

production of which the new workshops were expressly adapted. The result has been a complete confirmation of the improvement anticipated from it, in regard, at least, to all that depends upon discipline to effect, in the greater degree of obedience, silence, order and regularity; and also of cleanliness, manifest throughout the prison. A considerable improvement, also, in the moral condition of the prisoners, already evident, leads to the confident belief that all the moral effect that can reasonably be expected from any Penitentiary system, may be accomplished by the Maryland institution.

The Auburn discipline, it will be observed, has not been extended to the female department, where, from the construction of the work-shops, and especially of the sleeping departments, promiscuous association of the inmates cannot be prevented; such improvements extended to that department, as would bring its inmates under a similar supervision to that which prevails among the males, must be deemed equally important and desirable. It would furthermore, be highly desirable that both the male and female hospital departments, should be new modelled. To provide separate Chambers for the sick, at least for those in extremity, as equally contributing to health, comfort and discipline. In fact, all the improvements now suggested, are essential to the completion of a well arranged and perfect Penitentiary. It is computed that the whole might be accomplished at an expenditure in money not exceeding ten thousand dollars, as much of the requisite labor might be performed by the convicts.

The number of prisoners received into the Penitentiary the last year, was 128, being an increase of 24 from the previous year, chiefly in the blacks; whose entire number is 73, while that of the whites is only 55. Convicts among the blacks consigned to the Penitentiary, have continued to increase, notwithstanding the act of Assembly prohibiting their being sentenced to confinement therein a second time.

For the state of the Penitentiary in regard to health during the last year, we beg leave to refer to the Report of the Physician hereunto annexed. With respect to the ill condition of many of the convicts when received into the Penitentiary, the facts stated by the Physician require no confirmation from the Directors. A large number of the prisoners are received in as diseased and decrepid state of body, as depraved in mind—rendering their support a burthen upon the institution, when, as the Physician justly observes, they would be more proper subjects of a hospital or infirmary.

If the condition of the Jails of our State be such as is represented by Dr. Bond, Jr. and by other concurring information, humanity and a just regard to their merely unfortunate, and even to their criminal inmates, would seem to require legislative interposition for the alleviation of the evil. In respect to the Jail of this city and county, we have the most undoubted assurance that the wretched condition of its inmates, and the want of every thing like decent accommodations in it, are not owing to any lack of