

ion by any of our Governors, or the visiting Committees of the Legislature, which conflicts with their recent decision. But that they find in the law, or in the Prison rules and regulations during the time a Chaplain was allowed the Prison is most emphatic against the propriety of any Clergyman's visits during week days, except in the case of sickness.

In another place, the Reverend Doctor speaks of the Penitentiary as "an Institution professedly and primarily designed for the reformation of the Convicts on Christian principles." The Act of 1809, would indicate that the Doctor is seriously in error here, and that the Penitentiary was established as "a place of punishment for Criminals"; and the 11th Article of the 25th Section of the Act of 1837, very plainly indicates this as its main design, otherwise something would have been said favoring the position assumed by the Reverend Doctor.

If "the extent of the Sunday sacred privilege" of the Prisoners, is the "one sermon by some pious Methodist Preacher", the Rev. Dr. Wyatt is chiefly to blame, as the Directors have repeatedly invited him to come every Sabbath afternoon, and engage them for two or three hours, if he likes, in giving them moral and religious lessons.

We are pleased to say that we have never yet heard of a Prisoner being "in danger of insanity from the violence of his remorse" - and our able Physician will bear us out in this assertion - and though the Reverend Doctor has failed to accept of our kind offer and visit the Prison on the Sabbath afternoon, (when there is nothing else to engage the thoughts of the Prisoners but the religious lessons which he is so capable of giving them,) for near three months now, not one of his Class has, to our knowledge, asked any questions about his absence, or the cause of it.

Penitentiary, Balt., March 2^d 1852.

Dear Sir:

In looking over some of the old records of our Prison, I discovered the following proceedings under date of Febry 18th, 1845, and at the suggestion of Messrs. Luens and Vickers, I transcribe them and send them to your Excellency:

"Resolved that Clergymen visiting the Prison on working days for moral instruction, must instruct convicts collectively, and, in no instance, individually, and always in the presence of an officer of the Prison."

The proposed application of a precisely similar rule to Dr. Wyatt

Secy. of the Board transmit the Resolutions of former Board in ref to the subject of Dr. Wyatt's instruction in