

## CENTRAL PRISON NIGHT SCHOOL.

The school is held on four evenings of the week, the junior classes being taught on the evenings of Wednesday and Friday, and the senior classes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

The old adage that "Ignorance is the father of crime," is proved by the illiterate condition of many of the prisoners, as over forty of those admitted to the school had never before learned to read and write; and some others had never had the opportunity of attending any school, and had to acquire what little information they had by their own unaided efforts.

The men continue to evince a lively interest in their studies, and whilst the attendance at the school is entirely voluntary, there are generally more seeking those privileges than there is room to accommodate.

The aim of the school is to supply to the men instruction in the elementary branches of education, that they may be the better enabled to earn an honest living, and to give more intelligent and satisfactory service to those by whom they may hereafter be employed.

The following table will show the number of men on the roll in the different classes for the several months of the year, beginning 1st October, 1892 :—

	NO. ON ROLL.	1ST PRIM.	2ND PRIM.	2ND READER.	3RD READER.	4TH READER.
1892						
October . . . . .	74	18	10	14	20	12
November . . . . .	74	16	11	13	24	10
December . . . . .	73	21	11	15	25	1
1893						
January . . . . .	64	12	13	16	15	8
February . . . . .	75	21	17	12	15	10
March . . . . .	61	21	8	12	11	9
April . . . . .	66	18	11	17	10	10
May . . . . .	69	19	10	13	17	10
June . . . . .	70	19	11	12	17	11
August . . . . .	62	17	11	14	10	10
September . . . . .	72	21	14	14	13	10