

are certainly calculated seriously to sadden and dishearten the latter class of prisoners, if they result in doing them no greater injury.

A very serious complaint is made by His Reverence against the Board, having placed upon record Mr. Lucas' denial of a statement, which, as the Board understood it, he had made to your Excellency. Now, we cannot imagine how any wrong has been done him by such a simple affair as this. He may not have made the remark, as he alleges, and therefore consider the record of Mr. Lucas' denial as a work of supererogation, but a graver offence than this against him, he can surely, never persuade any reasonable man to consider it.

His complaint now is, not that Mr. Lucas threatened to exclude him from the Penitentiary in the conversation that passed between them last summer, but that Mr. L. proposed to place him under the eye of a Keeper in his visits to the Prison after that time, and such a step as this, he says, he would regard as "more offensive than his entire exclusion". At this point we find it necessary to perform a painful duty, and give the reasons which instigated Mr. Lucas to threaten to place him under the eye of a Keeper. They are to be found recorded in that same volume, wherein he says the Board have made "a record of their own dishonor"; in the report of the Monthly Committee made to the Board in February last, and which report bears the signatures of S. W. Lovell and David Ireland, two gentlemen who are no longer officially connected with the Penitentiary. In that report he is charged (and this charge, it is stated, is based partly on his own admissions) with using language in the presence and hearing of prisoners which was calculated to stir up a seditious spirit among them, and this language he applied to the very amiable humane and compassionate gentleman, to whom we have farmed out twenty of the convicts at Broom-making. He is also charged in the same report, with undertaking to perform the duties which belong to our able, attentive and philanthropic Physician, and bringing into the Prison and giving to a convict the poisonous article of Kerosote, in violation of the rules and regulations of the Prison and an Act of the Assembly of the State. And in the conversation with Mr. Lucas to which he adverts, he brought a serious charge against one of the officers of the Prison, on the testimony of a convict, and afterwards refused to name the offending officer, though positively assured by Mr. L. of the presumptuous dismissal of the said officer as soon as the charge should be proven against him.

It was to prevent on his part the dropping of any more improper expressions in the hearing of convicts, that Mr. Lucas threatened to place him under the surveillance of a Keeper, and

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