

CODE

OF

REFORM AND PRISON DISCIPLINE.

PRELIMINARY CHAPTER.

SECTION I.

Design of the Code of Reform and Prison Discipline.

ART. . This Code is intended not only to direct the structure and police, of the prison for the confinement of convicts, but also of those which are rendered necessary for the detention of the accused before trial, for the education of juvenile offenders, and of a house of refuge and employment for those who have undergone the sentence of the law. All these objects are necessarily connected; no one part can be abstracted without materially injuring the effect of the others.

ART. . Safe custody is an object common to the prisons; but reform is the intent of all these institutions. Punishment also enters into the design of the Penitentiary, the School of Reform, and that department of the House of Detention destined to receive those convicted of misdemeanors; but forms no part of the system, so far as it applies to the custody of the accused before trial, and to their relief and employment after having suffered the sentence of the law.

ART. . In all these establishments the means by which reformation is expected, are, reflection, instruction, habits of industry, and religion. To promote these is one of the first duties of the men who are charged with the important and honourable task of superintending the different departments of these institutions.

ART. . Reformation cannot be expected while the vicious are permitted to associate with each other or with the innocent. This kind of seclusion, therefore, is a protection not a punishment; and is consequently necessary in the House of Detention and Refuge, as well as in the Penitentiary and School of Reform.