

this manner, cotton goods to the amount of eighteen thousand dollars; and the prices obtained were such as have ever since been a subject of satisfaction as to the measure. Without it, the stock of goods would have continued to increase, the means necessary to the prosecution of manufacturing operations would, ere now, have been exhausted, whilst, because of the continued preference given to printed goods, no improvement in price has taken place.

Convinced of the necessity of varying, in order to dispose advantageously of the manufactures of the weaving department, the Board were at much pains to acquire a knowledge of the kinds of goods, best calculated to be productive; and after extensive inquiry and much consideration of the subject, they determined to establish machinery for the carding and spinning of wool;—being well aware that the kinds of goods which they purposed to manufacture from it were such as always command a ready sale, and such as are entirely exempt from the fluctuations of fashion. The delay incidental to the construction of machinery, having protracted its completion, to the commencement of the fall, the amount of manufactured woollen articles has been thus far, but small,—sufficiently large however in profitable results, to afford ample proof of future success.

The machinery is erected in a spacious shop, which has been built for the purpose in the women's yard, and is conducted by convict females under the superintendance of the matron and of an intelligent practical spinner, who has been added to the number of deputy keepers. This location has been selected in preference to one in the men's yard, because the operation is better adapted to females, and in order to afford to them full occupation; in which they have been sometimes, unavoidably, deficient.

In attending to the manufacturing departments of the institution, the Board have not neglected its primary and most important object;—the reformation of criminals. They have devoted strict attention to regulations for the improvement of discipline, and have been gratified by a happy coincidence of their results with their own anticipations. The fact, confirmed by the whole history of crime, that neglect of education in its relations to mental cultivation and the means of procuring honest subsistence, is among the most fruitful sources of vice, early improved upon the Board, the propriety of a general system of instruction which might comprehend the