

WARDEN'S REPORT.

MARYLAND PENITENTIARY,
BALTIMORE, November, 30, 1865. }

To the Board of Directors

of the Maryland Penitentiary:

I herewith submit to you my fourth Annual Report of the condition of this Institution and the prisoners in charge.

At the close of the fiscal year Nov. 30, 1864, the number of prisoners was 387, namely, 336 males and 51 females. We have now in keeping 432 prisoners, namely, 360 males and 72 females. Of these 222 are white males, and 138 colored, 15 white females and 57 colored; showing an increase of 45 prisoners over the corresponding time last year.

The highest number in prison at any one time was 432 and the lowest 380 and the average 406.

During the year 6 have died; 78 have been discharged by expirations of sentence; and 50 have been pardoned. Of these last, 12 were undergoing imprisonment for assisting in the escape of slaves, leaving one still confined for that offence. A large majority of those pardoned had but a short time to serve and all had by a cheerful compliance with the rules and regulations of the Institution shown a good record for deportment.

The number of prisoners hired to contractors is as follows: to A. Murdock & Co., manufacturing brooms and wooden ware, 100; to Wm. H. Hiss, manufacturing chairs and cabinet ware, 62; to Porter Cook, manufacturing tin ware, 50; to B. Russell, manufacturing boots and shoes, 30; to W. H. Miller, manufacturing cigars, 22; leaving 168 not contracted for. Of these 96 are males and 72 females. Six of the males are insane; many are old and feeble and not fit for hard labor and therefore not desired by the contractors, and are employed in doing such work as is required about the Institution. The females are employed in washing, mending and making clothing and caning chairs.