

victed of petty crimes and are sentenced for very short terms, many being for from, one to six months. During the past year, there were 99 of this class sent for terms of one year or less, who are a perfect burden, because of the objections of the contractors to "short term" prisoners, and the objections offered against them are most reasonable. As the prisoner, about the time he becomes valuable to the contractor as an expert hand, in any of the departments, he is discharged by expiration of sentence and his place must again be filled by a new and unexperienced hand. Besides this, each of these "short term prisoners are provided, upon entering with a prison suit, and also upon retiring with a business suit of clothing and \$2 in money, which amounts to a very considerable item of expense annually. Your Committee would suggest a remedy below, but before doing so, would call attention to the following statistics :