

WARDEN'S REPORT.

MARYLAND PENITENTIARY,

BALTIMORE, November 30, 1862.

*To the Board of Directors
of the Maryland Penitentiary:*

GENTLEMEN:—It becomes my duty, at the end of the fiscal year, to submit to you a statement of the condition of the Institution under our management.

We have in keeping 349 prisoners; 321 males and 28 females; being less by 11 than on the 30th November, 1861. The highest number in prison at any time in the last year was 374; the lowest 333; average, 353.

We have lost during the year ten convicts, eight by death and two by escape.

On the 26th July last, prisoner William Lynch effected his escape while painting the lodges in front of the main building; being aided, as there is reason to believe, by two persons outside, one of whom was a discharged convict. On the 8th August last, prisoner Andrew J. Hoff made his escape. He was confined in a dark cell for an assault on a fellow prisoner, and during his confinement, with the aid of a hoop taken from a bucket, made an opening through the wall dividing his cell from the one adjoining, which was not locked, and just before dark and near lock-up time, passed out of the cell into the yard, where he hid until after dark, and while the watchman was making his rounds, escaped over the western wall. In both cases liberal rewards were offered, and every possible effort made for their capture, but without success.