

COPY OF MEMORIAL TO CITY COUNCIL FROM THE JAIL SUNDAY SCHOOL.

R. J. FLEMING, Esq, Mayor of Toronto.

Dear Mr. Mayor :—We the undersigned officers and teachers of the Toronto Jail Sunday School, beg leave to call your attention and the attention of the members of the City Council, to the need of more efficient classification of prisoners in the jail. We are especially desirous that provisions shall be made so that first offenders and persons awaiting trial shall run no risk of being contaminated during their imprisonment. While we are opposed, on the one hand, to the vicious free and easy open corridor system, we are equally opposed to what is known as the "Solitary System." We would endorse the recommendation of the Prisoners' Aid Association that 18 or 20 well lighted and roomy cells be provided on one of the flats of the jail where persons convicted of trivial offences and persons awaiting trial—not known to belong to the criminal class—may be confined on the English Separate System. Believing that the introduction of the English System even on a limited scale, would do much to prevent the propagation of vice and crime, we trust the necessary steps will be taken without delay with a view to its introduction in the Toronto Jail.

We would also respectfully call your attention to the necessity of making suitable provision, other than in the jail, for the destitute poor of Toronto as also for that class known as vagrants. We agree with the Inspector of Prisons that sending old and destitute persons, accused of no crime, to end their days in association with prisoners is neither humane nor Christian.

Very respectfully,

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JOHN WOODS, *Assistant*,
ANNIE CULL, *Supt. Women's Dept.*,
M. WARD, }
M. KELLY, } *Teachers.*

EXCERPTS FROM OFFICIAL REPORT ON BRITISH AND CONTINENTAL
PRISONS.

BY GENERAL R. BRINKERHOFF,

*President of American Delegation at International Prison Congress,
Paris, 1895.*

The results of the British system upon the whole have been more satisfactory than that of any other country, if we are to judge by its efficiency in reducing crime.

Judging by the criminal statistics for the twenty years during which the system has been in operation, the reduction is from a daily