

REPORT OF NIGHT SCHOOL AT CENTRAL PRISON.

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In my report of last year I recommended the appointment of an additional teacher, as the classes were too numerous for one teacher to do justice to the work, and I am glad the Association has decided to incur this additional expense. It will be a great advantage to the men, and I am glad to find in the person of my assistant, Mr. Madden, one who is thoroughly in sympathy with the work, and specially qualified therefor.

The new arrangement will admit of a much more thorough classification of the pupils, and much more efficient teaching than could have been possible with only one teacher, whilst now twice as many men can receive the advantages of the school.

I would again recommend such legislation, as would empower the proper authorities to admit out on parol, for from three to six months before their sentences have expired, prisoners who have completed a prescribed course of study and training, such as is calculated to make them better and more intelligent citizens, and who have given evidence by their good conduct that they are likely to become true and useful citizens.

I think this would prove a great incentive to the prisoner to qualify himself mentally and morally for becoming a worthy member of society when his sentence expires. Something similar to this has been tried with most gratifying results elsewhere, and I believe it would prove equally successful here.

Mr. Massie, the Warden; the deputy-warden, Mr. Logan, and the staff of officers are deserving of praise for the deep interest they have taken in the work and the valuable assistance rendered, not omitting Guard Hartley, who looks after the men in the school-room, and cheerfully aids in the work.

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