W. R. Murphy, cash paid for flanges.....	4 90
		Dunn & Brother, hardware.....	30 90
		Daniel Lodor, plumbing.....	71 90
		John A. Roebling's Sons, wire rope.....	12 00
		Thropp, McKenzie & Wilkes, machinists.....	209 66
		McPherson & Maharg, lumber.....	40 58
		Dunn & Ashton, packing.....	6 33
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			\$2,035 78

*Amount Expended by New Board from March 31st to November 1st,*  
1873.

1873.			
May	7.	Dunn & Brother, hardware.....	\$94 72
		John Pflieger, stone work.....	26 25
		A. Hammer, hanging bell.....	4 60
		Charles Jones, pointing walls.....	38 00
		John A. Roebling's Sons, wire rope.....	2 40
		John Watson, grate bars.....	13 36
		Brearley & Co., oakum.....	6 24
		Thropp, McKenzie & Wilkes, machinists.....	44 66
June	4.	Dunn & Brother, hardware, paints, &c.....	181 65
		J. H. Bisbing, lime.....	3 80
		Charles Jones, pointing walls.....	95 00
		McPherson & Maharg, lumber.....	47 64
		F. H. Taylor, expenses of board.....	9 00
		W. R. Murphy, Supervisor, convict labor... ..	70 00
		Thropp, McKenzie & Wilkes, machinists.....	48 53
		Field & Hardie, water gauges .....	17 25
July	1.	B. M. Spencer, valve machine.....	84 00
		Thropp, McKenzie & Wilkes, machinists, repairs to engine &c.....	213 28
		Dunn & Ashton, packing.....	18 80
		Dunn & Brother, hardware, paints, &c.....	166 49
		J. B. Warner, framing plan of prison.....	3 75
		McPherson & Maharg, lumber.....	85 85
		W. R. Murphy, Supervisor, convict labor.....	36 00
		John C. Grant, stone.....	7 00
		Charles Jones, pointing walls.....	160 00
		George E. Fell, bricks.....	22 80
		F. H. Taylor, expenses of board.....	21 00
August	5.	Dunn & Brother, hardware and paint.....	193 14
		Titus & Conrad, carpenter work.....	90 71
		John A. Roebling's Sons, wire rope.....	36 00
		A. Hammer, repairing locks.....	3 85
		Pickel, Lanning & Co., lime and cement.....	32 45
		William R. Murphy, Supervisor, convict labor.....	25 00
		Murphy & Bechtel, stationery.....	32 25
		Charles Jones, pointing walls.....	112 00
		O. O. Bowman & Co., brick, &c.....	121 05
		Hand-in-Hand Engine Company, carting.....	51 25
		G. H. Bisbing, lime.....	5 89
		F. S. Katzenbach & Co., hardware, &c.....	23 10
	27.	Thropp, McKenzie & Wilkes, repairing boiler, &c...	298 28

1873.			
September	2.	McPherson & Maharg, lumber.....	120 56
		Dunn & Brother, hardware, &c.....	39 94
		John Watson, grate bars.....	29 30
		William R. Murphy, Supervisor, convict labor.....	26 00
		Murphy & Bechtel, printing.....	5 00
		William B. Archer, hair felting.....	117 60
October	7.	F. H. Taylor, expenses of board.....	18 00
		Samuel Ellis, repair of roof.....	2 58
		G. H. Bisbing, lime.....	5 89
		S. T. Forman, mason work.....	34 75
		Good Will Fire Company, carting.....	42 75
		Dunn & Brother, hardware, paints, &c.....	253 32
		Richardson & Heath, cement.....	18 00
			\$3,260 11

TABLE E.

Water rent.....	\$1,279 50
Escape of prisoner.....	69 00

## STATISTICS.

OFFICE OF NEW JERSEY STATE PRISON, }  
TRENTON, November 10th, 1873. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—Herewith find statistical tables, compiled from records of this institution, for the year ending October 31st, 1873.

Very respectfully,

ROBT. B. BONNEY,

*Clerk of Prison.*

### STATISTICS.

Number confined October 31st, 1872,	-	558
Number received from that time to October 31st, 1873,	-	376
		934

There have been discharged as follows :

By remittance of time (act April 2d, 1869),	.	320
*Pardoned,	.	42
Died,	.	7
Sent to Asylum,	.	5
Escaped,	.	2
		376

Number in confinement October 31st, 1873, . . . . . 558

\*Of the above number, one (1) was pardoned by the President, and the remainder, forty-one (41) by the Court of Pardons of this State.

## TERM OF SENTENCES.

During natural life, . . . . .	6
Thirty years, . . . . .	1
Twenty-seven years, . . . . .	2
Twenty years, . . . . .	9
Seventeen years, . . . . .	2
Sixteen years, . . . . .	2
Fifteen years, . . . . .	13
Fourteen years; . . . . .	1
Thirteen years, . . . . .	1
Twelve years, . . . . .	1
Eleven years, . . . . .	1
Ten years, . . . . .	60
Nine years, . . . . .	1
Eight years, . . . . .	22
Seven years and six months, . . . . .	2
Seven years, . . . . .	15
Six years, . . . . .	13
Five years, . . . . .	62
Four years, . . . . .	25
Three years and six months, . . . . .	4
Three years, . . . . .	57
Two years and six months, . . . . .	4
Two years, . . . . .	92
One year and six months, . . . . .	19
One year and three months, . . . . .	2
One year, . . . . .	81
Nine months, . . . . .	16
Six months, . . . . .	44

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## COUNTIES WHERE CONVICTED.

Atlantic, . . . . .	5
Burlington, . . . . .	40
Bergen, . . . . .	30
Camden, . . . . .	39
Cumberland, . . . . .	10
Essex, . . . . .	112
Gloucester, . . . . .	8
Hudson, . . . . .	84
Hunterdon, . . . . .	8
Mercer, . . . . .	18
Monmouth, . . . . .	11
Middlesex, . . . . .	32
Morris, . . . . .	10

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Passaic, . . . . .	49
Salem, . . . . .	13
Sussex, . . . . .	3
Somerset, . . . . .	11
Union, . . . . .	53
Warren, . . . . .	1
Ocean, . . . . .	3
Cape May, . . . . .	3
U. S. District, . . . . .	7
Bergen and Passaic, . . . . .	2
Union and Bergen, . . . . .	2
Morris and U. S. District, . . . . .	1
Hunterdon and Essex, . . . . .	1
Middlesex and Mercer, . . . . .	1
Somerset and Mercer, . . . . .	1

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## PLACES OF NATIVITY.

Connecticut, . . . . .	1
New Jersey, . . . . .	169
Pennsylvania, . . . . .	37
New York, . . . . .	84
Massachusetts, . . . . .	11
Maryland, . . . . .	12
Delaware, . . . . .	12
Virginia, . . . . .	10
South Carolina, . . . . .	1
North Carolina, . . . . .	1
Georgia, . . . . .	1
Alabama, . . . . .	1
Ohio, . . . . .	2
Louisiana, . . . . .	4
New Hampshire, . . . . .	1
Mississippi, . . . . .	1
Texas, . . . . .	1
District Columbia, . . . . .	5
Nova Scotia, . . . . .	1
Canada, . . . . .	4
Germany, . . . . .	64
Scotland, . . . . .	5
Switzerland, . . . . .	6
England, . . . . .	19
France, . . . . .	4
Prussia, . . . . .	1
Ireland, . . . . .	87
Australia, . . . . .	2



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From thirty to forty,	.	.	.	.	.	.	119
From forty to fifty,	.	.	.	.	.	.	59
From fifty to sixty,	.	.	.	.	.	.	19
From sixty to seventy,	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
From seventy to eighty,	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
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							558
Daily average number,	.	.	.	.	.	.	545

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110

50

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2

552

342

From third to fourth  
From fourth to fifth  
From fifth to sixth  
From sixth to seventh  
From seventh to eighth

Total amount number

## SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE, }  
NEW JERSEY STATE PRISON, October 31, 1873. }

*To his Excellency, Joel Parker, Governor of New Jersey :*

SIR :—For the information of your Excellency and the Honorable the Legislature, I forward herewith my fifth annual report.

By the balance sheet it will be seen that our earnings during the fiscal year amount to \$90,386.56, and the cost of maintaining the convicts to \$62,353.28, leaving for net gain \$28,033.28. Which sum transferred to stock account shows our assests to be \$83,701.69.

This amount constitutes our net capital, as there are no liabilities to be paid out of it.

For a comparison of earnings, current expenses, and the results of each year since 1864, I respectfully refer you to Statement B annexed.

On the 31st day of October 1872, I paid to the State Treasurer out of the surplus earnings of that year \$20,000, and to-day I have paid to him from the earnings up to the end of the year just closed \$30,000.

This shows a gradual advance towards relieving the State Treasury from bearing any part of the cost of supporting our convicts; but by adding the amount of expenditures reported by the Board of Inspectors to the current expenses as stated above, it will be discovered that this desired result has not yet been attained.

It may be satisfactory, however, to compare the operations under the act of 1869, with the previous drafts made upon the Treasury of the State to meet the expenses now paid out of the proceeds of our industries, besides the surplus paid into the Treasury as already stated.

This comparison shows a clear gain to the State since April 1st, 1869, of three hundred and ten thousand dollars (\$310,000). Statement C appended.

In the report of last year mention is made of a claim against Messrs. Bigelow & Howe, contractors, for convict labor. At that time two suits, one in case, the other in covenant, were pending in Mercer Circuit Court.

In the former a verdict was rendered in favor of the State for \$6,108.35, being for steam power furnished to the contractors. In the latter the court held that the defendants were not liable under the contract.

The ground upon which this claim was based was fully set out in my report of October 31st, 1871, pages 13, 14 and 15. On the 30th of June last, both the contracts for convict labor terminated by their own limitation.

A new contract was made with Messrs. Bigelow & Howe, of New York, for the labor of four hundred convicts to manufacture boots and shoes, and with Mr. E. H. Crozier, of this city, for the labor of fifty convicts to manufacture cotton and woolen cloths. The contract price in both is seventy-five cents per day, being an advance of twenty-five per cent. on the former rate.

It is a cause of regret that the first mentioned contractors have deemed it necessary for their interests to avail themselves of a provision of the contract, and have to-day given notice in writing that at the end of six months the contract will be discontinued. This involves the necessity of providing some other means of employing the convicts after the 1st of May ensuing, and adds another item to the list of evils incident to the plan of farming out the labor of prison convicts.

It is true the law does not make "the contract system" imperative, but it does not provide any other mode of making the labor of prisoners available. I respectfully ask for this subject the consideration of the Legislature.

In the matter of making contracts as well as in all my other duties, I have received the earnest and valuable aid of my colleagues the State Comptroller and the State Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. MURPHY,

*Supervisor.*

## STATEMENT A.

*Gain, and Losses from October 31st, 1872, to October 31st, 1873.*

GAINS.		LOSSES.	
Convict labor, -	\$82,712 26	Subsistence, - -	\$36,354 05
Interest, - -	1,021 27	Fuel, - - -	7,199 22
Live stock, -	6 67	Clothing, -	3,399 79
Miscellaneous, - -	6,646 36	Dis'd convicts' clth'g,	2,990 79
		Furniture, - -	2,635 77
		Bedding, - - -	721 29
		Tobacco, - - -	1,736 09
		Chair seats, -	225 50
		Tools and implements,	2,157 70
		Hospital, - - -	1,996 33
		Stationery, - - -	470 56
		Convict stationery,	63 55
		Forage, - - -	883 10
		Light, - - -	1,321 83
		Cartage and freight, -	27 71
		Water, - - -	170 00
		Balance, (gain), -	28,033 28
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	\$90,386 56		\$90,386 56

## STATEMENT B.

*Showing the Earnings, Expenses, Gains and Losses since November 30th, 1864, to the close of the present fiscal year; compiled from the Official Reports made to the Legislature.*

REPORTS.	EARNINGS.	EXPENSES.	LOSSES.	GAINS.
1865, Nov. 30.	\$30,409 78	\$43,886 46	\$13,476 68	
1866, " "	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 March 31.	6,777 52	67,852 20	61,074 68	
Under present law.				
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 99	52,414 52		28,478 47
1873 " "	90,386 56	62,353 18		28,033 28

\* Of this sum \$27,241.20 accrued during the two previous years; making the real gains of the year, \$13,368.60.

## STATEMENT C.

For several years prior to and including 1869 the amount appropriated by the Legislature annually for the maintenance of the convicts, over and above their earnings, was \$60,000. The last appropriation for that purpose was made in that year.

There remains in the State Treasury of that appropriation.	\$20,000 00
The saving to the State of \$60,000 for each of the subsequent four years,	240,000 00
Add the two sums paid to the State Treasurer from the surplus earnings of the prison,	50,000 00
Making a clear gain, under the present law,	<u>\$310,000 00</u>

Three hundred and ten thousand dollars in four and a half years; equal to \$68,900 a year.

## BALANCE SHEET No. 5.

NEW JERSEY STATE PRISON, FROM OCTOBER 31st, 1872, TO OCTOBER 31st, 1873.

LEDGER TITLES.	TRIAL BALANCE.		INVENTORY.	PROFIT AND LOSS.		STOCK.		BALANCE.	
	DR.	CR.		DR.	CR.	DR.	CR.	DR.	CR.
Stock.....		\$55,668 41					\$55,668 41		
Subsistence.....	\$37,572 52		\$1,218 47	\$36,354 05				\$1,218 47	
Fuel.....	8,790 22			7,199 22				1,591 00	
Clothing.....	9,525 25			6,125 46	3,399 79			6,125 46	
Discharged Convicts' Clothing.....	4,064 79			1,074 00	2,990 79			1,074 00	
Interest.....			1,021 27		\$1,021 27				
Furniture.....	10,696 16		7,970 39	2,635 77				7,970 39	
Bedding.....	2,972 79		2,251 50	721 29				2,251 50	
Convict Labor.....		82,712 26			82,712 26				
Bills Receivable.....	1,517 37							1,517 37	
Tobacco.....	1,953 54		217 45	1,736 09				217 45	
Chair Seats.....	525 50		300 00	225 50				300 00	
Tools and Implements.....	2,157 70		1,089 50	2,157 70				1,089 50	
Live Stock.....	1,082 83				6 67			1,085 65	
Hospital.....	2,881 98		885 65	1,996 33				885 65	
Stationery.....	492 56		22 00	470 56				22 00	
Convicts' Stationery.....	63 55			63 55					
Forage.....	972 23		89 13	883 10				89 13	
Light.....	1,384 83		63 00	1,321 83				63 00	
Carting and Freight.....	27 71			27 71					
Water.....	170 00			170 00					
State of New Jersey.....	50,000 00							50,000 00	
Miscellaneous.....		6,646 36	\$22,807 55		6,646 36				
Accounts Receivable.....	9,376 77								
	\$146,048 30	\$146,048 30							
			To Stock for net Gain...	28,033 28			28,033 28		
				\$90,386 56	\$90,386 56				
			Net Capital...	\$83,701 69					
			Total Resources and Liabilities...	\$83,701 69	\$83,701 69	\$83,701 69	\$83,701 69	83,701 69	83,701 69
			Net Capital as per Stock...				83,701 69		

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## KEEPER'S REPORT.

KEEPER'S OFFICE,  
NEW JERSEY STATE PRISON, November 1st, 1873. }

*To his Excellency, Joel Parker, Governor of New Jersey :*

SIR :—I have the honor to transmit you herewith a report of this institution for the year ending October 31st, 1873 :

From October 31st, 1872, (the date of last official report) to April 1st, 1873, the average number of prisoners confined here was five hundred and fifty-four (554.)

The State received for contract labor same time,	\$30,650 25
The State received for convict labor same time,	1,150 90
<i>(Work done by prisoners not on contract.)</i>	

Total,	31,801 15
The cost of subsistence,	18,044 10
	\$13,757 05

From April 1st, 1873, to October 31st, 1873 inclusive, the average number of prisoners was five hundred and thirty-eight (538.)

The State received for contract labor same time,	\$49,022 26
The State received for convict labor same time,	1,888 85

Total,	\$50,911 11
The cost of subsistence,	19,528 42
	\$31,382 69

The number of prisoners discharged from October 31st, 1872, to April 1st, 1873, was as follows:

By remittance of time (act April 2nd, 1869),	114
By pardon,	21
Died,	1
Sent to Asylum,	2

The number discharged from April 1st, 1873, to October 31st, 1873, inclusive, was as follows :

By remittance of time (act April 2nd, 1869)	206
By pardon,	21
Died,	6
Escaped,	2
Sent to Asylum,	3

The amount paid to discharged convicts from October 31st, 1872, to April 1st, 1873,	436 50
The amount paid to discharged convicts from April 1st, 1873, to October 31st, inclusive,	652 00
The amount paid for transportation and costs of conviction of prisoners from October 31st, 1872, to April 1st, 1873, was	10,176 29
The amount paid for transportation and costs of conviction of prisoners from April 1st, 1873, to October 31st, 1873, inclusive,	16,108 24

Amounts paid on drafts approved by the Inspectors, from October 31st, to April 1st:

Salaries of officers,	20,695 63
Salaries of Inspectors,	1,662 00
Prison repairs,	2,035 78

Amounts paid on drafts approved by the Inspectors from April 1st, to October 31st, 1873, inclusive:

Salaries of officers,	29,072 49
Salaries of inspectors,	975 00
Prison repairs and improvements,	7,920 55

There has been paid to the appraisers of the prison property, four hundred dollars (\$400.)

I have received from the State Treasurer, seven hundred dollars (\$700) to be used in payments to convicts on their discharge, forty-eight dollars (\$48,) of which I have still on hand.

A fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) against a United States convict whose time expired was paid to me, and paid by me to R. C. Belville, Clerk of United States District Court.

There are now confined here five hundred and fifty-eight (558) prisoners, thirty-one (31) of whom are females.

As to the escaped prisoners mentioned above I deem it necessary to make the following statement.

Hiram Ledendorf alias John Dunn, and Samuel Carey, escaped

through the roof of the south wing, on the night of the 17th of April last. It was the rule at that time for the night watch to go in the tower on the roof at nine o'clock in the evening. (I had been here but a few days and therefore had made no change in the time of going on the tower; since that time the watch is required to go on duty as soon as it is dark). These two prisoners escaped from their cell about half past eight o'clock in the evening. Ledendorf had passed the tower and gone over the roof of the main building to the street, before the watch went on duty; and later in the night dropped to the ground by means of a rope made from his bed clothes.

Carey, the other prisoner, being a little behind was not able to pass the tower on account of the watch being there, and so hid himself under the eaves of the "Centre," until nearly day-light, when the watch stepped from the tower for a drink, gave him the desired opportunity, which he immediately embraced passing over the building and down to the street the same as his comrade.

Immediately on their escape being known search was made, and Carey was captured at the lock below the prison, Ledendorf is still at large.

The other escape was that of William Quail, who on the night of the 5th of May last, secreted himself in the shops; and after the men had all left the building succeeded in forcing his way through the roof, and by means of a rope taken from the elevator, lowered himself to the street below, the alarm was given and diligent search made which was unsuccessful.

We now have a board fence eight (8) feet high around the work shops, which I find to be a great help in preventing persons from having access to the windows, through which papers, letters, &c., have found their way into the prison.

In the number of deaths above mentioned, I feel it to be my duty to mention the sad death of Thomas O'Leary, alias Luke Marshall, which occurred on the 24th of September last, in shop No. 8, by a pistol shot from the hands of the shop-keeper of said shop, the facts are as follows:

It is usual to relieve shop-keepers both in the morning and afternoon. On the morning of the 24th the officer went to shop No. 8 to relieve the keeper, and did so the usual time. When the shop-keeper came back and took charge again, the relieving officer was called by a prisoner; he went to see what he wanted, and turning to go away he was struck on the head with a hammer by another prisoner (the deceased) which felled him to the floor; the keeper sprang to his assistance, and called to Marshall to stop as he was in the act of striking the second blow. The deceased left his victim and sprang at the keeper and struck at him with the hammer; the keeper jumping back, escaped the blow; he struck again the second time, which was also avoided; the keeper then shot the prisoner, the only thing for him to do to prevent a revolt in the shop and save his own life,

and in my opinion in so doing saved the lives of several persons both officers and prisoners. At this time two very bad prisoners arose from their places and demanded to see me. Wisely the officer in charge of the shop sent them to the "Centre," if he had not, no doubt there would have been a revolt in the shops. I immediately asked them what they wanted, when they commenced telling me in a very angry manner about the shooting of a prisoner. I at once ordered them both to be put in the dungeon, which I think had its effect on the other prisoners. Nothing but prompt action saved a revolt. I immediately sent for the Coroner, who came and summoned a jury, who after hearing the evidence in the case, rendered a verdict of justifiable homicide. I then notified the father of the deceased, who came and took charge of the body.

Henry Austin, another convict who died during the year, committed suicide by cutting his throat. The cause of his doing so was, in all probability, mental depression.

For the moral and religious condition of the convicts I would respectfully refer you to the report of the Moral Instructor, Rev. A. H. Warner, and for their sanitary condition to that of the Physician, Dr. W. W. L. Phillips. I cannot speak too highly of the care and attention shown by Dr. Phillips to the health of the convicts.

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

I invite your attention to the statement concerning the subsistence account which you will find attached to this report.

Very respectfully submitted.

CHARLES WILSON,

*Keeper.*

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Cost of subsistence from November 1st, 1872, to March 31st, 1873,	\$18,044 10
Cost of subsistence from April 1st, 1873, to October 31st, 1873,	19,528 42
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	\$37,572 52
Average cost per month for first five months,	\$3,608 82
Average cost per month for last seven months,	2,789 77
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Difference in cost per month,	\$819 05

## MORAL INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT.

STATE PRISON, TRENTON, NEW JERSEY, }  
October 31st, 1873. }

*To His Excellency Joel Parker, Governor, and the Honorable the Board of Supervisors of the New Jersey State Prison :*

GENTLEMEN:—It is my privilege to report that another year of uninterrupted service has been performed; on each Sabbath and in each hall of the prison, religious services have been held and an endeavor made to exhibit the gospel of the Grace of God in its fullness and in its freeness, viz.: Salvation for the chief of sinners through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ.

I am fully persuaded that these services are not in vain, a considerable number of the convicts have acquired instruction which may ultimately result in the salvation of their souls.

My chief efforts have been with the younger part of the inmates, particularly with those who have had the benefit of early religious instruction; such, in most instances, are easily moved to tears; those who have grown up without moral restraint seem to be immovable; no impression, apparently, is made upon their minds. I am more and more convinced of the importance of early religious training, and, under such conviction, would urge upon parents, guardians, Sabbath school teachers and pastors, the great duty of "training up a child in the way he should go;" that with the Divine blessing they may prove to be blessings. We have many confirmations in this institution of the fact that "a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame."

The ignorance of the gospel manifested by many of the prisoners, shows the great need that godly men, as bible readers and lay preachers should go from house to house and instruct the people in the first principles of the christian religion; there is much missionary ground in our State; almost in every neighborhood.

During the Sabbath day services, as a general thing, the convicts are quiet, it is only once in a while that a slight interruption occurs, and this is remarkable when we consider that the most of these men have been unaccustomed to religious things. Some few of them candidly acknowledge that they feel no interest in the gospel; such seem

to be destitute of a consciousness of their guilt, and of their accountability to God. But even those thus insensible of their state of guilt, are not beyond the reach of Divine Grace; many a hard hearted sinner has had his heart broken by the "fire and the hammer" of God's word, and therefore, there is encouragement to labor and pray for the vilest of the vile.

Some of the inmates of the prison are engaged in reading the Bible through in regular course; some have learned to repeat the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer and the Apostolic Creed, and a considerable number are striving to acquire the art of reading and writing and to master the common arithmetic, while a few others are studying algebra and geometry. They labor under great disadvantages, we have no place in which to organize a night school and thereby facilitate their efforts to obtain knowledge.

During the past year the library has been increased by the addition of four valuable books, viz.: The Report of the Commissioner of Agriculture for the year 1871; The Compendium of the Ninth Census of the United States; Geological Survey of Montana and also, of Wyoming, sent by Hon. Frederick T. Frelinghuysen, U. S. Senator.

There is great need of an appropriation of at least five hundred dollars (\$500.) to replenish the library, many of the books of which are much worn, having been in use for several years. It is four years since an appropriation was made for this purpose.

The monthly distribution of the American Messenger is still continued, and by many of the convicts is gladly received.

I have had the kind co-operation of Charles Wilson, Esq., the present efficient keeper of the prison.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER H. WARNER,

*Moral Instructor.*

## PHYSICIAN'S REPORT

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*To the Board of Inspectors :*

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to state, that, my monthly reports have kept you duly informed concerning the sanitary condition of the prison, and of the health of its inmates. But few cases of acute disease occurred during the year. Seven deaths have taken place; five from consumption, one from suicide, and one from gun-shot wound of the head. Five insane convicts were sent to the Lunatic Asylum, upon the order of the presiding Judge of the Mercer Circuit, these remain there under treatment.

The close of the year finds the institution in excellent sanitary condition; the convicts without doubt enjoying equally good health with the same number of persons taken from the same class outside of prison walls.

For the cordial co-operation of the Keeper and his deputies with me, in the performance of duty; as well as the confidence of your Board, I cannot refrain from expressing my grateful acknowledgments.

WM. W. L. PHILLIPS,

*Physician.*

# PHYSICIAN'S REPORT

To the Board of Inspectors:

... have the honor to state that my monthly reports have been duly returned concerning the sanitary condition of the prison and of the health of its inmates. But few cases of acute disease occurred during the year. Seven deaths have taken place: five from consumption, one from suicide, and one from violence toward the head. Five insane convicts were sent to the Lunatic Asylum, and the order of the presiding Judge of the Superior Court, these remain there under treatment.

The sick of the year had the treatment in excellent sanitary condition; the convicts who are best enjoying equally good health with the same number of persons taken from the same class outside of prison walls.

For the detailed comparison of the Report at 4 his disposal will be in the possession of this, as well as the evidence of your Board, I enclose herewith forms expressing my grateful acknowledgments.

W. M. W. A. PHILLIPS

Physician

## JOINT COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

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

That they have examined the Supervisor's account of the current expenses of the year ending October 31st, 1873, and the vouchers therefor, and find the same to agree. They have also inspected the prison buildings, and inquired into the sanitary condition of the institution, and such other matters as seemed to deserve attention. The buildings are in good condition. The repairs during the past year have been made in a creditable manner, principally under the direction of the Board of Inspectors. Nothing unnecessary seems to have been done, and the work has been executed at as low cost as was consistent with durability. The records show a good sanitary condition to have prevailed throughout the year, attributable doubtless, in part, to the cleanly condition in which the Keeper, Mr. Charles Wilson, has caused the prison buildings to be kept, and to a proper supply of suitable food and clothing for the prisoners, but especially to the vigilance and professional skill of the physician, Dr. W. W. L. Phillips. The supplies have been purchased by the Supervisor as authorized by the Board of Supervisors, and in making these purchases, as in the discharge of his other important duties, his aim seems to have been faithfully to subserve the interests of the State. A contract for securing an addition of twenty-five per cent. to what was formerly received for the prison labor was made in the month of July in the present year, and the State has had the benefit of that since, but the contractors have given notice of a termination of the contract to take effect April 30th, 1874. When it is considered that the new rate of compensation for convict labor would, if continued, increase the annual income about \$15,000, the importance of the matter will be at once understood.

The act for the government of the State Prison provides that the Supervisors "shall have power to cause such improvements and repairs to be made in said prison as may from time to time be necessary and proper for the carrying on of the business thereof." It also provides that the inspectors shall have power "to cause such repairs and improvements to be made in the said prison and the walls and grounds thereof as may be from time to time necessary and

proper." Thus similar, if not identical, powers are conferred on the two boards, inviting, as it were, a conflict in the discharge of their respective duties. Nothing could be better calculated to impair the harmony so essential to the judicious execution of the repairs and improvements necessary to be made from time to time, and to the efficient management of the prison in other respects. Your committee recommend that the law be so amended as to confine the exercise of the power to make improvements and repairs exclusively to one of the boards, as proposed by the Joint Committee last year, or else, so as to reduce the number of the Board of Inspectors to two, and make them *ex-officio* members of the Board of Supervisors, thus causing the latter board to consist of five members. By conferring on the Board of Supervisors, in addition to their present powers and duties, those now devolving on the Board of Inspectors, there would be a practical union of the two boards, and a desirable unity and efficiency of control, such as cannot exist under the present system. If the Legislature would also provide, instead of a per diem compensation, an annual salary for the Inspectors' services, there would be no opportunity for unworthy men to disgrace themselves and the State by shamelessly drawing orders on the Comptroller in payment for a greater number of days' service than they have rendered, and at the same time bring reproach on associates who do not violate the requirements of the law.

Within two years the inspectors completed the work of introducing gas pipes through the various wings, and caused gas to be supplied from the works of the Trenton City Gas Company. As the supervisors had taken no part in this work, and as the expense of light was thereby greatly increased, they declined to pay the bills of the Gas Company. The inspectors also refused to draw orders on the Comptroller for their payment, considering gas among the supplies to be paid for by the supervisors; that as the cost of light had previously been borne by the supervisors from the current receipts of the prison, there should be no change when the light was derived from gas instead of from oil. The bills have, however, been paid by the State Treasurer on the warrant of the Comptroller to the amount of \$12,493.95, which was the cost of the gas supply from October 25th, 1871, until July 1st of this year; but for the reasons already stated, this expenditure has not entered into the accounts of either the inspectors or supervisors. In strictness, therefore, what are called profits—but what are really the excess of income over all expenses except salaries, construction, and repairs—should, for the two years ending October 31st, 1873, be reckoned \$12,493.95 less than appears by the Supervisor's statement of account. The difference between the two boards on this question was brought to an end on the first of July last by the abandonment to a great extent of the use of gas, and the substitution of a much less costly but more dangerous mode of supplying light. From statements apparently

reliable, it would appear that both safety and economy may be attained by the erection of gas works on the prison grounds. It is estimated that suitable works would cost not more than seven thousand dollars, and that they would produce light at moderate cost. Either or both boards, under the power to make improvements and repairs conferred by law, probably have the right to incur the expense requisite to provide gas works; but it is natural that they should hesitate to exercise such right, if they possess it, inasmuch as the Legislature at its last session refused its assent to an appropriation for that purpose. Your committee recommend the passage of an act authorizing the work to be done, and making the requisite appropriation therefor.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES HEWITT,  
AUGUSTUS W. CUTLER,  
GARRET A. HOBART,  
JASPER WANDLE,  
JOSEPH G. HILL,  
JOHN S. SPROUL.



