

broom, tub and bucket department and the barrel department, the latter of which has been recently established. Had the Directors sufficient funds to enlarge the grounds and erect more shops, your Committee think that all the able-bodied hands could be hired out so as to yield a sum over and above their expenses, sufficient to carry on the whole affairs of the Prison.

### THE DORMITORIES.

The Eastern Dormitory can only accommodate about one half of the prisoners in single cells, a part of which are really unfit for any human being to occupy, rendered so by their dampness, which cannot be avoided unless some appropriation be made to enable an extension so as to accommodate the prisoners, one in each cell, and that above ground. In the Western or old Dormitory six, seven, and nine occupy one cell. This is all improper and should be remedied. A part of, and in fact, the main intention and object of the law in this kind of punishment for transgression, is the removal of the person from all opportunity to do wrong. It never contemplated that the person should be a companion with (it may be,) those through whose influence and association they found their way to the Prison. Here, oftentimes, plots are made and endeavored to be carried out and would, no doubt, be consummated but for the constant surveillance of the guard or watch of the Prison. Each Dormitory should be enlarged, and that at once, unless the colored convicts are removed from the Institution, and no more of them allowed to enter. In that event the necessity could be avoided, and in that only.

### THE FEMALE PRISONERS.

The Committee are most happy to state that the number of this class of convicts is small, the major portion of whom are blacks. They are mostly employed in mending clothing, darning and washing and seem to deprecate their condition more than the males. The Committee are of opinion that *females should be excluded from this Institution* and that, in lieu thereof, the county or city Jail, House of Refuge or Alms House, should be the place of confinement for all that sex who, unfortunately, are led astray and violate the laws of the State. There is no period in the history of woman, wherein she can be said to be entirely lost or irreclaimable; her very impulses are to do good and whenever she has been known to depart therefrom, it has been by the deceit and art of some demon, who, to shield himself from the inevitable rewards that always follow crime and vice, shelters his misdeeds behind the weakness and artlessness of woman.