

had been treated, and in which the worthy deputy keeper, who has special charge over this department, was not forgotten. What a contrast do such scenes as I have described, present to the conduct of the keeper, in his dealings with the refractory or disobedient in the yard! To these he renders uncompromising justice, and with a resolution and promptitude that never falters.

It has been my frequent practice to pass alone through the workshops, and among the prisoners—not to court complaints, but to afford my miserable fellow-men an opportunity of making them if they had cause, and I patiently listened to all who approached me, to recount their sufferings and tell their tales of woe. I believe that only once, and that was in a small matter, have I felt it right or proper to interfere in the behalf of any one, on any account—so far as it regarded aught happening within the prison, in respect to usage or diet.

All the unusual punishments formerly inflicted in this prison, have ceased. That of stripes is sometimes used, but as rarely as possible. Some are so refractory, and obstinate, and lazy, that solitary confinement seems to have no effect on them. A smart flogging is given to these, and their labor is not lost to the society which they have injured by their crimes. Sometimes they are punished by an increase of their task; and, being capable, they are compelled to perform it.

The workshops have been built at different periods, without much unity of design, and are ill-contrived, on many accounts—especially in concealing the most of the men from the rapid and extensive view of the deputy keepers within the yard, having charge over them. They have however, latterly been considerably improved, and the police of the yard is vigorous and active; the principal keeper being himself almost always present to give energy to the whole. The time will come, when these shops will be removed, and others of a better construction substituted for them; but until then, I am not aware that any material change in the police, either to assure the safety and good conduct of the prisoners, or to increase the amount of their production, can be brought about.—The enclosure of the additional ground lately purchased—(and which may safely be done out of the profits of the ensuing year)