

seem to have been intended to be as offensive to your Excellency as they are to the Board. But in spite of all this, we again offer to open the Prison to his Reverence two or three hours every ^{Sabbath} afternoon, and again to express the hope that he may yet find it convenient in person, or by substitute, to attend at the Prison at those times, and engage such Prisoners as he may feel an interest for, in religious exercises. This is granting him twice as much time each week as he asks of your Excellency, and if the day does not suit him, he should not censure the Board, but quietly and contentedly leave that work to be performed by those Clergymen whom the Sabbath day may suit. The Rev^d Doctor seems to think that to attend Divine Service once a week and hear a powerful and impressive Sermon from a Methodist Clergyman, or an instructive, and persuasive lecture from a Religious Instructor of the Society of Friends, does not afford the convicts a sufficient opportunity for religious improvement.

In reply to this, we would ask how many hundreds? - yea, how many thousands? of his fellow creatures outside of the Prison, do not avail themselves of this privilege, or are prevented by their poverty or depravity from doing so, and who, consequently, stand in great need of his interest and solicitude. A little reflection here, will convince his Reverence that the convicts under our charge are very far from being as wretched as he represents them, and that there are thousands abroad in the Community, whose hearts would leap with joy if they were as well provided for, physically and spiritually, as the inmates of our establishment. In conclusion, the Board express their hopes that your Excellency will not be annoyed any further on this subject, and that the Rev^d Doctor, if he thinks it a wrong inflicted upon him by them in asking him to choose the Sabbath instead of week days to labor for the spiritual benefit of the convicts, will turn his attention to the Legislature in future.

With much respect, I remain,
Your Excellency's humble servant

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