

The committee would recommend the total abolition of all manufacturing on account of the institution, and the substitution of a system farming the convict labor to contractors; under this system the institution can be made to support itself and the State relieved from a heavy burden, while the prisoners will be taught some useful trade, the knowledge of which, by giving them the means of procuring an honest livelihood would in many instances prevent them from relapsing into crime.

It is very true that the difficulties of the present time will prevent this plan from being carried out at once, but with peace will come the ordinary demand for labor, when it can be successfully accomplished.

It will not be out of place here, to illustrate the proposition by an estimate of its results.

The expenses of all kinds of maintaining the institution, simply as a prison, may be estimated at about \$37,000. This, by a judicious economy, might be probably reduced to \$35,000. The prisoners average about 420 in number, of which 400 are males. Suppose the sick, the infirm, and those necessary to perform the ordinary house work of the institution to amount to 100, there remains 300 whose labor may be made available; these would not be equally valuable and may be thus classified:

200	worth	50	cents	per	day,	-	-	-	-	\$31,300
50	"	25	"	"	"	-	-	-	-	3,912
50	"	12½	"	"	"	-	-	-	-	1,956
										\$37,168
Producing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

A sum fully equal to all the expenses of the institution. This change would not entail any expense on the State inasmuch as the work shops now used for spinning and weaving would be sufficient and answer for any other occupation.

The Financial Condition of the Institution.

In the investigation of this branch of the enquiry, every facility was afforded by the Board of Directors, and Mr. J. J. C. Dougherty, the financial clerk and book-keeper.

The Institution has been singularly fortunate in securing the services of the latter officer, whose books and accounts are kept in a manner highly creditable to himself, and those who appointed him.

This examination produced the following results: