

## THE SABBATH SCHOOL

Has exerted a most salutary and happy influence upon the moral condition of the prisoners. Several prominent gentlemen and ladies of the city devote a portion of the Sabbath to the religious instruction of the inmates, and many who were thought to be abandoned and lost (spiritually,) at the time of their reception now give evidence of entire repentance and a willingness to recognize in the Saviour their only means of salvation ;—at all events, it is evident, that the religious training and culture they receive from these good people of God makes them better prisoners,—and avoids or does away with the harsh treatment that had, in former times to be resorted to, to keep up and maintain a proper discipline in the Prison.

## INSANITY OF THE PRISONERS.

Your Committee were pained to find in the Prison some who are utterly destitute of mind and reason. They therefore recommend that they be immediately removed to some hospital, say the Maryland Hospital, to serve out their term of sentence there and at the same time, to be treated by those more familiar with that disease, and at less expense to the State. As it is these doubly unfortunate convicts require to be kept in close confinement at more trouble, annoyance and expense to the Institution than they would be to the State, under the government of men who have nothing else to do but to try and restore lost intellect.

## THE NON-PRODUCTIVES.

There are now some seventy prisoners, who, from old age and infirmity, are utterly worthless and of no account. They are in fact, an incubus on the Institution. Something should be done to relieve it of this heavy tax.

## THE CONTRACTORS.

The Committee find the tub and broom and barrel department to be under contract. The contractors should pay for the use of water power, independent of the price for hands, which they do not do at present. Your Committee recommend the passage of a law to compel these contractors to supply their own water power, so that the State will have nothing to do with it in any future contracts to be made.