

been materially reduced, and the price of all manufactured articles declined, it may not be expected, though the most rigid economy shall be exerted, that the profits of the institution may be much further increased. Yet our stock of goods on hand compared with that of the last year, has a lessened amount of estimated value; and we trust that the same good management and good fortune in the ensuing year, may ensure as pleasant a statement as that which we are now honored in presenting to the government of the State.

In consequence of the authority given by an act of the last Session, we increased the salaries of the Clerk, Agent and two of the deputy keepers, having care over important branches of business within the yard. We think that all have fairly and faithfully earned the compensations allowed. Without this increase, we might have lost the services of some, whose places would not have been easily supplied, and we should also have lost the fruits of their experience with them.

The prisoners have been remarkably healthy during the year. Their averaged number was about three hundred and forty—amount 30th November, 356—of these no more than four have died, and the hospital returns shew only about an average of four persons sick; five except those afflicted with what may be esteemed permanent diseases, chiefly contracted before they came under our charge. Such is the result of temperance and labour and regular rest, with a sufficiently coarse but sound and wholesome food.

We have considerably improved the work shops during the past year, but more room is required. We have separated the youths from the adults, and established a Sunday School for them and others, which seems to be advantageously attended. The general police of the prison is also in a state of improvement, and the *production* of the convicts is seen in the statements exhibited.

We have the honor to refer you to the annexed report of the Executive and building Committees. The first presents a condensed view of the main operations of the establishment:—the second shews that the new building is entirely completed, and gives some account of its structure. It is an excellent building, well adapted to its purpose; but the dampness of the walls has not yet permitted its occupancy.

Allow us to express a hope that, (whoever may be called to the management of the concerns of this great