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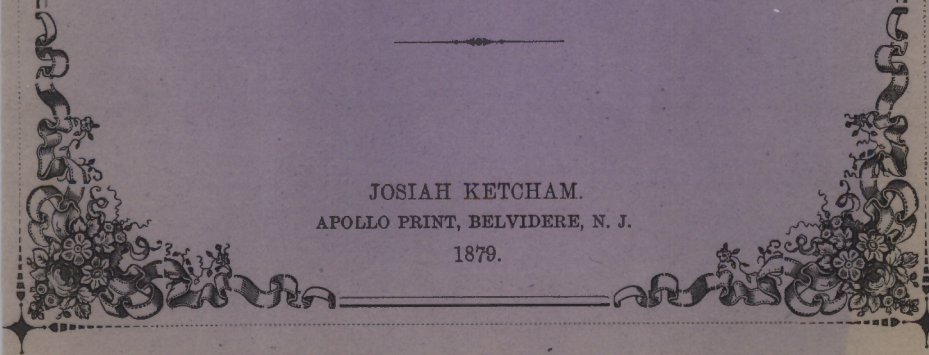
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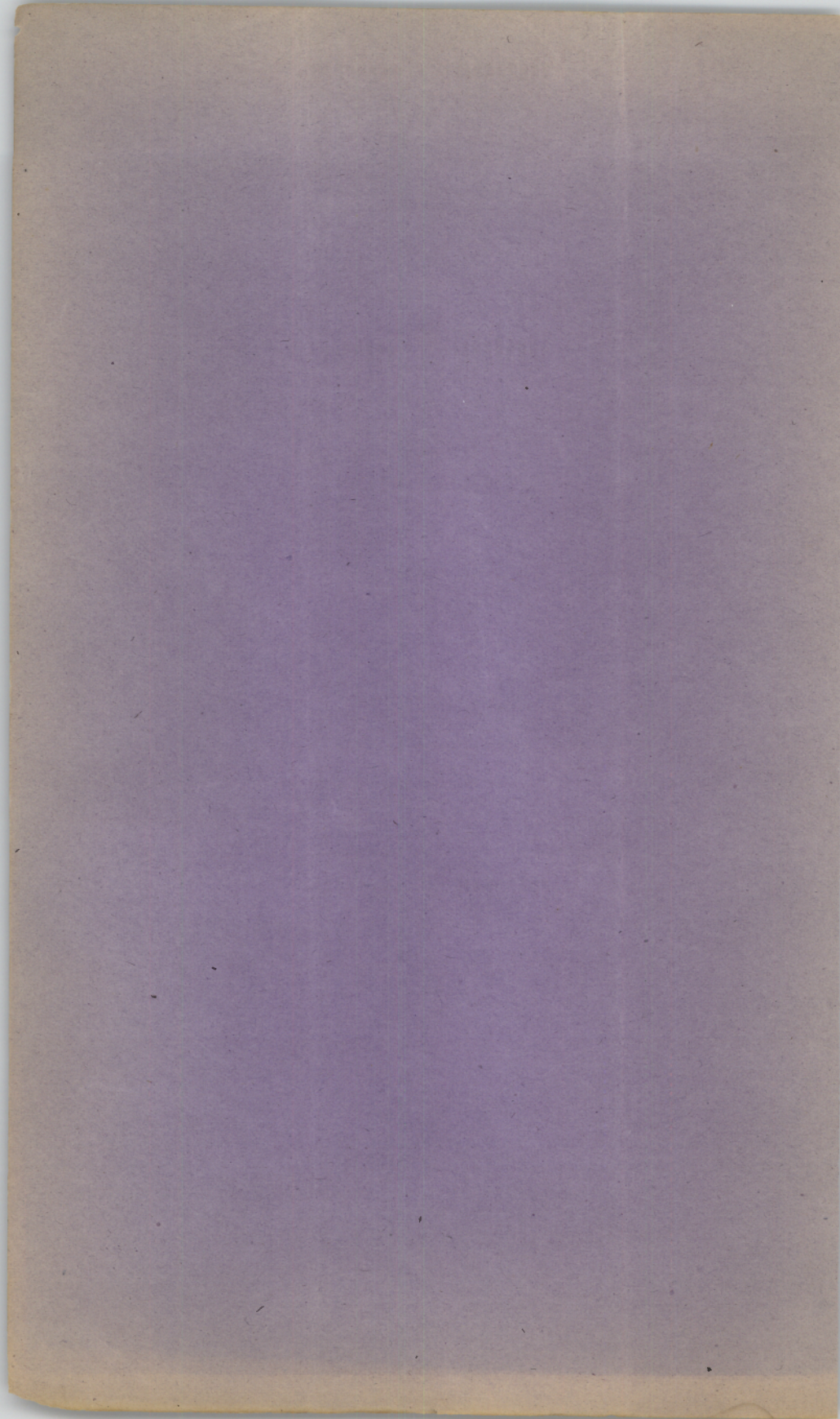
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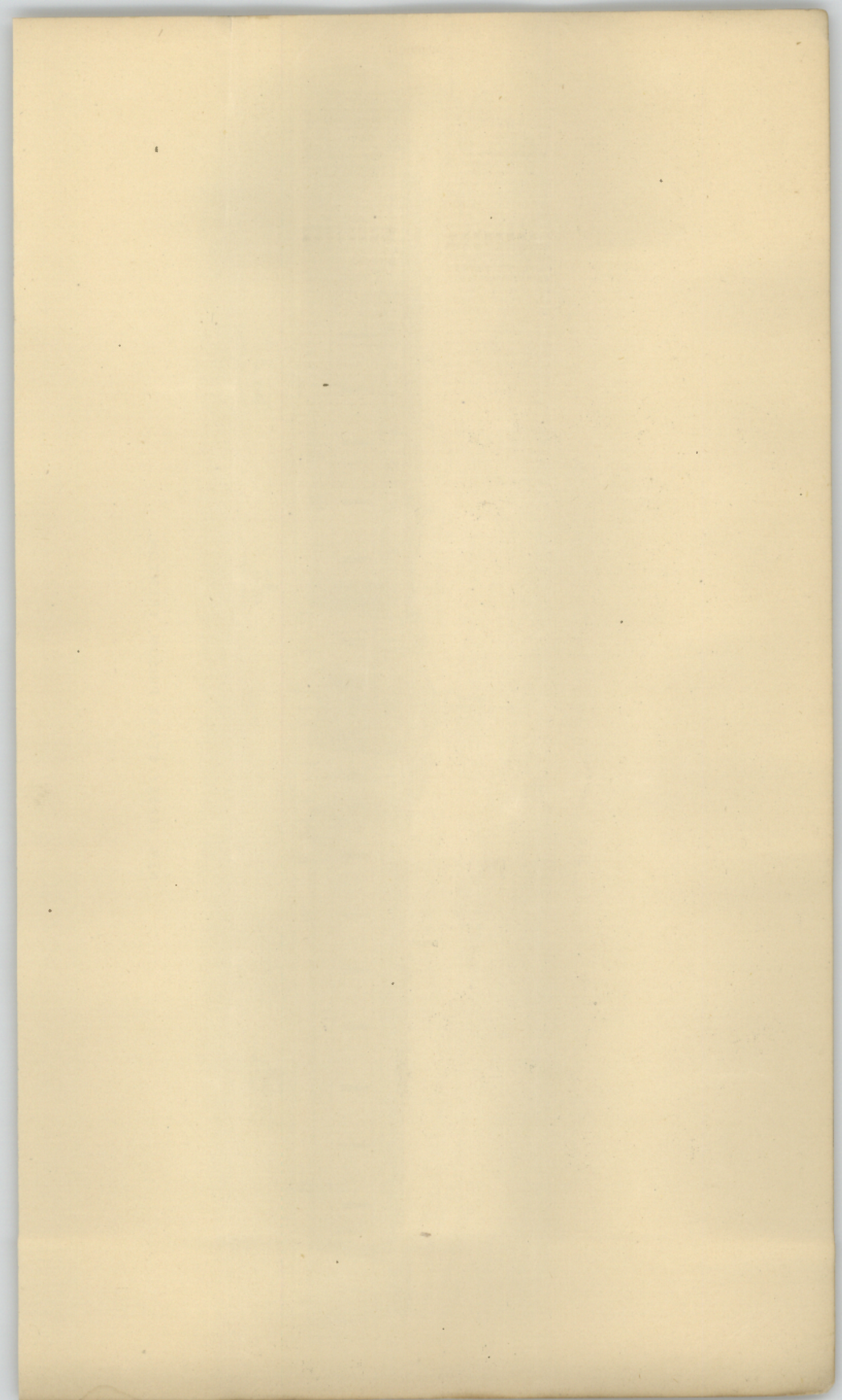
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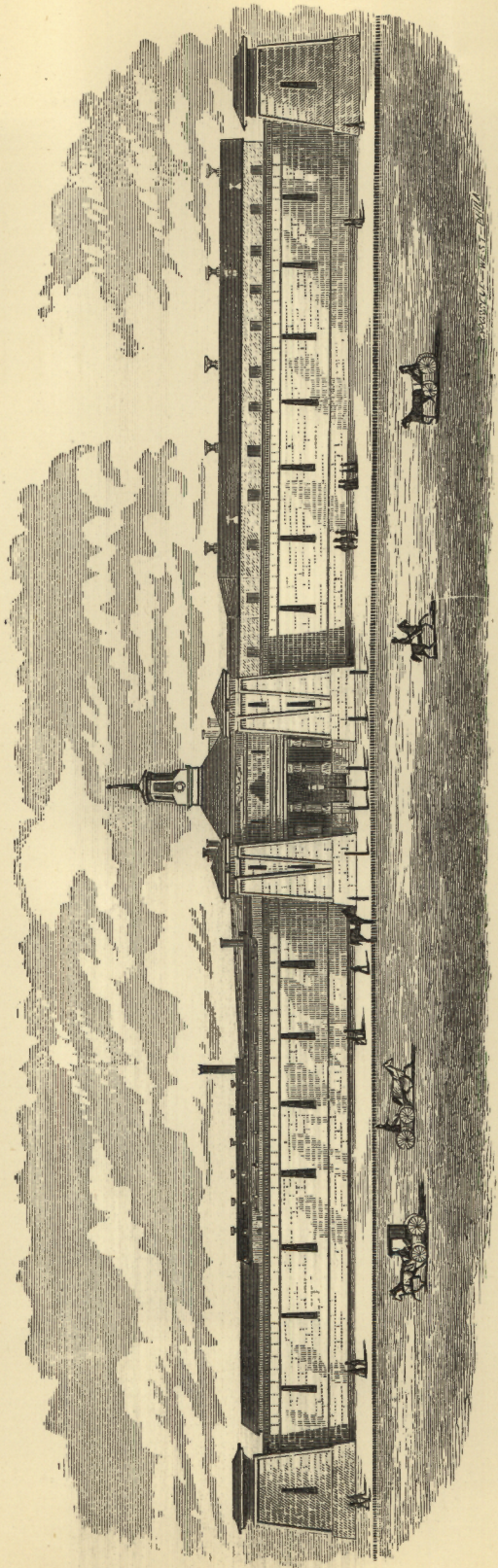
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NEW JERSEY STATE PRISON

COMMISSIONERS, PHYSICIAN AND JOINT
INSPECTORS, SUPERVISOR, KEEPERS, MORAL INSTRUCTOR,
COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR

1879

JOSEPH BELMONT
APRIL TWENTY BELVIDERE N. J.
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REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE.

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

That as required by law, we have visited the institution, and examined its general condition. The accounts of moneys received from the labor of convicts, and the expenses of their maintenance are systematically kept, and are audited monthly by the Comptroller and State Treasurer. The balance sheet exhibited to your Committee, shows—

First. That the total amount received from convict labor for the year commencing November 1, 1878, and ending October 31, 1879, was \$46,639.50. The amount received during the preceding year was \$63,412.99—a decrease of \$16,773.49. This decrease is explained by the fact that the average number of convicts employed has been less than during the preceding year.

Second. That the cost of maintenance, salaries, repairs of buildings and walls, and amount paid convicts on their discharge was \$113,860.29. This amount does not include the expenditure for new boilers and gas retorts, nor what was paid for curbing and paving—these are separately referred to in another part of this report. The cost of maintenance, &c., for the year ending October 31, 1878, was \$124,532.37—a decrease of \$10,672.08 in favor of the year just ended. The net loss to the State as shown by the difference between the decrease of earnings (\$16,773.49) and the decrease in cost of maintenance, &c., (\$10,672.08) is greater by \$6,101.41 than last year. A detailed statement of the total cost to the State over and above receipts, will be found in the Supervisors' and Inspectors' reports.

Third. That the special appropriation of \$4,000 for new boilers and additional gas retorts has been all expended. The committee have examined the boilers, new boiler house, and other new work done, and they believe that the appropriation has been economically and judiciously spent.

Fourth. That an extra expenditure has been incurred for curbing and paving the State property on Cass and Jenny streets, amounting to \$1,231.94. This expense was caused by compliance with an ordinance of the city of Trenton, and is not an item which can properly be charged to the ordinary repairs on buildings, walls, or machinery.

In concluding this report, your committee desire to commend the general management of the institution, especially its remarkable cleanliness and the exact discipline required of officers and prisoners. We look upon it as a model in these respects for the other penal institutions of the country.

JOHN F. BODINE,
PETER CRAMER,
CROWELL MARSH,

Of the Senate.

HARRISON VAN DUYNÉ,
THOS. O'CONNOR,

Of the House.

TRENTON, November 19, 1879.

STATE PRISON REPORT

With this statement, the commissioners have finished the work to which they were assigned.
Respectfully submitted,
D. MOTT
W. E. MURPHY
COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

OFFICE OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE PRISON, }
TRENTON, October 31, 1879. }

To His Excellency, George B. McClellan, Governor;

SIR:—In our last report, dated October 31, 1878, we stated that the enlargement of the State Prison, authorized by the act of the Legislature, approved March 8, 1877, was completed, and at a cost as follows:

The whole cost of enlargement.....	\$94,015	77
The whole cost of cemetery	979	24
		\$94,995 01

Amount drawn from the appropriation (\$100,000) is \$93,994.12, leaving in the treasury an undrawn balance of \$6,005.88, to which is to be added the sum of \$313.03, returned to the treasury, being balance of proceeds for materials sold, making together the sum of \$6,318.91.

After rendering our last statement, the commissioners constructed a large water reservoir in the building, at a cost of \$185.00. This sum added to the cost as shown above, \$94,015.77, makes \$95,180.01, including the cost of the cemetery, \$979.24.

The amount of the appropriation was.....	\$100,000	00
The amount returned to treasury	313	03
		\$100,313 03
Amount drawn from the treasury.....	93,994	12
		\$6,318 91

Or stated thus—

Amount of appropriation	\$100,000	00
Amount received for unused materials.....	1,498	92
		\$101,498 92
Whole cost of enlargement and cemetery	95,180	01
		\$6,318 91
Unexpended as shown above.....		\$6,318 91

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STATE PRISON REPORT.

With this statement, the commissioners have finished the work to which they were assigned.

Respectfully submitted,

G. MOTT,
W. R. MURPHY,
Commissioners.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Office of the New Jersey State Prison,
TRENTON, October 31, 1878.
To His Excellency, George R. McClellan, Governor.
Sir:—In our last report, dated October 31, 1878, we stated that the enlargement of the State Prison, authorized by the act of the Legislature, approved March 8, 1877, was completed, and at a cost as follows:

The whole cost of enlargement \$304,013 71
The whole cost of cemetery 979 24
\$304,992 95

Amount drawn from the appropriation (\$100,000) is \$98,941 12, leaving in the treasury an undrawn balance of \$1,058 88, to which is to be added the sum of \$312 03, returned to the treasury, being balance of proceeds for materials sold, making together the sum of \$1,370 91.

After rendering our last statement, the commissioners continued a large water reservoir in the building at a cost of \$188 00. This sum added to the cost as shown above, makes \$1,558 91, including the cost of the cemetery, \$1,746 82.

The amount of the appropriation was \$100,000 00
The amount returned to treasury 312 03

Amount drawn from the treasury \$299,941 12
Amount expended \$1,558 91

Of stated this—
Amount of appropriation \$100,000 00
Amount received for unused materials 1,197 93

Whole cost of enlargement and cemetery \$1,746 82
Unexpended as shown above \$1,558 91

J. STATE PRISON
TRENTON, N. J.
OCTOBER 31, 1878

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS.

MAY 31, 1879.

To His Excellency, George B. McClellan, Governor of New Jersey;

SIR:—Herewith I present my eleventh balance sheet, exhibiting the financial condition of the State Prison from the date of my last annual report, dated October 31, 1878, to May 31, 1879, at which latter date my duties as Supervisor cease.

That there might be no confusion in the accounts which my successor will render to your Excellency, which would perhaps require explanations if they antedated his appointment, I deemed it my duty to close the books of account, and make a full statement of the business of the institution at the date on which my duties end and his begin.

By examining the balance sheet it will be seen that the inventory amounts to \$30,530.68. This inventory was made by impartial and disinterested business men, and with my injunction that no fictitious value or over estimate should be placed upon any item of property. You will also observe that in "bills receivable" there is a charge to "profit and loss" to the amount of \$593.23. This claim was turned over to me when I assumed the duties of this office among other assets; but as it was as worthless then as it is now, I have eliminated it from the assets turned over to my successor, thereby relieving him from accountability in that regard.

In my last balance sheet there appears as a claim against the State, the sum of \$103,808.93. In a former report I said: "This item merely shows the sum of money which I have at various times paid into the treasury of the State, over and above the cost of maintaining the convicts, and is retained in the ledger only as a memorandum."

This item I have closed into "stock," thereby separating it from the assets, where it has remained only for the purpose just stated, and at the same time explains the large difference between the stock account as shown in my last report and that which appears in the balance sheet of my successor.

As my relation to the State Prison terminates with this report, your Excellency will, I am sure, permit a brief review of the ten years which have elapsed since that relation was formed.

The act of the Legislature creating the office of Supervisor, and a board of Supervisors, consisting of the State Comptroller, State Treasurer and the Supervisor, was approved March 26, 1869. To this board was assigned the control and management of the State Prison, with power to make rules for the government of its officers, employees and convicts. On the 6th day of April following, I entered upon the duties prescribed in the said act. These duties consisted mainly in the employment of the convicts, either in the manufacture of articles to be sold on State account, or by letting out their labor to others by contract; receiving and disbursing all moneys, and the purchase of all supplies needed for the use of the prison or prisoners; all subject to the approval of the board of supervisors. My first work, however, was to examine the financial condition of the institution, so that I could intelligently begin the reformation which the Legislature intended, and the public expected to be accomplished. Accordingly an inventory was taken, and the books closed, when it was discovered that the assets amounted to \$25,003.01, and the liabilities to \$31,527.71; leaving a deficiency of \$6,524.70 to be paid out of subsequent earnings.

Whatever other considerations may have combined to induce the Legislature of 1869 to increase materially the expense of managing the State Prison by the creation of three new offices, a sufficient one will probably be discovered in the annexed statement made from the official reports of the prison for the three years and four months immediately preceding the date on which the law referred to took effect.

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

This aggregate loss of \$224,141.69 represents an annual loss of \$67,242.48, which, of course, was paid out of the State Treasury. It is not surprising, therefore, that the Legislature sought some way of relief from a burden which seemed likely to be perpetuated as well as increased.

That the Legislature devised the most perfect plan, cannot of course be claimed; that it was measurably successful, a further statement from official annual reports will help to determine.

OFFICIAL REPORTS.	EARNINGS.	EXPENSES.	DEFICITS.	SURPLUS.
1869, Decem'r 31..	\$42,356 13	\$49,317 89	\$6,961 76	.....
1870, October 31..	58,331 76	61,742 51	3,410 75	.....
1871, October 31..	100,723 27	60,113 37	.....	\$40,609 90
1872, October 31..	80,892 99	52,414 52	.....	28,478 47
1873, October 31..	90,386 56	62,353 18	.....	28,033 38
1874, October 31..	104,041 98	58,807 05	.....	45,234 93
1875, October 31..	81,596 30	57,941 69	.....	23,654 61
1876, October 31..	30,724 13	55,226 79	24,502 66	.....
1877, October 31..	75,611 70	63,276 69	.....	12,335 01
1878, October 31..	63,412 99	54,331 91	.....	9,081 08
1879, to May 31..	25,196 00	27,942 46	2,746 46	.....
Total.....	\$753,273 81	\$603,467 97	\$37,621 63	\$187,427 38

The former statement shows an aggregate deficit of \$224,141.69, or an annual loss of \$67,230.48; the latter shows a surplus of \$149,805.84, or an annual gain of \$14,731.92. The annual loss of \$67,230.48, and the annual surplus of \$14,731.92 make the sum of \$81,967.40, which may be considered the annual gain; or an aggregate gain of \$819,654.00. This is the result which the Legislature of 1869 accomplished.

The amount of earnings from April 1, 1869, to May 31, 1879, as shown above, is \$753,273.81. It should not be overlooked, however, that during more than half that decade the country was suffering its deepest and most disastrous business depression, which affected prison industries equally with all outside enterprises.

With this short review of the trust reposed in me by four successive appointments, my final report is respectfully submitted.

Your obedient servant,

W. R. MURPHY,

Late Supervisor.

SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE,
NEW JERSEY STATE PRISON,
TRENTON, Oct. 31, 1879. }

To His Excellency, George B. McClellan, Governor of New Jersey;

SIR:—Herewith I respectfully forward my first balance sheet for five months, also my predecessor's for seven months, together with statements A, B, C and D, which show in a condensed form the

results of the labor of the convicts for the year just closed. The maintenance account, which comes directly under the Supervisor's charge, are as follows:

The income amounts to.....		\$46,639 50
The current expenses for merchandise.....	\$45,098 71	
Loss on bills receivable	593 23	
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		\$45,691 94
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		\$947 56

The balance sheet exhibits the state of our books of account. Statement A shows the items of current expenses. Statement B contrasts with previous years the earnings, expenses and balance of profit and loss account with this. Statement C contains the entire cost, including maintenance of convicts, money given to discharged convicts, salaries of officers and the repairs upon the buildings, walls and machinery. Statement D gives the number of convicts, the earnings and the several items of expenses in detail for this and several preceding years. Since the last report my predecessor has paid over to the Treasurer \$27,949.14, and I have paid over \$20,017.09, making \$47,966.23 paid over to the Treasurer this year, for which I hold his receipt countersigned by the Comptroller. The contracts for convict labor when I entered upon the duties of the office were for 220 convicts. I have since increased that number to 340, and have now 375 convicts at work in the shops, leaving about 150 convicts out of employment that are capable of doing a day's work. I hope with the improvement of the times to get employment for those. The prison this year shows only a small balance over the maintenance account, caused by the number of convicts unemployed. The maintenance account has been reduced to the smallest capitation, as the report shows for the last fourteen years. The repair account was increased this year by an expenditure of \$2,463.27 for stone coping on the walls; also \$1,231.94 for paving and curbing Cass and Jenny streets. With the increased number of convicts employed the receipts should be made to pay the maintenance account and a large part, if not the whole of the ordinary repair account. The special appropriation of \$4,000 made by the Legislature for a new boiler and to increase the capacity of the gas works, has been expended, and proved satisfactory and a benefit much needed by the prison.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. MOORE,

Supervisor.

STATEMENT A.

GAINS.	LOSSES.
Convict labor..... \$46,565 00	Subsistence..... \$24,370 17
Live stock..... 74 50	Furniture..... 1,006 27
	Clothing..... 4,228 81
	Fuel..... 4,566 97
	Bedding..... 1,454 63
	Discharged convicts' clothing..... 1,303 76
	Stationery..... 232 47
	Convict stationery... 72 55
	Tobacco..... 1,278 00
	Live stock..... 27 10
	Water..... 1,336 97
	Hospital..... 2,719 16
	Forage..... 630 42
	Light..... 1,640 97
	Miscellaneous..... 230 46
	Bills receivable..... 593 23
	Gain..... 947 56
\$46,639 50	\$46,639 50

STATEMENT B.

Showing the earnings, expenses, losses and gains from November, 1865, to the close of the present fiscal year; compiled from official reports:

REPORTS.	EARNINGS.	EXPENSES.	LOSSES.	GAINS.
1866, Nov. 30.....	\$26,172 78	\$77,156 59	\$50,983 81	.....
1867, Nov. 30.....	31,733 42	87,839 32	56,105 90	.....
1868, Nov. 30.....	39,392 38	95,369 68	55,977 30	.....
1869, to Mar. 31..	6,777 52	67,852 20	61,074 68	.....
1869, to Dec. 31..	42,356 13	49,317 89	6,961 76	.....
1870, Oct. 31.....	58,331 76	61,742 51	3,410 75
1871, Oct. 31.....	100,723 27	60,113 37	\$40,609 80
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1875, Oct. 31.....	81,596 30	57,941 69	23,654 61
1876, Oct. 31.....	30,724 13	55,226 79	24,307 12
1877, Oct. 31.....	75,611 70	63,276 69	12,335 01
1878, Oct. 31.....	63,412 99	54,331 91	.....	9,081 08
1879, to May 31..	25,196 00	27,942 46	2,746 46	.....
1879, to Oct. 31..	21,443 50	17,749 48	.....	3,694 02

STATEMENT C.

Showing the aggregate expenses during the year ending October 31, 1879:

Maintenance of convicts.....	\$45,098 71
Amount given discharged convicts.....	1,240 50
Repairs on buildings and walls.....	15,243 55
Escaped convicts.....	253 13
Salaries.....	52,024 40
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	\$113,860 29
Curbing and paving Cass and Jenny streets.....	1,231 94
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	\$115,092 23
New boiler and gas retorts.....	4,000 00
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	\$119,092 23
The income amounts to.....	\$46,639 50
Appropriation for new boiler, &c.....	4,000 00
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	\$50,639 50

STATEMENT D.

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 1879.

Year.	Number.	Subsistence.	Clothing and bedding.	Fuel.	Hospital.	Discharged convicts.	Miscellaneous.	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 40	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	
.....	585	50 23	25 08	8 66	1 16	.....	5 02	21 17	111 32	11 60	99 72	Four months, November 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 90	95 59	208 35	139 69	68 66	
1872	527	56 65	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	

STATE PRISON REPORT

	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930
Salaries	1,400,000	1,450,000	1,500,000	1,550,000	1,600,000	1,650,000	1,700,000	1,750,000	1,800,000	1,850,000	1,900,000	1,950,000	2,000,000	2,050,000
Operating expenses	1,200,000	1,250,000	1,300,000	1,350,000	1,400,000	1,450,000	1,500,000	1,550,000	1,600,000	1,650,000	1,700,000	1,750,000	1,800,000	1,850,000
Construction	500,000	550,000	600,000	650,000	700,000	750,000	800,000	850,000	900,000	950,000	1,000,000	1,050,000	1,100,000	1,150,000
Depreciation	300,000	320,000	340,000	360,000	380,000	400,000	420,000	440,000	460,000	480,000	500,000	520,000	540,000	560,000
Interest	100,000	110,000	120,000	130,000	140,000	150,000	160,000	170,000	180,000	190,000	200,000	210,000	220,000	230,000
Reserve fund	200,000	220,000	240,000	260,000	280,000	300,000	320,000	340,000	360,000	380,000	400,000	420,000	440,000	460,000
Contingent fund	100,000	110,000	120,000	130,000	140,000	150,000	160,000	170,000	180,000	190,000	200,000	210,000	220,000	230,000
Unexpended balance, January 1	1,000,000	1,100,000	1,200,000	1,300,000	1,400,000	1,500,000	1,600,000	1,700,000	1,800,000	1,900,000	2,000,000	2,100,000	2,200,000	2,300,000
Unexpended balance, December 31	1,100,000	1,200,000	1,300,000	1,400,000	1,500,000	1,600,000	1,700,000	1,800,000	1,900,000	2,000,000	2,100,000	2,200,000	2,300,000	2,400,000
Operating expenses	1,200,000	1,250,000	1,300,000	1,350,000	1,400,000	1,450,000	1,500,000	1,550,000	1,600,000	1,650,000	1,700,000	1,750,000	1,800,000	1,850,000
Construction	500,000	550,000	600,000	650,000	700,000	750,000	800,000	850,000	900,000	950,000	1,000,000	1,050,000	1,100,000	1,150,000
Depreciation	300,000	320,000	340,000	360,000	380,000	400,000	420,000	440,000	460,000	480,000	500,000	520,000	540,000	560,000
Interest	100,000	110,000	120,000	130,000	140,000	150,000	160,000	170,000	180,000	190,000	200,000	210,000	220,000	230,000
Reserve fund	200,000	220,000	240,000	260,000	280,000	300,000	320,000	340,000	360,000	380,000	400,000	420,000	440,000	460,000
Contingent fund	100,000	110,000	120,000	130,000	140,000	150,000	160,000	170,000	180,000	190,000	200,000	210,000	220,000	230,000
Total	4,500,000	4,650,000	4,800,000	4,950,000	5,100,000	5,250,000	5,400,000	5,550,000	5,700,000	5,850,000	6,000,000	6,150,000	6,300,000	6,450,000

DEPARTMENT	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930
General	1,000,000	1,050,000	1,100,000	1,150,000	1,200,000	1,250,000	1,300,000	1,350,000	1,400,000	1,450,000	1,500,000	1,550,000	1,600,000	1,650,000
Construction	500,000	550,000	600,000	650,000	700,000	750,000	800,000	850,000	900,000	950,000	1,000,000	1,050,000	1,100,000	1,150,000
Depreciation	300,000	320,000	340,000	360,000	380,000	400,000	420,000	440,000	460,000	480,000	500,000	520,000	540,000	560,000
Interest	100,000	110,000	120,000	130,000	140,000	150,000	160,000	170,000	180,000	190,000	200,000	210,000	220,000	230,000
Reserve fund	200,000	220,000	240,000	260,000	280,000	300,000	320,000	340,000	360,000	380,000	400,000	420,000	440,000	460,000
Contingent fund	100,000	110,000	120,000	130,000	140,000	150,000	160,000	170,000	180,000	190,000	200,000	210,000	220,000	230,000
Total	2,200,000	2,300,000	2,400,000	2,500,000	2,600,000	2,700,000	2,800,000	2,900,000	3,000,000	3,100,000	3,200,000	3,300,000	3,400,000	3,500,000

NEW TABLE STYLE LISTED FROM OCTOBER 31, 1918 TO MAY 31, 1920

REVENUE SHEET NO. 11

BALANCE SHEET, NO. 11.

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NEW JERSEY STATE PRISON, FROM OCTOBER 31st, 1878, TO MAY 31st, 1879.

LEDGER TITLES.	TRIAL BALANCE.		INVENTORY.	PROFIT AND LOSS.		STOCK.		REAL.	
	DR.	CR.		DR.	CR.	DR.	CR.	DR.	CR.
Stock.....		\$38,627 32					\$38,627 32		
Subsistence.....	\$17,344 43		\$3,560 81	\$13,783 62				\$3,560 81	
Furniture.....	12,445 36		12,145 20	300 16				12,145 20	
Clothing.....	10,867 75		7,788 63	3,079 12				7,788 63	
Fuel.....	4,354 87		559 50	3,795 37				559 50	
Bedding.....	3,908 63		3,209 91	698 72				3,209 91	
Discharged convicts' clothing.....	1,665 57		799 00	866 57				799 00	
Stationery.....	126 29		28 00	98 29				28 00	
Convicts' stationery.....	107 05		58 85	48 20				58 85	
Tobacco.....	1,482 00		553 20	928 80				553 20	
Chair seats.....	75 00		75 00					75 00	
Live stock.....	735 10		708 00	27 10				708 00	
Convict labor.....		25,196 00			\$25,196 00				
Bills receivable.....	2,179 94			593 23				1,586 71	
Water.....	692 33			692 33					
Hospital.....	1,989 55		500 00	1,489 55				500 00	
United States.....	235 50							235 50	
Forage.....	450 61		26 00	424 61				26 00	

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Light.....	1,635 37	518 58	1,116 79			518 58
Miscellaneous.....	41 88					41 88
Personal accounts.....	3,486 09					3,486 09
	\$63,823 32	\$63,823 32	\$30,530 68			
To stock for net loss.....				2,746 46	2,746 46	
				\$27,942 46	\$27,942 46	
Net capital.....					\$35,880 86	35,880 86
Assets and Liabilities.....						\$35,880 86 \$35,880 86

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BALANCE SHEET.

NEW JERSEY STATE PRISON, FROM JUNE 1st, 1879, TO OCTOBER 31st, 1879.

LEDGER TITLES.	TRIAL BALANCE.		INVENTORY.	PROFIT AND LOSS.		STOCK.		REAL.	
	DR.	CR.		DR.	CR.	DR.	CR.	DR.	CR.
				\$35,880 86					\$35,880 86
Stock.....									
Subsistence.....	\$12,491 78		\$1,905 23	\$10,586 55				\$1,905 23	
Furniture.....	12,805 20		12,099 09	706 11				12,099 09	
Clothing.....	9,250 84		8,101 15	1,149 69				8,101 15	
Fuel.....	1,324 60		553 00	771 60				553 00	
Bedding.....	3,536 66		2,780 75	755 91				2,780 75	
Discharged convicts' clothing.....	1,683 39		1,246 20	437 19				1,246 20	
Stationery.....	162 18		28 00	134 18				28 00	
Convicts' stationery.....	58 85		34 50	24 35				34 50	
Tobacco.....	553 20		204 00	349 20				204 00	
Chair seats.....	75 00		75 00					75 00	
Live stock.....	705 00		779 50	\$74 50				779 50	
Convict labor.....		21,369 00		21,369 00					
Bills receivable.....	1,586 71							1,586 71	
Water.....	644 64			644 64					
Hospital.....	1,779 61		550 00	1,229 61				550 00	
United States.....	648 00							648 00	
Forage.....	240 56		34 75	205 81				34 75	

Light.....	685 63	161 45	524 18			161 45
Miscellaneous.....	230 46		230 46			
Personal accounts.....	5,460 45					5,460 45
State of New Jersey.....	3,327 10					3,327 10
	<u>\$57,249 86</u>	<u>\$57,249 86</u>	<u>\$28,552 62</u>			
To stock net gain.....			3,694 02		3,694 02	
			<u>\$21,443 50</u>	<u>\$21,443 50</u>		
Net capital.....					<u>\$39,574 88</u>	<u>39,574 88</u>
Assets and liabilities.....					<u>\$39,574 88</u>	<u>\$39,574 88</u>

INSPECTORS' REPORT.

INSPECTORS' ROOM, NEW JERSEY STATE PRISON, }
 October 31st, 1879. }

To His Excellency, George B. McClellan, Governor of New Jersey;

SIR:—Since our last annual report but little change has taken place in regard to the employment of the convicts confined in the State Prison. At that time contracts were in force for the labor of 220 men, which has since been increased, at different intervals, to 340, to the following contractors :

T. P. and S. Smith.....	60 men.	Expires	1881
John Dibert.....	80 "	"	1881
A. C. Dibert.....	70 "	"	1881
W. McKnight.....	130 "	"	1881

Out of a daily average of 802 prisoners, 119 are either physically or mentally disabled, and have to be supported by the labor of their fellows or maintained by the State. Deducting from the remainder those necessary for performing the ordinary duties of the prison, we still have from 150 to 200 unemployed on our hands. Why no one seeks their labor is to us a mystery. Business in all branches has certainly greatly improved. Labor daily grows scarcer, and wages show a tendency to rise, yet no man hires them. Whether this is due to the present agitation of the contract system or to the unsatisfactory results achieved by the employment of convict labor, is a problem for which, we trust, the able commission now in session on that subject, may find a satisfactory solution. Certain it is, however, that these men cannot be benefited in health, nor improved in morals, by enforced idleness; and all idea of making the prison reformatory in character, must be summarily dismissed until some occupation, either by the State or otherwise, can be found for them. Merely sending men to State Prison to be fattened, clothed and warmed, is, to the great majority, no punishment at all.

The receipts for the present year, from all sources, amount to \$46,639.50, \$16,773.49 less than for the preceding year; and, although the cost of maintenance has been reduced for the same period by the sum of \$9,233.20, there still remains a deficit of \$68,452.73 to be paid by the State; that amount being the excess of

expenditures over receipts. Included in the sums charged to repairs account, are two items of an extraordinary character, which will not recur again, viz.: The curbing and grading of Jenny and Cass streets, (\$1,231.94), in accordance with the ordinance of the municipal authorities, and the new stone coping of the prison walls to replace the decayed and worn out shingle covering hitherto in use, (\$2,463.27). Eliminating these two charges from the account, there is a saving of about \$2000 on repairs as compared with 1878.

By referring to the accompanying table, it will be seen that the earnings of the prisoners for the past ten years, have almost uniformly, steadily decreased. From this comparison it would seem as if the convict labor question was gradually solving itself. With yearly increasing members earnings continue to diminish.

	<i>Number.</i>	<i>Earnings.</i>
1871.....	547.....	\$100,723 27
1872.....	527.....	80,892 99
1873.....	545.....	90,386 56
1874.....	615.....	104,041 98
1875.....	656.....	81,596 30
1876.....	766.....	30,724 13
1877.....	816.....	75,611 70
1878.....	825.....	63,412 99
1879.....	802.....	46,639 50

With the exception of the year 1876, the present year of prosperity shows the smallest returns.

In response to our request the last Legislature made an appropriation of \$4000 for the necessary addition of three (3) gas retorts, and two (2) new boilers, which were found requisite to properly supply the prison. These improvements have been completed for the amount of the appropriation, and yield satisfactory results.

In our last report reference was also made to the increasing want of facilities in the cook and wash houses, the need continues as pressing as ever, and we would respectfully urge upon your Excellency the expediency of again calling the attention of the Legislature to this subject.

John Logan, who was reported last year as having escaped from the prison, has, after an absence of nine months, been recaptured. The reward of \$200 offered by the Keeper, Gen. Mott, was paid for his return, which, with other necessary expenses, (53.13), makes the charge of \$253.13 on that account.

The death roll of the year is unusually large, numbering twenty-three (23) out of a total of 802; this is equivalent to twenty-nine (29) in a thousand—a high average. As almost all these deaths have occurred from constitutional difficulties, they cannot in any way be attributed to local causes, nor to any want of care on the part of those having charge of the prison. From close inspection, it is very evi-

dent that every care and precaution which skill or science can suggest, has been availed of by the authorities to maintain its high sanitary condition, and to preserve the health of its inmates.

For detailed statement of number of convicts, character of crime, nativity, terms of sentence, &c. &c., we most respectfully refer you to the accompanying statistical tables prepared most carefully by Mr. Bonney, Clerk of Prison.

To those associated with us in the performance of our duty, we desire to return our acknowledgments for their valuable co-operation and assistance.

The total amount of bills audited and passed by the Board of Inspectors during the year ending October 31st, 1879, amounted to.....\$110,717 36

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Apportioned as follows :

Maintenance.....	\$47,464 34	
Repairs	16,475 49	
Salaries	42,524 40	
New Boilers and Gas Retorts.....	4,000 00	
Rewards and Expenses.....	253 13	
	<hr/>	\$110,717 36

To which add salaries of Supervisor, Keeper and five Inspectors paid directly from State Treasury.....	9,500 00	
Also, amount paid discharged convicts.....	1,240 50	
	<hr/>	\$121,457 86

Deduct cost of new boilers and gas retorts, appropriated by Legislature.....	\$4,000 00	
Also, stock and material on hand.....	2,365 63	
	<hr/>	6,365 63

Total cost,	<hr/>	\$115,092 23
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By amount of total earnings.....	46,639 50	
Total loss to State,	<hr/>	\$68,452 73

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. M. WRIGHT,
ANDREW KERR,
R. F. STOCKTON,
BARCLAY GRISCOM,
HENRY L. BUTLER.

TABLE A.

NAMES.	OCCUPATION.	1878.		1879.										TOTAL.		
		November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	Aprl.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.			
Mrs. E. Mott.....	Matron.....	\$100 00	\$100 00	\$100 00	\$100 00	\$100 00	\$100 00	\$100 00	\$100 00	\$100 00	\$100 00	\$100 00	\$100 00	\$100 00	\$100 00	.....
Ruth Barrow.....	Assistant Matron...	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	.....
Mrs. A. Housell.....	Night Watch.....	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	.....
Robert B. Bonney.....	Clerk.....	125 00	125 00	125 00	125 00	125 00	125 00	125 00	125 00	125 00	125 00	125 00	125 00	125 00	125 00	.....
W. W. L. Phillips.....	Physician.....	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	67 74						.....
Wm. A. Newell, Jr.....	"									32 26	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	.....
John M. Rogers.....	Moral Instructor...	83 33	83 33	83 33	83 33	83 33	83 33	83 33	83 33	83 33	83 33	83 33	83 33	83 33	83 33	.....
Abram Wilson.....	Door Keeper.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	.....
J. G. Van Houten.....	Centre.....	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	.....
A. K. Perry.....	Marshal.....	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	73 33					.....
Wm. H. Hemsing.....	"									26 67	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	.....
Felix McGuire.....	Commissary.....	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	.....
E. Kaufman.....	Engineer.....	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	.....
C. M. Riley.....	Dispensary Clerk...	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	.....
R. S. Howell.....	Hall & Store Keep'r	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	.....
Coulter, Wm.....	Shop Keeper.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	.....
Lowe, Fred. O.....	"	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	.....
Madden, Thos. B.....	"	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	.....
Moulds, Thomas.....	"	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	.....
Thorn, Jos. H.....	"	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	.....
Murphy, Geo. D.....	Hall Keeper.....	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	.....
Murphy, Geo. D.....	Shop Keeper.....													77 67	80 00	.....
Robinson, Silas.....	Hall Keeper.....	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	.....
Bergen, J. R.....	"	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	.....
Carter, John W.....	"	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	.....
Hopper, A. G.....	"	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	.....
Knox, Chas. H.....	"	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	.....
Hemsing, Wm. H.....	"	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	55 00						.....
Miller, Charles.....	Tower.....	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	.....
Miller, Charles.....	Hall Keeper.....													75 00	75 00	.....
Mathews, Bracilla.....	Tower.....	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	.....
Mott, Morgan.....	"	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	.....
Wilgus, Henry.....	"	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	.....
Tatem, Samuel.....	Centre, Night.....	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	.....
Hazlett, John.....	"	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	.....

STATISTICS.

OFFICE NEW JERSEY STATE PRISON, }
October 31st, 1879.

To the Honorable Board of Inspectors ;

GENTLEMEN :—Herewith find statistical tables compiled from the records of this institution, for the year ending October 31st, 1879.

ROBERT B. BONNEY,
Clerk of Prison.

STATISTICS.

Number in confinement October 31st, 1878.....	823
Number received from that time to October 31st, 1879.....	417
	1,240

There have been discharged as follows—

By remittance of time (Act April 2, 1869).....	397
*Pardoned	22
Died	23
Sent to Asylum.....	3
By order U. S. Commissioner.....	5
Fine remitted by Court of Pardons.....	1
By order of Supreme Court.....	1
	452

Number in confinement October 31st, 1879.....	788
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*Of the above number, two (2) were pardoned by the President of the United States, and the remaining twenty (20) by the Court of Pardons of this State.

TERM OF SENTENCES.

Natural life.....	6
Forty years.....	1
Thirty years.....	1
Twenty-seven years.....	2
Twenty years.....	17
Seventeen years.....	2
Fifteen years.....	17
Fourteen years.....	1
Thirteen years.....	1
Twelve years.....	6
Ten years.....	66
Nine years.....	2
Eight years.....	14
Seven years six months.....	1
Seven years.....	33
Six years six months.....	3
Six years.....	21
Five years six months.....	1
Five years three months.....	1
Five years.....	143
Four years nine months.....	1
Four years six months.....	2
Four years.....	31
Three years six months.....	3
Three years.....	104
Two years nine months.....	1
Two years six months.....	22
Two years three months.....	1
Two years.....	108
One year eight months.....	1
One year six months.....	35
One year.....	106
Nine months.....	9
Six months.....	24
Three months (U. S. convict).....	1

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COUNTIES WHERE CONVICTED.

Atlantic.....	8
Bergen.....	30
Burlington.....	32
Camden.....	42
Cape May.....	16
Cumberland.....	36

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Essex	146
Gloucester	15
Hudson	124
Hunterdon	19
Mercer	54
Monmouth	24
Middlesex	30
Morris	23
Ocean	3
Passaic	52
Salem	15
Somerset	15
Sussex	10
Union	43
Warren	25
U. S. District	21
Bergen and Passaic	2
Burlington and Monmouth	1
Mercer and Union	1
Morris and Mercer	1

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CRIMES FOR WHICH COMMITTED.

Assault and battery	60
Assault and battery with pistol	3
Assault on an officer	3
Assault and battery and rape	2
Assault and battery and fornication	1
Abortion	2
Atrocious assault and battery	21
Attempt at rape	2
Attempt at larceny from the person	1
Assault and battery and attempt at rape	7
Attempt to break and enter	3
Assault and taking by violence	3
Assault and battery and attempt to rob	5
Atrocious assault and battery and indecent exposure of person ..	1
Assault and robbery	6
Arson and stealing	5
Assault with intent to murder, assaulting an officer	2
Assault and battery and larceny	5
Arson	5
Assault and battery with intent to kill	25
Breaking	57
Breaking, entering and larceny	82
Burning, breaking with intent, and receiving stolen goods	1

Breaking with intent.....	41
Breaking, entering and setting fire.....	1
Breaking into Post Office.....	4
Burning barn.....	4
Breaking jail, breaking, entering and larceny.....	7
Bigamy.....	4
Battery and larceny.....	1
Breaking, entering and counterfeiting.....	2
Burglary, &c.....	8
Breaking and entering in the night.....	2
Burning.....	2
Breaking and entering.....	35
Breaking jail, entering with intent, assault and battery.....	2
Breaking, entering and stealing, and receiving stolen goods.....	4
Breaking with intent and grand larceny.....	2
Breaking and entering with intent, assault and battery and malicious mischief.....	1
Burning, entering and larceny.....	1
Burglary, with intent to rob and kill.....	1
Causing miscarriage.....	1
Conspiracy.....	8
Carrying burglars' tools and entering.....	1
Disorderly house.....	6
Entering.....	4
Embezzlement.....	1
Entering and larceny.....	20
Escape.....	1
Entering with intent, &c.....	3
Forgery.....	10
Forgery, embezzlement and grand larceny.....	1
Forgery and uttering.....	8
Forgery and larceny.....	1
Forgery and false pretence.....	1
Forgery and conspiracy.....	3
Grand larceny, breaking and entering, assault, &c.....	2
Grand larceny.....	82
Having burglars' tools.....	4
Highway robbery.....	2
Horse stealing.....	5
Having burglars' tools with intent.....	1
Having in possession counterfeit U. S. obligations.....	1
Having in possession with intent to pass, counterfeit silver coin..	1
Having in possession plate to engrave counterfeit U. S. note, assisting in engraving plate for counterfeit U. S. note.....	1
Indecent exposure.....	3
Indecent assault.....	2
Incestuous fornication.....	1

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Incest.....	1
Larceny and receiving.....	7
Larceny from the person.....	19
Larceny.....	42
Larceny, having burglars' tools, breaking with intent.....	1
Murder, first and second degree.....	30
Malicious mischief.....	6
Misdemeanor.....	3
Making false entries in books National Bank, embezzlement....	1
Manslaughter.....	12
Non-payment of special tax as retail dealer in liquors, having in possession counterfeit U. S. coin.....	1
Obtaining money under false pretence.....	1
Obstructing U. S. Custom officer.....	1
Open lewdness....	1
Obstructing railroads.....	1
Polygamy.....	3
Passing counterfeit money.....	9
Poisoning.....	1
Perjury.....	1
Rape.....	17
Robbery.....	12
Resisting an officer.....	4
Riotous assault and battery.....	1
Receiving stolen goods.....	3
Setting fire to store house.....	1
Smuggling.....	2
Setting fire to building.....	1
Setting fire to city jail, Cape May.....	1
Stealing the mail.....	1
Unlawfully having burglars' tools.....	5
Uttering forged note.....	3
Uttering counterfeit U. S. obligations and securities.....	1
Working in a distillery on which no sign was placed.....	2

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PLACES OF NATIVITY.

New Jersey.....	349
New York.....	103
Pennsylvania.....	56
Germany.....	55
Ireland.....	80
Canada.....	6
Maryland.....	14
Texas.....	1
Switzerland.....	1

Virginia	13
France	5
West Virginia.....	2
Scotland.....	4
England	22
Italy	6
Ohio	4
Belgium	1
Kentucky	1
Massachusetts	9
Prussia.....	3
Connecticut	6
Vermont.....	2
Delaware	10
Holland	2
Louisiana.....	2
Missouri.....	2
District of Columbia.....	4
Maine.....	2
Denmark.....	3
Tennessee.....	2
Canada West	1
Australia	2
North Carolina.....	1
South Carolina.....	3
Spain.....	1
Illinois	1
Rhode Island.....	2
New Hampshire.....	1
East Indies.....	1

YEARS IN WHICH RECEIVED.

	788
1860	1
1866	2
1867	3
1869	3
1870	2
1871	5
1872	10
1873	9
1874	12
1875	36
1876	97
1877	100
1878	189
1879	319
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AGES WHEN RECEIVED.

Thirteen years	1
Fourteen years.....	1
From fifteen to twenty.....	90
From twenty to twenty-five.....	249
From twenty-five to thirty.....	125
From thirty to forty.....	171
From forty to fifty.....	98
From fifty to sixty.....	35
From sixty to seventy.....	15
From seventy to eighty.....	3
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NUMBER OF COMMITMENTS.

First commitment.....	646
Second ".....	108
Third ".....	25
Fourth ".....	6
Fifth ".....	2
Eighth ".....	1
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Can read and write.....	604
Can read only.....	46
Can neither read nor write.....	138
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COLOR AND SEX.

White males.....	652
White females.....	20
Colored males.....	107
Colored females.....	9
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Daily average—males.....	767
“ “ —females.....	35
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“ “ whole number.....	802

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NUMBER OF YEARS

1	Thirteen years
1	Fourteen years
90	From fifteen to twenty
249	From twenty to twenty-five
125	From twenty-five to thirty
171	From thirty to forty
98	From forty to fifty
35	From fifty to sixty
15	From sixty to seventy
3	From seventy to eighty
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788	

NUMBER OF CONFINEMENTS

646	First confinement
108	Second
25	Third
6	Fourth
3	Fifth
1	Sixth
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788	

604	Can read and write
46	Can read only
138	Can neither read nor write
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788	

COLOR AND SEX

672	White males
30	White females
107	Colored males
0	Colored females
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707	Male
30	Female
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802	Whole number

KEEPER'S REPORT.

KEEPER'S OFFICE, NEW JERSEY STATE PRISON, }
TRENTON, October 31st, 1879. }

To His Excellency, George B. McClellan, Governor of New Jersey ;

SIR :—In accordance with custom I have the honor to transmit the following report for the year ending October 31st, 1879 :

The number of prisoners confined here November 1st, 1878, was eight hundred and twenty-three, (823) ; number received during the year, four hundred and seventeen, (417) ; number discharged, four hundred and fifty, (450) ; leaving at this date seven hundred and eighty-eight, (788).

The maximum number during the year was eight hundred and forty-three (843), on the 30th of November, 1878 ; the minimum, seven hundred and fifty-five (755), on the 10th of September, 1879. The daily average last year was eight hundred and twenty-five, (825) ; this year it has been eight hundred and two, (802) ; an average decrease of twenty-three, (23). This is doubtless owing to the increased prosperity of the country, and consequently the less number of persons unemployed.

The cost of subsisting the convicts, per capita, per day, was eight cents and three mills, (8 3-10 cents) ; per annum, thirty dollars and thirty-nine cents, (\$30.39) ; cost of maintenance per day, fifteen cents and four mills, (15 4-10 cents) ; per annum, fifty-six dollars and twenty-three cents, (\$56.23). The total cost of each convict (including officers' salaries, ordinary repairs, amount paid to discharged convicts and expenses incurred in recapturing an escaped convict), per day, was thirty-eight cents and nine mills, (38 9-10 cents) ; per annum, one hundred and forty-one dollars and ninety-seven cents, (\$141.97), against one hundred and fifty dollars and ninety-four cents (\$150.94), last year.

The earnings, per capita, during the year, were fifty-eight dollars and fifteen cents (\$58.15), against seventy-six dollars and eighty-six cents (\$76.86) the preceding year, caused by a less number of convicts being employed by the contractors.

The seven hundred and fifty-nine (759) male convicts at this date are accounted for as follows, viz.:

On shoe contracts.....	368	Helper	1
Runners.....	35	Tailors	2
Bakery.....	7	Tinsmiths	2
Cook house.....	7	Plumber	1
Wash house.....	6	Locksmith	1
Barbers.....	4	Bookbinder.....	1
Bucket men (west wing).....	3	Masons	3
Gate men.....	2	Engineers	2
Hospital attendants.....	3	Firemen.....	2
Carpenters.....	3	Shoemakers	2
Painters.....	2	Sick in hospital.....	11
Lamp man.....	1	Old, infirm and crippled.....	119
Gardener	1	Unemployed	138
Policing.....	22		
Sick in cells.....	9	Total	759
Blacksmith	1		

The female convicts have made the following articles, viz.:

Hickory shirts.....	1,280	Sheets	1,040
White shirts.....	682	Towels	653
Striped shirts.....	567	Bed ticks.....	58
Over shirts.....	120	Pillow cases.....	59
Woolen shirts.....	6	Dresses	23
Aprons for males.....	795	Chemises.....	57
Aprons for females.....	126	Pair drawers.....	15

And have repaired as follows, viz.:

Sheets	1,060	Aprons.....	16
Shirts.....	7,743	Dresses.....	250
Woolen shirts.....	846	Underclothing for females..	460
Bed ticks.....	263		

In accordance with an act of the Legislature, entitled "An act to provide facilities for lighting and heating the New Jersey State Prison," approved March 12th, 1879, we have purchased and placed in position two additional boilers and three gas retorts, at a total cost of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00), which will supply the institution with all the necessary heat and light for some time to come.

During the past year we have replaced the old shingle coping (which was completely worn out), on the north, south and west walls by stone, which makes a much better and a lasting finish, and was necessary for the preservation of the walls, at a cost of two thousand four hundred and sixty-three dollars and twenty-seven cents (\$2,463.27).

Last winter the Common Council of the borough of Chambersburg passed an ordinance requiring the property owners on Cass and Jenny streets to pave and curb in front of their respective properties. This ordinance was complied with as far as the State owned, at a cost of twelve hundred and thirty-one dollars and ninety-four cents (\$1,231.94). As this is an extraordinary expense, it is not included in making up my account of the current cost of each convict.

John Logan, who escaped October 24th, 1878, was recaptured and returned on the 12th of July, 1879, at an expense to the State of two hundred and fifty-three dollars and thirteen cents (\$253.13).

We are still very much in want of cell room, having been compelled, during the year, of confining on an average eight hundred and two (802) convicts into six hundred and ninety six (696) available cells.

The South Hall and West Wing, with defective sewerage and ventilation; the cooking, washing and baking rooms, with their contracted walls, not adequate to our wants, and the necessity of a Chapel, remain the same as when I called attention to them in my first report in 1876.

For the financial, statistical and sanitary state of the Prison, and the moral and religious condition of the convicts, I respectfully refer to the reports of the Supervisor, Board of Inspectors, Physician and Moral Instructor.

Respectfully submitted,

G. MOTT, *Keeper.*

The following table shows the number of persons who were employed in the various occupations in the city of New York during the year 1870. The occupations are arranged in descending order of the number of persons employed in each. The occupations are divided into three classes, viz: (1) those who are employed in the service of the Government, (2) those who are employed in the service of the public, and (3) those who are employed in the service of the private. The occupations are arranged in descending order of the number of persons employed in each.

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MORAL INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT.

STATE PRISON, TRENTON, N. J., Nov. 15, 1879.

To His Excellency, George B. McClellan, Governor of New Jersey ;

SIR :—I beg leave to report that I have completed another year of steady and uninterrupted labor in the duties of my office. The moral and religious instruction of the prisoners, both by public religious services and in the way of private counsel, has been attended to as well as the circumstances of the case admit of; but the want of a chapel, or any place for assembling the prisoners, has been an obstacle in the way of profitable and acceptable religious meetings, and must continue to be until one is provided. For reasons particularly stated in former reports, it is greatly to be desired that in some way, and soon, this great help to moral improvement may be secured.

As Librarian, I would report that a variety of reading matter (comprising books on almost all subjects), has been regularly circulated among the prisoners. It is necessary, however, that the number of the books should be increased, and new ones purchased from time to time, at least in sufficient number to supply the place of those that wear out in the hard service. A small appropriation for this purpose would be thankfully received. In conclusion I would say, that as far as I have the means of judging, the moral tone of the prison, as well as its order, have been remarkably good during the past year; and further, that although the statement is open to obvious and oft repeated criticism, I have evidence entirely satisfactory to my own mind, that there are not a few under sentence whose penitence is genuine, whose religious feelings are deep and entirely sincere, while their views of religious truths are intelligent and satisfactory.

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Every endeavor is made to promote the sanitary condition of the prison. The ventilation and drainage of the new wings, north and east, are apparently as perfect as art can accomplish; and it is a noticeable fact I am called upon to treat a far less percentage from these than from the other wings, west and south.

In the hospital every comfort is provided for the sick, and the most careful regard for cleanliness and pure air is enforced.

The diet is most excellent, and carefully prepared. The patients are as cheerful as their condition will permit.

I beg to be allowed to express my gratitude for the aid and cooperation of Gen. Mott and Assistants, and for the courtesies and considerations extended me by your Board.

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