

That there are advantages in this system is evident, and penologists generally, the world over, concede that absolute separation should be the rule for prisoners awaiting trial, and largely for short-term prisoners under definite sentences. The Belgian prisons in their entirety are the best administered in the world, and worthy of imitation in many directions.



ADVANTAGES OF THE SEPARATE SYSTEM.

In a pamphlet issued by the Howard Association of Great Britain, on the Separate or Cellular System of Imprisonment—published in 1872 and reissued in 1883—the advantages of the separate system over the congregate system are summed up as follows :

1. More deterrence than the congregate or semi-congregate system.
2. Infinitely more of reformatory effect and of freedom from corrupting influences.