

## PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

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MARYLAND PENITENTIARY,  
November 30, 1865 }

*Gentlemen of the Board of Directors:*

I herewith present you my report of the condition of health of the prisoners confined in the Maryland Penitentiary, and of the mortality which has occurred among them during the past year.

Three thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven applications were made for medical relief in the male department. One hundred and eighty-one of the parties applying were excused from duty for a limited period. Their cases not being of such a character as to render their admission to the hospital necessary, while, at the same time, a short exemption from daily duty was deemed advisable. Many of these parties had received slight wounds, through awkwardness or carelessness in the handling of their instruments of labor, and, though suffering little therefrom, were incapacitated, for the time, for performing the especial duties to which they had been assigned. The time lost, as above stated amounted to seven hundred and nineteen days.

One hundred and six patients were under medical treatment in the hospital: of whom, five died and the remainder were discharged therefrom, either cured or greatly relieved.

The deaths were as follows:

*Joseph Stang*, white, aged 55 years, died Dec. 31, 1864, of Chronic Diarrhœa.

*Henry Benson*, colored, aged 33 years, died January 24, 1865, of Spinal Meningitis.

*Isaac Young*, colored, aged 74 years, died March 4, 1865, of old age.

*Thomas Wall*, white, aged 67 years, died Oct. 4, 1865, of Ascites.

*William Collins*, white, aged 54 years, died Oct. 13, 1865, of softening of the brain.

The unprecedentedly large number of female prisoners now confined in the Penitentiary has compelled the Warden, in violation of law, to place forty-eight adults and four chil-