

ble ; what must it be in mid-summer in this almost pest house ? where a man discharges from his lungs the most poisonous gases, only to take in greater, if possible, from the depraved air around him ; should a contagion visit this prison, which, may God in his mercy avert, no prediction can be made as to its consequences, not only to the prison, but to the city in general. Something should be done to correct this evil ; the number of inmates might be lessened, by changing the law imprisoning in the penitentiary for petty thefts and by substituting in its stead, a law inflicting punishment that might be more salutary and effective in its operation.

Your committee would respectfully close the report by recommending to the consideration of the Legislature, this department of the prison, and to express the hope that some means may be enacted at once for its relief.

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