

ART. . All the officers appointed under this Code, from the Inspector to the underkeeper, have a moral as well as a legal duty to perform. In no department of the government is there a greater call for the best qualities of the mind—a strong moral sense and unfeigned belief in religion (for they must be teachers of both), firmness in preserving order, moderation and temper in enforcing it, close attention to discover the evil propensities that have led to the crimes of the convicts, and a knowledge of human nature to apply the proper correctives. The officers of a prison are no longer jailors and turnkeys charged with the custody of the body only, they must minister to the diseased minds and correct the depraved habits of their patients. The law raises them to their true station. They have higher functions, and on the manner in which they shall perform them depends the success of the whole system to which this Code is intended to give vigor and effect.

ART. . This view of the intent of the law and of what it expects from the ministers who are to execute it, is placed at the introduction of the Code to impress them with a true view of the spirit which dictated it, and direct them, in those points in which the law may be made more efficacious, by a zealous and enlightened performance of their several duties.

ART. . From the magistrates and others, who are constituted visitors, much also is expected; the right given by this Code is not intended as a complimentary privilege, conferred only to satisfy curiosity. Publicity and the superintending care of upright magistrates and intelligent men, is the best incentive to a zealous performance of duty. Faithful and active officers will court their investigation; those who are negligent or corrupt, will fear it.

ART. . The progress of reform in the female department will depend chiefly on those of their own sex, who may accept the invitation given by the law, to carry their example and precept, and persuasive exhortation to the place of punishment, and convert it into a school for religion, industry, and virtue.

SECTION II.

Division of the Work.

ART. . This Code is divided into three Titles. The first treats of the different places of confinement, their construction, and officers; the second directs the treatment of the persons confined; and the third contains the regulations for the House of Refuge.