

# REPORT

OF THE

# New Jersey State Prison,

EMBRACING THE REPORTS OF THE

*JOINT COMMITTEE, INSPECTORS, SUPERVISOR, CLERK,  
KEEPER AND MORAL INSTRUCTORS.*

For the Year 1889.

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New Jersey State Prison

## REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE.

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The Joint Committee of the Legislature on State Prison respectfully report that we have visited the institution and examined its general condition.

From the balance-sheet your committee find as follows :

*First.* Total amount received from the earnings of the convicts, \$54,985.94, for the year commencing November 1st, 1888, and ending October 31st, 1889. This is a decrease of \$2,301.19 of the previous year, and is due from the failure of the Downs & Finch contract, and because contracts could not be made until the end of all the recent contracts.

*Second.* The cost of maintenance, salaries, repairs and amount paid convicts on their discharge was \$154,565.55, being an increase of \$3,516.74, which shows a loss in operating the Prison of \$99,579.61, against a loss of \$93,761.68 of the previous year.

The Keeper and the attendants are to be commended for the cleanliness and good order preserved throughout the Prison. We find that complaint is made in the crowding of more than one prisoner in each cell, as there are nearly 1,000 convicts, and cells for only 700, which is a violation of the law, and this should be provided for in the passage of a bill to erect a new wing by the coming Legislature. Should a contagious disease break out in the Prison, it could not fail but have serious results.

We desire to return thanks to Keeper Patterson, Supervisor Butler and other officers of the Prison for courtesies extended to the committee.

GEORGE PFEIFFER, JR.,  
A. J. BALE,  
WM. H. CARTER,  
JOHN SCHROTH,  
JOHN MALLON,  
Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER

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# INSPECTORS' REPORT.

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INSPECTORS' ROOM,  
NEW JERSEY STATE PRISON,  
October 31st, 1889. }

To Honorable Robert S. Green, Governor of New Jersey :

SIR—According to the requirements of the law, the Inspectors of the New Jersey State Prison present herewith their annual report of the operations and conditions of the Prison for the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1889.

The bills audited and passed by the Board for the year are as follows :

For maintenance.....	\$77,079 19
For repairs.....	6,130 02
	\$83,209 21
To which add—	
Officers' salaries.....	65,480 31
Salaries of Keeper, Supervisor and Inspectors.....	9,000 00
Money paid to discharged convicts.....	1,258 50
	\$158,948 02
Amount of cash received.....	63,039 73
	\$95,908 29

Former Boards of Inspectors have repeatedly called the attention of your Excellency and the Legislature to the overcrowded condition of the Prison. We also add our complaint in this matter, and respectfully suggest that the law cannot be complied with which requires each convict to be confined in a separate cell, when we have 997 convicts within the Prison and only cell room for 700. There has been an increase from the report of last year of 116 convicts, and in the natural order of events, with an increasing population in the State, it is safe to say that the Prison population will keep on increasing; while no effort is made to provide for the accommodation of such an increase, it cannot but strike the legislative mind that this problem must not remain unsolved any longer. The moral condition of the prisoners demands that expedient efforts be made for the care and

safety of the unfortunates who are compelled to undergo imprisonment.

All of the contracts entered into four years ago for the products of the labor of the convicts under the "Piece-Price System" expired during the year. New contracts have been made under the same system for the labor of the convicts at a price much more favorable to the State. The following contracts have been made, which will take the labor of the number of convicts as follows :

Powell & Brother, Hosiery.....	100 men.
Lynn & Pettit, Mats.....	100 "
V. Henry Rothschild & Co., Pants.....	100 "
V. Henry Rothschild & Co., Shirts.....	100 "
John B. Iredell, Shoes and Uppers.....	100 "

These with other contracts in a state of adjustment, requiring about one hundred and fifty men, will take nearly all the available convict labor.

The Legislature at this year's session passed a bill for the release of convicts on parole. The bill was referred to the Attorney-General for his opinion in regard to the power of the Board of Inspectors under its provisions. His opinion rendered to the Board of June 10th, 1889, was that the bill was unconstitutional, therefore the Board declined to act upon it.

The Moral Instructors, Rev. John M. Rogers and Rev. Father Fidelis Voight, have reported to the Board the necessity for a chapel to hold religious services. The Board concurs in their suggestions, and believes that the religious tone of the institution would be greatly benefited by such a place of worship; as to further views on this matter we respectfully refer to their reports.

The report of the Prison Physician, Dr. Cornelius Shepherd, shows the health of the inmates during the past year. Nine deaths are reported, which is an increase of four over last year. This year's death-rate is lower than the usual average. Dr. Shepherd and his assistant, Dr. Frank Cantwell, the consulting physician, have been extremely attentive to their duties.

The management of the Prison under the administration of Keeper John H. Patterson is herewith highly commended by the Board. The discipline of the Prison is not exceeded by any other institution of like character. While strict accountability of each Under Keeper in his duties is demanded, yet it is given with such cheerful will on their part that it is creditable to the Keeper, and speaks words of higher praise for him than any this Board could formulate.

The careful statistical table compiled by the Clerk of the Prison, Robert B. Bonney, is herewith annexed.

In the report of the Supervisor, Henry L. Butler, will be found the adjustment of the failure of the Downs & Finch contract, together with the details of the financial workings of the Prison.

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The female wing of the Prison has been carefully managed by the Matron, Mrs. John H. Patterson, and her Assistants. They deserve credit for the able manner in which they care for the inmates under their charge.

Respectfully submitted for the Board of Inspectors,

THOMAS P. CURLEY,  
*Secretary.*



## SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

*To Honorable Robert S. Green, Governor of New Jersey :*

SIR—The annual report of the New Jersey State Prison for the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1889, is herewith respectfully submitted :

At the date of the last report, October 31st, 1888, the number of prisoners in confinement was.....	881	
Received during the year ending October 31st, 1889.....	529	
	1,410	
The number discharged during the same period by remittance of time (act April 2d, 1869) was.....	346	
By order of United States Commissioner.....	9	
Pardoned by Court of Pardons of New Jersey.....	46	
Died.....	9	
Removed to asylum.....	3	
	413	
Remaining in Prison at the date of this report.....	997	

The daily average number in confinement during the year was 965, of whom 929 were males and 36 were females, the average having been increased 91 during the current year ; the total being by far the greatest number ever contained within the walls in any one year during the existence of the Prison.

At the writing of this report the number has been still further increased to 1,026. There are but 700 cells for their accommodation.

The balance-sheet and accompanying statements, designated A, B, C, D and E, show, both in detail and in the aggregate, the expenses and income for the present, as well as for previous years, whereby comparison may be readily made. The gross income amounted to \$54,985.94, being a decrease of \$2,301.19 from last year.

The total expense of maintenance aggregated \$72,798.48, an increase over that of the year 1888 of \$5,797.72.

All charges, including salaries of officers and deputies, repairs, &c., summed up \$154,565.55. Deducting from this last amount the gross earnings (\$54,985.94), there remains as a deficit on the year's operations the sum of \$99,579.61.

The following statement shows the appropriate subdivisions of expense account :

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## SUBSISTENCE.

Total cost of subsistence.....	\$40,756 83	
Earnings in excess.....	14,229 11	
		<u>\$54,985 94</u>
Average cost per capita per diem.....	\$0.11.57	
Average cost per capita per annum.....	42 24	

## MAINTENANCE.

Including subsistence, clothing and necessary supplies.....	\$72,798 48	
Maintenance in excess of earnings.....	17,812 54	
		<u>\$54,985 94</u>
Average cost per capita per diem.....	\$0.20.67	
Average cost per capita per annum.....	75 44	

## GENERAL EXPENSES.

Including maintenance, repairs, salaries of officers and deputies, and every charge incident to the support and management of the Prison,	\$154,565 55	
Average cost per capita per diem.....	0.43.88	
Average cost per capita per annum.....	160 17	

As will be readily seen by comparison with last year's report, the average annual cost of maintaining a convict has been reduced from \$172.82 to \$160.17, a saving of \$12.65 per capita.

## BALANCE-SHEET.

	<i>Dr.</i>	
Maintenance .....	\$72,798 48	
Repairs .....	6,028 26	
Amount paid discharged convicts.....	1,258 50	
Deputies' salaries.....	65,480 31	
Salaries of Keeper, Supervisor and Board of Inspectors .....	9,000 00	
		<u>\$154,565 55</u>
	<i>Cr.</i>	
By total earnings.....		54,985 94
Deficit .....		<u>\$99,579 61</u>

Reference to the above statements shows that while the cost of subsistence (owing to advance in cost of supplies) has been increased one and fifteen-hundredths cents per capita per diem, that of maintenance (which includes subsistence) was diminished by twenty-eight-hundredths of a cent for the same period; this latter amount really representing the actual saving in the administration of this department of the Prison. Thus, the loss occasioned by increased cost of supplies has been more than offset by economies elsewhere.

Notwithstanding the fact that the total expense of the Prison was increased from \$151,048.88 in 1888 to \$154,565.55 for the current year, the daily cost of maintenance, &c., was reduced from 47.35 cents to 43.88 cents. The increase in total expense being due to largely

increased numbers; the reduction in per capita cost of maintenance to a more rigid economy.

The earnings of the prisoners for the current year are less by the sum of \$2,301.19 when compared with the earnings of the year 1888. Much of this difference is due to the fact that all the contracts expired during the summer months; the contractors naturally lessening production as the end drew near. Another cause which materially diminished income was the failure in the month of April of Downs & Finch, the largest contractors in the Prison, three months before the expiration of contract. At that time it was found impossible to secure work for the men so unexpectedly surrendered, and they were consequently compelled to remain in idleness until the new contracts were awarded in October.

The claim of the State against Downs & Finch for work actually done, amounted to \$2,318.29. In addition to this sum a claim was presented for penalties for non-fulfillment of contract. After wearisome and tedious delay the whole matter was finally compromised by the payment by Mr. Miles O'Brien, receiver of Downs & Finch, of the lump sum of \$6,000 in full of all demands. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, the average daily earnings of the men were increased from thirty-nine and eighty-one hundredths cents to forty-two and fifty-six hundredths cents; this latter sum being by far the best average yet attained since the inauguration of the new system of working the convicts.

The subjoined table shows the number of days' work performed, earnings per capita, total earnings and amount that the contract system of working the prisoners would have yielded at the usual price paid, fifty cents a day, for the same period:

YEARS.	Number of men at work.	Per diem per man earnings.	Total earnings.	Earnings under contract system at 50 cents per diem.	Difference.
1886.....	163,797	39.98c.	\$65,485 96	\$81,898 50	\$16,412 54
1887.....	157,128	40.49	63,634 64	78,564 00	14,929 36
1888.....	142,623	39.81	56,786 69	71,311 50	14,524 81
1889.....	127,806	42.56	54,387 89	63,903 00	9,515 11
Totals .....	591,354	40.63c.	\$240,295 18	\$295,677 00	\$55,381 82

As stated before, existing contracts for the employment of the convicts expired during the summer and early fall. In accordance with law, advertisements were inserted in the leading newspapers of this

and other States, soliciting work for the prisoners in any industry for which the prison shops and skill of the men were adapted.

This was supplemented by personal effort in the same direction, and no means were left untried to secure desirable contracts. In the effort, keen competition developed with prison officials of other States seeking the same object, which, together with the fact that the stamp act of 1887 now became operative for the first time, made it exceedingly difficult to obtain remunerative work. Work was, however, secured for the services of six hundred men, and, as some of the industries were entirely new to the Prison, it was deemed advisable to insert in the contracts a condition whereby the contractor agrees that if after three months' experience in working the contract the prices named for the work should fail to yield an average per capita earning of at least fifty cents a day, then the prices shall be so re-adjusted as to produce said daily average.

This precaution was deemed necessary in order to protect, so far as possible, honest labor, and, at the same time, reduce the inevitable annual deficit to reasonable proportions. Contracts were accordingly entered into with the following firms for a period of four years, for the manufacture of the several articles named :

V. Henry Rothschild & Co.....	100 men, Pants.
V. Henry Rothschild & Co.....	100 men, Shirts.
John B. Iredell.....	100 men, Ladies' Shoes and Uppers.
Powell & Brother.....	100 men, Hosiery.
Lynn & Pettit.....	100 men, Mats and Matting.
John Tobin.....	100 men, Brushes and Brush Backs.

Since the available men for contract work number about 700, there still remain 100 unemployed, for whom occupation is being diligently sought.

The attention of your Excellency is again called to the pressing need of increased cell room. For four consecutive years this same appeal has been made, but so far without response. The Prison population is increasing rapidly, so rapidly as to make its accommodation a serious problem for the Keeper. As all the large cells already contain four, and the cells in the new wings, though intended but for one, are in many instances compelled to hold two, the law regarding solitary confinement is, of necessity, a dead letter. The moral and physical effect of this overcrowding can be readily imagined. The knowledge of these facts should impress those having authority of the necessity of making proper provision for the safe custody of the convicts. In order to afford material relief an entire new wing containing at least two hundred cells is absolutely needed. In former reports attention was also called to the want of a chapel for the proper conduct of public worship. That want still exists. Rev. Mr. Rogers and Father Fidelis Voight, the Chaplains, can furnish abundant testimony as to the difficulties they labor under in performing their

ministerial functions with present facilities. A proper chapel, where the men could be congregated under the surveillance of the Keepers, would obviate the difficulty, and thereby secure a proper and decorous observance of public worship. The need of a hospital, apart from the Prison proper, has also been previously referred to. Under present conditions a single case of contagious disease breaking out would imperil the health of all the inmates, compel the closing of the shops, and subject the State to unnecessary pecuniary loss. A suitable building could be erected in the Prison yard at moderate cost, and all danger of spread of disease thereby averted.

The night-school inaugurated by the Keeper some two years since is still continued. Gratifying results have been achieved, and much good accomplished by its introduction. Through this opportunity many of the convicts have acquired what they never possessed before—an elementary education—and have thereby been returned to society better equipped to gain an honest livelihood. The cost of maintaining the school is infinitesimal, the teachers being supplied from the more intelligent convicts.

During the year there have been but nine deaths, mostly from pulmonary troubles. No serious sickness has at any time prevailed, the men, as a rule, having enjoyed unusually good health. Indeed, it would be surprising were it otherwise, considering the good care, wholesome food, and excellent sanitary condition of the institution.

The female department, under the care of the Matron, Mrs. Patterson, still maintains its high standard. Steady employment, mild but firm discipline, and the constant devotion to duty of those in charge, prevent complaint from that quarter, and to that extent lessen the anxiety and responsibility of the Keeper.

The table giving the names of contractors, industries, quantities of the several kinds of goods manufactured per diem per man, average cost, number of days employed, average number at work per diem, total amount realized from product, with average earnings per day, will be found incorporated with this report.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY L. BUTLER,  
*Supervisor.*

Supervisor's Office, New Jersey State Prison,  
October 31st, 1889.

"PIECE-PRICE" SCHEDULE—FISCAL YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31st, 1889.

NAMES OF CONTRACTORS AND INDUSTRIES WORKED.	Production.	Average produc- tion per diem per man.	Cost.	Number of days worked.	Number of men at work.	Average num- ber of men at work per diem.	Earnings.	Average earn- ings per diem per man.
<b>Downs &amp; Finch, Contractors—</b>								
Shirts manufactured.....	8,440 5-12 dozen.	1 181-1,000 dozen.	36.48c. per dozen.	186	7,145 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	52 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	\$8,078 95	43.09c.
Shirts laundered.....	13,878 11-12 "	1 260-1,000 "	22.21c. " "	143	11,017	77	3,082 12	27.98c.
Collars partially made.....	48,267 7-12 "	9 196-1,000 "	3.60c. " "	127	5,248 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	41 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	1,736 52	33.09c.
Collars button-holed.....	21,533 1-12 "	32 875-1,000 "	01.10c. " "	123	655	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	236 85	36.16c.
Cuffs button-holed.....	9,383 1-12 "	14 782-1,000 "	02.93c. " "	114	634 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	274 94	43.31c.
Cuffs manufactured.....	16,619 2-12 "	8 685-1,000 "	05.41c. " "	112	1,924	17 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	898 44	46.70c.
Collars and cuffs laundered.....	1,120 10-12 "	12 594-1,000 "	04.98c. " "	8	89	11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	55 78	62.67c.
Compromise.....							3,053 63	
<b>Downs &amp; Finch totals.....</b>						26,713 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	\$12,417 23	46.48c.
<b>LYNN &amp; PETTIT, Contractors—</b>								
Mats and matting manufactured.....	{ 168 1-2 dozen mats. 97 11-12 sq. feet mats. 1,423 7-16 sq. yds matting.	01 103-1,000 dozen. 00 634-1,000 sq. feet 09 318-1,000 sq. yds	\$1.44 per dozen. 07.49c. per sq. foot. 05.02c. " " yard.	} 51	1,527 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	80	320 90	21.01c.
<b>JOHN B. IREDELL, Contractor—</b>								
Shoes manufactured.....	{ 12,565 5-12 dozen turns. 2,573 5-6 " uppers.	08 618-1,000 dozen. 01 767-1,000 "	57.19c. per dozen. 20.00c. " "	} 301 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	14,580 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	48 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	7,701 42	52.82c.
<b>POWELL &amp; BRO., Contractors—</b>								
Hosiery manufactured.....	83,785 dozen pairs half hose	3 509-1,000 "	12.51c. " "	283 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	23,876 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	84 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	10,481 64	43.88c.
<b>JOHN TOBIN &amp; Co., Contractors—</b>								
Shirts and pants manufactured.....	{ 14,630 dozen shirts. 6,561 " pants.	1 231-1,000 " 06 085-1,000 "	30c. " " 84c. " "	} 278 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> 289 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	11,887 10,782 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	42 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 37 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	4,389 00 5,511 24	36.92c. 51.11c.
<b>WM. MCKNIGHT, Contractor—</b>								
Boots and shoes manufactured.....	{ 33,479 pairs shoes. 90 " boots. }	2 503-1,000 pairs.	18.11c. per pair.	301 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	13,412 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	44 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	6,080 82	45.34c.
<b>PICKERING &amp; COLESCOTT, Contractors—</b>								
Brushes manufactured.....	4,233 28-144 gross.	30-144 gross.	\$1.40 per gross.	294 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	20,609	70	6,003,03	29.13c.
<b>CONSOLIDATED BRUSH BLOCK Co., Contractors—</b>								
Sawing blocks, backs, veneers, etc...	14,362 gross.	3 36-144 "	10.32c. per gross.	290 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	4,417	15 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	1,482 61	33.57c.
<b>Totals.....</b>					127,806		\$54,387 89	42.56c.

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BALANCE-SHEET

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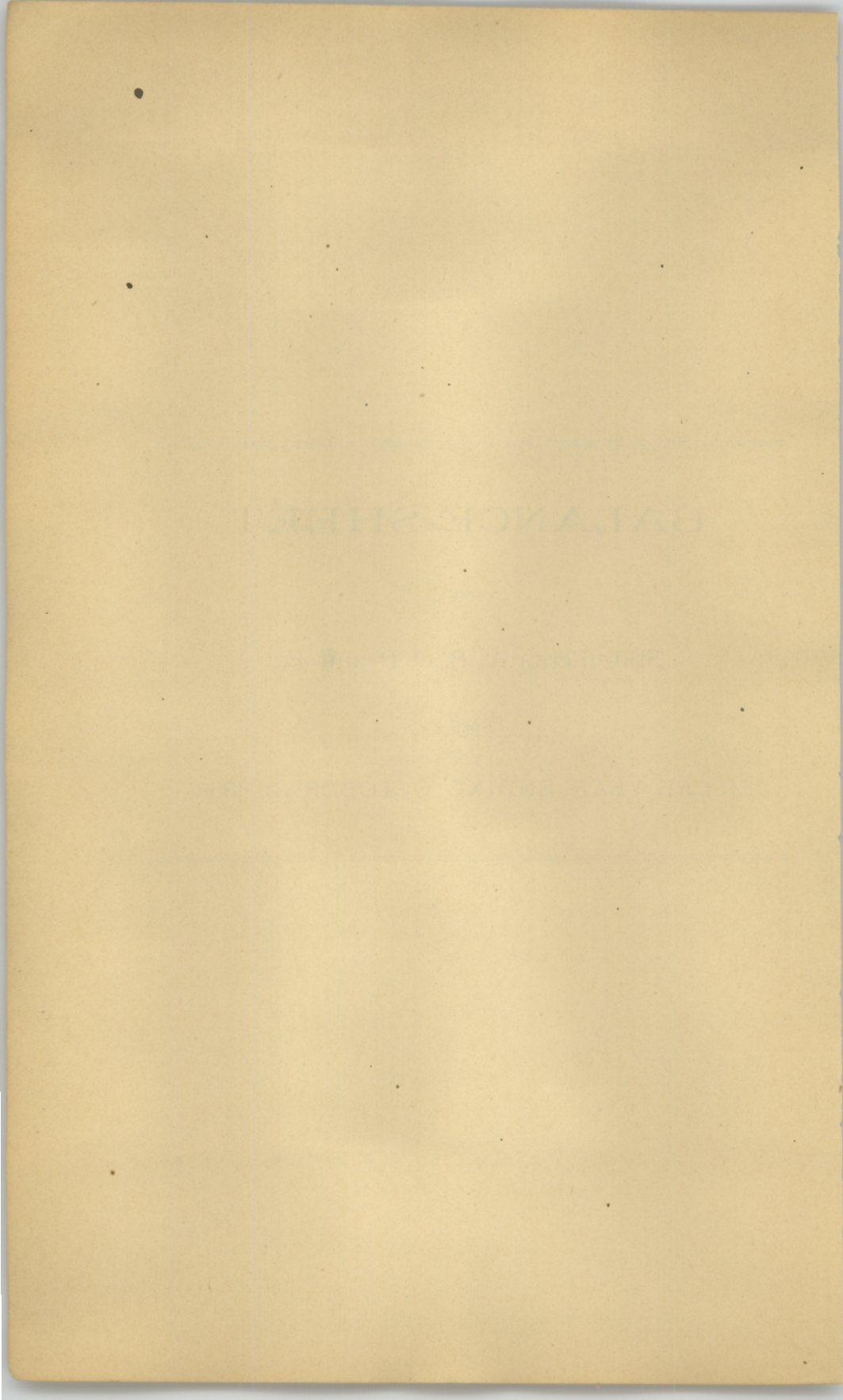
Statements A, B, C, D and E,

OF

FISCAL YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1889.

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## STATEMENT A.

GAINS.	Amount.	LOSSES.	Amount.
Piece-price system.....	\$54,387 89	Subsistence.....	\$40,756 83
Convict labor.....	591 73	Furniture.....	2,125 25
Officers' uniforms.....	6 32	Clothing.....	5,989 03
		Fuel.....	11,045 49
		Bedding .....	696 02
		Discharged convict clothing..	844 56
		Stationery.....	189 65
		Convict stationery.....	142 64
		Tobacco .....	1,310 24
		Water .....	1,279 39
		Hospital.....	3,561 66
		Forage .....	634 80
		Light.....	2,119 74
		Miscellaneous.....	1,953 18
Loss.....	17,812 54	Live stock.....	150 00
	\$72,798 48		\$72,798 48

## SUBSISTENCE.

Cost per capita per diem, \$0.11.57.

Cost per capita per annum, \$42.24.

## STATEMENT B.

Showing the number of convicts, cost of maintenance and earnings during each year, from the beginning of the fiscal year 1865 to the close of the fiscal year 1885.

YEAR.	Number.	Subsistence.	Clothing and bedding.	Fuel.	Hospital.	Clothing given to discharged convicts.	Miscellaneous.	Repairs and money given discharged convicts.	Salaries.	Total.	Earnings.	Deficit.	REMARKS.
1865 .....	393	\$65 92	\$17 94	\$19 04	\$5 01	\$1 39	\$3 75	.....	\$68 21	\$182 14	\$77 37	\$106 82	
1866.....	522	93 71	23 86	16 88	7 32	1 49	4 63	.....	76 88	224 60	50 14	174 46	
1867 .....	528	106 90	32 40	9 24	11 51	2 78	3 53	.....	69 12	235 48	60 09	175 39	
1868 .....	555	101 11	47 57	9 10	7 43	1 98	5 35	.....	72 16	244 70	70 98	173 72	
1868 .....	585	50 23	25 08	8 66	1 16	.....	5 02	.....	21 17	111 32	11 60	99 72	Four months, Nov. 30th to March 31st.
1869.....	585	54 11	11 28	6 47	1 57	1 78	21 40	.....	59 00	136 35	72 40	63 95	
1870.....	570	62 35	16 07	6 97	2 95	1 84	18 13	.....	71 68	180 00	102 33	77 67	
1871.....	526	68 24	16 33	11 78	3 86	2 65	9 60	.....	95 59	208 35	139 69	68 66	
1872 .....	527	56 75	15 01	14 58	4 11	1 77	8 34	.....	107 57	207 97	151 50	54 47	
1873.....	545	66 70	13 05	13 21	3 66	1 99	17 82	.....	105 15	221 58	165 84	55 74	
1874.....	615	56 61	12 65	9 37	4 18	1 71	12 76	.....	89 68	186 96	169 17	17 79	
1875.....	656	52 17	10 63	9 36	3 55	1 75	12 63	.....	83 50	173 58	124 54	49 05	
1876.....	766	40 87	8 60	9 18	3 14	1 50	10 35	.....	64 58	138 49	40 49	98 00	
1877.....	816	43 89	9 73	6 50	3 32	1 02	13 08	.....	67 65	145 19	92 66	52 53	
1878.....	825	35 84	8 34	6 24	3 41	1 61	11 83	.....	66 25	133 52	76 86	56 66	
1879.....	802	30 39	7 08	5 57	3 39	1 62	8 35	.....	64 87	121 27	58 15	63 12	
1880.....	830	32 23	9 19	6 58	2 93	3 14	7 96	\$11 38	66 27	139 68	82 67	57 01	
1881.....	794	33 25	6 73	10 12	3 35	1 69	9 56	15 96	69 96	150 62	63 86	86 76	
1882.....	831	42 84	9 19	8 96	3 09	1 87	9 25	8 66	72 29	156 15	82 55	73 60	
1883.....	817	40 80	9 00	10 22	3 13	1 61	11 69	7 10	79 82	163 37	88 99	74 38	
1884.....	815	36 50	9 81	8 75	3 23	1 26	13 15	8 83	80 95	162 47	75 88	86 59	
1885.....	863	20 31	5 33	6 33	1 88	1 14	1 45	4 07	45 36	91 20	41 27	49 93	
1885.....	863	15 63	2 08	1 85	1 13	26	1 01	4 86	31 73	63 10	11 24	51 86	Five months, May 31st to October 31st.

N. B.—Taken from published report of 1885, marked as "D."

## STATEMENT C.

Showing the number of convicts, cost of maintenance and earnings during each year from the beginning of the fiscal year 1886 to the close of the fiscal year 1889:

YEAR.	Number.	Subsistence.	Clothing, bedding and discharged convict clothing.	Fuel.	Hospital.	Money given discharged convicts.	Repairs, new cook house and steam heating.	Furniture, water, light, tobacco, forage and sundries.	Salaries.	Total.	Earnings.	Deficit.
1886.....	892	\$35 24	\$9 78	\$9 24	\$3 03	\$1 44	\$17 53	\$12 84	\$80 24	\$169 34	\$74 45	\$94 89
1887.....	893	37 89	10 59	10 24	3 71	1 70	21 33	15 21	81 70	182 37	73 49	108 88
1888.....	874	88 14	9 74	13 25	4 06	1 54	10 73	11 47	83 89	172 82	65 54	107 28
1889.....	965	42 24	7 80	11 45	3 69	1 80	6 25	10 26	77 18	160 17	56 98	103 19
Totals.....	3,624	\$153 51	\$37 91	\$44 18	\$14 49	\$5 98	\$55 84	\$49 78	\$323 01	\$684 70	\$270 46	\$414 24

## STATEMENT D.

Maintenance.....	\$72,798 48
Repairs.....	6,028 28
Amounts given discharged convicts.....	1,258 50
Salaries of Deputies.....	65,480 31
Salaries of officers and Inspectors .....	9,000 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$154,565 55</b>
Credit by amount of earnings.....	54,985 94
<b>Net loss .....</b>	<b>\$99,579 61</b>

Cost per capita per diem, \$0.43.88.

Cost per capita per annum, \$160.17.

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## STATEMENT E.

Showing the earnings, expenses, losses and gains, from November, 1865, to the close of the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1889. Compiled from official reports.

REPORTS.	Earnings.	Expenses.	Losses.	Gains.
1866, November 30th.....	\$26,172 78	\$77,156 59	\$50,983 81	.....
1867, November 30th.....	31,733 42	87,839 32	56,105 90	.....
1868, November 30th.....	39,392 38	95,369 68	55,977 30	.....
1869 to March 31st.....	6,777 52	67,852 20	61,074 68	.....
1869 to December 31st.....	42,356 13	49,317 89	6,961 76	.....
1870 to October 31st.....	58,331 76	61,742 51	3,410 75	.....
1871 to October 31st.....	100,723 27	60,113 47	.....	\$40,609 80
1872 to October 31st.....	80,892 99	52,414 52	.....	28,478 47
1873 to October 31st.....	90,386 56	62,353 18	.....	28,033 38
1874 to October 31st.....	104,041 98	58,807 05	.....	45,234 93
1875 to October 31st.....	81,596 30	57,941 69	.....	23,654 61
1876 to October 31st.....	30,919 67	55,226 79	24,307 12	.....
1877 to October 31st.....	75,611 70	63,276 69	.....	12,335 01
1878 to October 31st.....	63,412 99	54,331 91	.....	9,081 08
1879 to May 31st.....	25,196 00	27,942 46	2,746 46	.....
1879 to October 31st.....	21,443 50	17,749 48	.....	3,694 02
1880 to October 31st.....	68,572 50	50,135 14	.....	18,437 36
1881 to October 31st.....	50,702 74	51,362 90	660 16	.....
1882 to October 31st.....	68,599 67	62,502 80	.....	6,096 87
1883 to October 31st.....	72,706 88	62,462 83	.....	10,244 05
1884 to October 31st.....	61,846 21	59,248 71	.....	2,597 50
1885 to May 31st.....	35,616 42	36,049 17	432 75	.....
1885 to October 31st.....	9,703 13	22,877 83	13,174 70	.....
1886 to October 31st.....	66,411 03	62,552 82	.....	3,858 21
1887 to October 31st.....	65,617 16	69,340 46	3,723 30	.....
1888 to October 31st.....	57,287 13	67,000 76	9,713 63	.....
1889 to October 31st.....	54,985 94	72,798 48	17,812 54	.....
Totals.....	\$1,491,037 76	\$1,565,767 33	\$307,084 86	\$232,355 29

# STATISTICS.

OFFICE OF NEW JERSEY STATE PRISON, }  
 October 31st, 1889. }

*To the Honorable Board of Inspectors :*

GENTLEMEN—Herewith please find statistical tables compiled from the records of this institution for the year ending October 31st, 1889.

ROBERT B. BONNEY,  
*Clerk of Prison.*

Number of convicts October 31st, 1888, . . . . .	881
Received during the year (from November 1st, 1888, to October 31st, 1889), . . . . .	529
	1,410

There have been discharged as follows :

By remittance of time (act April 2d, 1869), . . . . .	346
By order of U. S. Commissioner, . . . . .	9
Pardoned, . . . . .	46
Died, . . . . .	9
Sent to asylum, . . . . .	3
	413
Remaining October 31st, 1889, . . . . .	997

### TERMS OF SENTENCES.

Natural life, . . . . .	6
Thirty years, . . . . .	3
Twenty-one years, . . . . .	1
Twenty years, . . . . .	22
Eighteen years, . . . . .	3
Fifteen years, . . . . .	22
Thirteen years, . . . . .	2
Twelve years, . . . . .	5
Ten years, . . . . .	100

Nine years and ten months, . . . . .	1
Nine years and six months, . . . . .	1
Nine years, . . . . .	3
Eight years, . . . . .	16
Seven years and six months, . . . . .	1
Seven years, . . . . .	38
Six years and eight months, . . . . .	1
Six years and six months, . . . . .	2
Six years and three months, . . . . .	4
Six years, . . . . .	22
Five years and six months, . . . . .	1
Five years, . . . . .	166
Four years and six months, . . . . .	5
Four years and four months, . . . . .	2
Four years, . . . . .	15
Three years and six months, . . . . .	15
Three years, . . . . .	156
Two years and six months, . . . . .	46
Two years and five months, . . . . .	4
Two years and three months, . . . . .	1
Two years, . . . . .	168
One year and six months, . . . . .	48
One year and five months, . . . . .	6
One year and three months, . . . . .	3
One year, . . . . .	90
Nine months, . . . . .	4
Eight months, . . . . .	2
Seven months, . . . . .	3
Six months, . . . . .	9

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## COUNTIES WHERE CONVICTED.

Atlantic, . . . . .	25
Bergen, . . . . .	33
Burlington, . . . . .	35
Camden, . . . . .	82
Cape May, . . . . .	2
Cumberland, . . . . .	26
Essex, . . . . .	161
Gloucester, . . . . .	16
Hudson, . . . . .	240
Hunterdon, . . . . .	4
Mercer, . . . . .	50
Monmouth, . . . . .	40
Middlesex, . . . . .	43
Morris, . . . . .	20

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Ocean, . . . . .	8
Passaic, . . . . .	93
Salem, . . . . .	12
Somerset, . . . . .	18
Sussex, . . . . .	16
Union, . . . . .	44
Warren, . . . . .	10
U. S. District, . . . . .	16
Supreme Court, . . . . .	2

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## CRIMES FOR WHICH COMMITTED.

Assault and battery, . . . . .	86
Assault and battery and robbing, . . . . .	8
Assault and battery and rape, . . . . .	1
Assault and battery on an officer, . . . . .	11
Assault and battery with intent, . . . . .	1
Assault and battery, larceny from person, . . . . .	1
Assault and battery, breaking and entering, &c., attempt at escape, . . . . .	1
Assault and battery and larceny, . . . . .	1
Assault and battery, abusing child, . . . . .	1
Assault and battery, indecent assault, . . . . .	1
Aiding an escape, . . . . .	1
Atrocious assault and battery, . . . . .	40
Assault with intent to kill, . . . . .	6
Assault with intent to commit rape, . . . . .	3
Atrocious assault, . . . . .	1
Aggravated assault, . . . . .	1
Assault and receiving, . . . . .	1
Assault with intent to ravish, carnal abuse of an infant under ten years, . . . . .	1
Assault and battery and breaking, . . . . .	2
Atrocious assault and battery, resisting an officer, . . . . .	3
Assault and battery with intent to commit rape, . . . . .	3
Assault and battery and breaking, . . . . .	3
Assault with intent to ravish, . . . . .	6
Assault with intent, . . . . .	7
Assault and battery with intent to kill, . . . . .	10
Atrocious assault and battery, breaking and entering, . . . . .	1
Assault with intent to commit rape, breaking jail, . . . . .	1
Assault with intent to commit murder, assault with intent to commit rape, . . . . .	1
Atrocious assault and battery and arson, . . . . .	1
Attempt, breaking, entering, &c., . . . . .	1
Assault and battery and robbery, entering and larceny, . . . . .	1
Assault and battery and grand larceny, breaking the law, loitering, . . . . .	1

Attempt to break buildings, . . . . .	1
Attempt, breaking and entering, &c., . . . . .	1
Assault and battery, entering and larceny, assault with intent to kill, . . . . .	1
Assault with axe and pistol, with intent to kill, atrocious assault and battery, . . . . .	1
Arson, breaking and entering with intent, . . . . .	2
Assault, . . . . .	1
Arson, . . . . .	5
Attempt to commit rape, . . . . .	2
Attempt at robbery, . . . . .	2
Attempt to break prison, . . . . .	1
Bigamy, . . . . .	8
Burning, . . . . .	5
Breaking with intent, . . . . .	24
Burning barn, . . . . .	1
Breaking, . . . . .	37
Breaking and entering, . . . . .	26
Breaking and entering, &c., . . . . .	80
Burglary, . . . . .	7
Breaking and entering with intent, . . . . .	13
Breaking and entering and breaking jail, . . . . .	3
Breaking, entering and larceny, . . . . .	66
Breaking by day with intent, . . . . .	1
Breaking and entering by day, larceny, . . . . .	3
Breaking with intent, prison breach, . . . . .	1
Breaking, entering, assault and battery and escape, . . . . .	1
Breaking prison, . . . . .	1
Breaking, assault and battery with intent to kill, . . . . .	2
Breaking, entering and attempt at larceny, . . . . .	1
Breaking, entering and larceny, assault and battery and grand larceny, . . . . .	1
Breaking and entering, assault with intent to commit rape, . . . . .	1
Breaking, entering and larceny from person, . . . . .	1
Breaking, entering, grand larceny and petty larceny, . . . . .	1
Breaking, entering and larceny, burning barn, . . . . .	2
Breaking, entering and resisting officer, . . . . .	1
Breaking, entering and robbery, assault and battery, breaking jail, . . . . .	1
Breaking, entering and larceny, breaking jail, . . . . .	1
Breaking, entering and larceny and receiving, . . . . .	2
Breaking and larceny, . . . . .	3
Breaking and entering post-office, . . . . .	2
Breaking and entering, &c., assault on an officer, . . . . .	1
Breaking with intent, grand larceny, . . . . .	1
Breaking, entering, &c., assault, . . . . .	4
Breaking, entering, &c., assault with intent to kill, . . . . .	1
Breaking, entering and assault, breaking jail, . . . . .	1

Breaking, entering and larceny, assault and battery, assault with intent to kill, . . . . .	1
Breaking and entering and assault and battery, . . . . .	4
Breaking and entering by night, receiving, . . . . .	1
Breaking with intent, larceny, . . . . .	2
Breaking, entering, &c., grand larceny, . . . . .	3
Carrying burglars' tools with intent, receiving stolen goods, . . . . .	2
Causing or producing a miscarriage, . . . . .	1
Conspiracy, . . . . .	1
Carrying burglars' tools, . . . . .	3
Disorderly house, . . . . .	10
Escape, . . . . .	6
Entering and larceny, . . . . .	24
Entering, &c., . . . . .	3
Embezzlement, . . . . .	7
Entering, escape, . . . . .	1
Escape, larceny from person, atrocious assault and battery with pistol, . . . . .	1
Escape and larceny, . . . . .	1
Entering with intent to steal, . . . . .	2
Entering and grand larceny, . . . . .	3
Escape, attempt at rape, . . . . .	1
Forgery and escape, . . . . .	1
Forgery, . . . . .	11
False pretenses and forgery, . . . . .	2
Felonious assault and battery, . . . . .	1
Forgery and embezzlement, . . . . .	1
False pretenses and grand larceny, . . . . .	1
False pretenses, . . . . .	5
Fighting, . . . . .	2
Grand larceny, . . . . .	70
Grand larceny and assault and battery, . . . . .	2
Grand larceny, prison breach, . . . . .	1
Having in possession counterfeit coin, . . . . .	1
Having burglars' tools on his person, &c., . . . . .	4
Highway robbery, . . . . .	3
High misdemeanor, . . . . .	2
Highway robbery with intent to commit rape, . . . . .	1
Indecent exposure of person, . . . . .	4
Incest, . . . . .	4
Indecent assault, . . . . .	2
Incest, bigamy and assault and battery, . . . . .	1
Incest and rape, . . . . .	1
Kidnaping, . . . . .	1
Larceny, . . . . .	51
Larceny from the person, . . . . .	47
Larceny and receiving, . . . . .	14

Larceny as bailee, . . . . .	1
Larceny and escape, . . . . .	1
Larceny and grand larceny, . . . . .	1
Lewdness, . . . . .	1
Murder (first and second degree), . . . . .	42
Misdemeanor, . . . . .	3
Manslaughter, . . . . .	11
Malicious mischief, . . . . .	3
Malicious mischief and assault, . . . . .	2
Making counterfeit coin, . . . . .	2
Misdemeanor, breaking jail, . . . . .	1
Nuisance, . . . . .	2
Obtaining money under false pretense, . . . . .	2
Obtaining goods under false pretense, . . . . .	1
Obtaining goods under false pretense, breaking jail, . . . . .	1
Prison breach, . . . . .	2
Publishing false statement, embezzlement, &c., . . . . .	1
Perjury, . . . . .	2
Passing counterfeit money, . . . . .	2
Passing counterfeit coin, . . . . .	6
Petty larceny, . . . . .	2
Petty larceny from the person, . . . . .	1
Passing counterfeit obligations, . . . . .	3
Polygamy, . . . . .	1
Poisoning with intent to kill, . . . . .	1
Poisoning, . . . . .	1
Prison break and larceny, . . . . .	1
Placing obstructions on the railroad, prison breach, . . . . .	1
Receiving stolen goods, . . . . .	2
Riotous assault and battery, . . . . .	3
Robbery, . . . . .	11
Resisting an officer, . . . . .	4
Rape and abuse of infant, . . . . .	1
Rape, . . . . .	19
Resisting an officer, assault and battery, . . . . .	2
Robbery from the person, . . . . .	1
Receiving, . . . . .	5
Robbery, &c., . . . . .	1
Rape on a child ten years old, . . . . .	1
Rape, assault with intent to ravish, . . . . .	1
Sodomy, . . . . .	4
Seduction, . . . . .	1
Subornation of perjury, . . . . .	1
Unlawfully taking a horse, . . . . .	2
Unlawful and carnal knowledge and abuse of child, . . . . .	1
Violating the railroad law, . . . . .	1

## PLACES OF NATIVITY.

New Jersey, . . . . .	390
New York, . . . . .	161
Pennsylvania, . . . . .	66
Virginia, . . . . .	22
North Carolina, . . . . .	2
South Carolina, . . . . .	3
Delaware, . . . . .	16
Ohio, . . . . .	2
Vermont, . . . . .	1
Connecticut, . . . . .	10
Massachusetts, . . . . .	12
Florida, . . . . .	2
Maryland, . . . . .	17
Louisiana, . . . . .	1
Kansas, . . . . .	2
Michigan, . . . . .	1
Tennessee, . . . . .	1
California, . . . . .	4
Minnesota, . . . . .	1
Maine, . . . . .	2
Rhode Island, . . . . .	2
Illinois, . . . . .	3
District of Columbia, . . . . .	5
Kentucky, . . . . .	1
Texas, . . . . .	1
Michigan, . . . . .	2
Georgia, . . . . .	1
Missouri, . . . . .	1
Indiana, . . . . .	1
South America, . . . . .	1
Nova Scotia, . . . . .	1
Canada, . . . . .	5
Atlantic Ocean, on board ship, . . . . .	1
Germany, . . . . .	78
Ireland, . . . . .	82
England, . . . . .	38
Italy, . . . . .	17
France, . . . . .	4
Sweden, . . . . .	8
Russia, . . . . .	5
Switzerland, . . . . .	2
Bavaria, . . . . .	1
Denmark, . . . . .	1
Egypt, . . . . .	1
Holland, . . . . .	2

Scotland, . . . . .	8
Hungary, . . . . .	4
Austria, . . . . .	2
Saxony, . . . . .	1
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## AGES WHEN RECEIVED.

Fourteen years, . . . . .	1
Fifteen years, . . . . .	2
Fifteen to twenty years, . . . . .	141
Twenty to twenty-five years, . . . . .	268
Twenty-five to thirty years, . . . . .	168
Thirty to forty years, . . . . .	219
Forty to fifty years, . . . . .	125
Fifty to sixty years, . . . . .	56
Sixty to seventy years, . . . . .	16
Seventy to eighty years, . . . . .	1
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## YEARS IN WHICH RECEIVED.

1867, . . . . .	1
1869, . . . . .	1
1872, . . . . .	1
1878, . . . . .	1
1879, . . . . .	5
1880, . . . . .	2
1881, . . . . .	5
1882, . . . . .	9
1883, . . . . .	21
1884, . . . . .	25
1885, . . . . .	49
1886, . . . . .	72
1887, . . . . .	140
1888, . . . . .	256
1889, . . . . .	409
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## NUMBER OF COMMITMENTS.

First commitment, . . . . .	825
Second commitment, . . . . .	106
Third commitment, . . . . .	41
Fourth commitment, . . . . .	19
Fifth commitment, . . . . .	2
Sixth commitment, . . . . .	2
Seventh commitment, . . . . .	1
Ninth commitment, . . . . .	1
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## EDUCATION.

Can read and write,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	. 782
Cannot read or write,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	. 151
Read only,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	. 54
Can write only,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	. 10
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## COLOR AND SEX.

White males,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	. 793
White females,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	. 26
Colored males,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	. 168
Colored females,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	. 10
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## DAILY AVERAGE.

Males,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	. 929
Females,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	. 36
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Average, whole number,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	. 965

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## MORAL INSTRUCTORS' REPORT.

NEW JERSEY STATE PRISON, }  
November 1st, 1889. }

*To the Governor :*

At the close of another official year I would report to your Excellency that the moral and religious condition of the New Jersey State Prison is as favorable as can be hoped for in such an institution.

Religious instruction, both public and private, has been regularly given, not only by the Catholic and Protestant Chaplains, but also by other ministers and pious persons of every denomination, including some devoted ladies. Many of the prisoners profess a purpose of reform, and conduct themselves while here in an orderly manner. How far these pledges will be kept when these persons are released it is not easy for us to determine, but of many we hear a favorable report after they have returned to liberty. But whatever may be the final result in individual cases, there can be no question that these religious influences brought to bear upon the inmates of the institution greatly tend to good discipline among them while here.

With reference to the female ward, I can only repeat what I stated last year, that the mild yet firm discipline accompanied by gentle religious training leaves nothing to be desired. Indeed, this part of the Prison management, both in its economic and moral aspects, may be safely referred to as a model in every particular.

The night-school for the illiterate is maintained with excellent results, but the benefits arising from these schools could be greatly enlarged, and the comfort and convenience of worship greatly promoted, by the erection of a chapel. Such a room or rooms for instruction could be provided at a moderate cost beyond the labor of fitting up, which could be furnished by the institution itself. I hope that the pressing and paramount demand for accommodations for the prisoners themselves may not exhaust the resources and liberality of the State. As Librarian, I must report that our supply of books greatly needs replenishing.

All which is submitted with respect.

JNO. M. ROGERS,  
*Moral Instructor.*

*To the Honorable Board of Inspectors :*

GENTLEMEN—It is customary for the officers to submit a report of their offices to the Legislature of our State. The Chaplain's report is often only a repetition of the foregoing one, and I must confess that mine could not be otherwise. My work has been going on the same, and the difficulties in having services pointed out last year have not been remedied. The number of prisoners under my immediate charge have increased, and it is impossible to preach to all of them every Sunday, simply because we have not the room or chapel to bring them to.

Last year we suggested a plan for the remodeling of the hospital for a chapel. Having during the year visited several Prisons, I found that the Reformatory newly built at Huntington, Pa., has adopted the same plan we suggested, and it works very well. The Legislature some years ago passed a law authorizing the building of a chapel, but did not make an appropriation for that purpose. Since we must have divine service in one of the halls, and many prisoners being in the cells in the same or adjoining hall, there is not a Sunday but that the service is disturbed by noise of one kind or other in the cells.

The prisoners are earnest in their attendance, and behave well notwithstanding difficulties and disturbances by those in the cells. I must say that a great good is achieved, except when prisoners are doubled up, *i. e.* more than one in a cell, then I find that immorality is on the increase.

Give us a chapel and more cell room, and we can promise much better results.

I wish hereby to thank the Hon. J. H. Patterson, the Warden, and his officers, likewise your honorable body, for courtesies received during the past year.

Most respectfully submitted,

FIDELIS M. VOIGT, O.M.C.,

*Catholic Chaplain N. J. S. P.*

October 31st, 1889.