

3. More economy to the State, or the ratepayers, by reason of the much shorter terms of confinement necessary.

4. Less breaking up, or ruin, of the prisoner's family, by reason of shorter separation from them.

5. A better reception of religious and secular instruction in prison.

6. A greater impetus to activity in useful and remunerated labor.

7. General exemption from contagious and epidemic diseases.

8. Greater security from escapes.

9. Far fewer causes for prison punishment, with entire independence of treadwheels and cranks.

10. Greater facilities for the observation and prompt detection of disease or insanity.

11. Protection to the prisoner, on his discharge, from future recognition by other prisoners; and

12. A greater eligibility for employment and a far more effectual qualification for a career of honest usefulness.

It was also found that for the general class of prisoners, its effects are at once so reformatory and so deterrent, that the sentences to imprisonment under this system may safely and justly be rendered from 50 to 75 per cent. shorter than those for congregate confinement. *Hence another of its great and economical advantages.*

SUCCESS OF THE SEPARATE SYSTEM IN ENGLAND.

In the pamphlet referred to, it is mentioned, that Mr. Oakley the experienced governor of Taunton gaol, states that when he came to that prison twenty years ago it was chiefly conducted on the congregate system, and there were 200 county prisoners in it. Now it is cellular throughout, and the number of county prisoners is reduced to seventy, although the district population has increased, most of the cells being let to other counties. The same gentleman also testifies to the serious mischief which is often wrought *merely by the contact of prisoners, for one hour or less*, when brought together into Court for Arraignment before trial, to plead guilty. For example, an habitual criminal sees near him, amongst the prisoners, a young woman, committed perhaps for a first and petty offence, and possibly not even guilty of that. After their discharge, he may in walking the streets, recognize the girl