

have doors for admitting the keepers into the shops when necessary; to have lateral branches at the near extremity of each shop, elevated above the level of the floor, so as to afford an advantageous longitudinal view; to project slightly into the yard at their remote extremities, so as to allow of secret inspection, as the prisoners are passing to and from their cells; and to be closed at these latter extremities, except for the admission of a moderate light, which may be readily excluded when required. The entrances, by means of which the avenues shall communicate with the central office, to be closed by sashed doors.

In the progress of erecting these buildings it was deemed advisable to depart from the original plan, so as to allow basement stories to be added to two of the wings, and the erection of which necessarily added considerably to their expense. This modification of the plan we deem to have been proper, and after a careful examination of the buildings in all their parts, and a comparison of them with the drawings, which we find in Mr. Crawford's Report of the other Penitentiaries in the United States, we believe that they possess, in a superior degree, all the advantages of structure so necessary to the successful operation of the Auburn discipline. The sleeping apartments, the work shops, the chapel, the kitchen and the refectory for the male convicts, are suited, in every respect, for the establishment and enforcement of systematic discipline. The hospital is imperfect, and so are the buildings in which the females are confined. All the witnesses before the Committee agreed upon the necessity of altering them, to allow the introduction of a proper discipline. The testimony of the Directors on this subject is very clear—(See page 15 of the "Testimony"—also the remarks of Dr. Bond jr., the physician of the institution, page 54, 55 and of Dr. Baxley, pages 129, 141, 142 )

The hospital and female department is situated in the western wing of the buildings, which were erected at the first establishment of the Penitentiary, and which are wholly inadequate to the purposes of the Auburn discipline. Sound policy requires their immediate alteration, for all the philanthropic efforts of the State, in establishing, at a heavy expense, an institution for the punishment and reformation of the unfortunate criminal, will fall far short of their designs, until this be done. We are happy to believe that these alterations may be made at once, without embarrassment to the finances of the institution. We prefer, however, to leave the selection of the time when they shall be made to the proper authorities of the institution, and only propose now to give them the power to commence the work so soon as, in their judgment, the fiscal affairs of the Penitentiary will allow it to be done, without crippling their resources. The work of altering the building must be left to the Directors of the institution. We are, however, so strongly prepossessed in favor of the Pennsylvania system, as we saw it in operation at the Cherry-Hill Prison, that we gladly embrace the opportunity which this case affords of re-