

we think that when the attending circumstances are considered, your Excellency and the public will commend Mr. L. for his course. It was but a mild rebuke of the Reverend gentleman's offence, when, if the Board had dealt out the same impartial justice to him that they invariably do to others offending in like manner, they would have promptly expelled him from the Institution at that time.

It is thought that his Reverence had a remote reference to the charge he brought to Mr. Lucas against one of our officers, when he spoke in his first communication to your Excellency, of his seeing and knowing more than the Grand Jurors can learn on their flying visits - for which visits, he says, "every thing is always swept and garnished". Happily for the Board, their annual report will show that they complain of the Grand Jurors for not inquiring into the conduct and management of the officers of the establishment at their visits, and no one knows better than his Reverence does, that the Prison is always in a condition to welcome the visits of any body of men, to make such investigations as the laws may commission them to do. A close and rigid inquiry into the department of the officers, will develop to large a share of kindness and indulgence towards the unhappy men committed to their charge, rather than an unnecessary rigor and severity, and the Board will do them no more than justice when they say, that every officer attached to the Prison takes a great interest in promoting the comfort of its inmates, so far as they can do so consistently with the laws regulating its administration.

In one of his communications, his Reverence has expressed the opinion that such lessons as the Prisoners receive from the "pious Methodist preacher", for one hour on each Sabbath morning, are more likely to lead them to the precipice of desperation than to awaken them to the necessity of repenting of their crimes and resolving to walk in the paths of honesty and uprightness, after their release, and made the bold and unqualified declaration that all of our Prisoners have "received no examples from their parents but such as were calculated to make them demons." Every one who is cognizant of the ardor and zeal with which Methodist Clergymen combat sin and crime and the impressive appeals which they make to their hearers to obey the Divine Commandments and to shun sin and wickedness, will be at a loss how to account for Dr. Wyatt's meagre appreciation of their labors in their high and holy calling. And the thousands in our Community who can bear testimony to the fact that many pious and exemplary fathers and mothers as ever adorned their walks in life, have had the

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