

### CENTRAL PRISON NIGHT SCHOOL REPORT.

The work in connection with the Night School in the Central Prison has been carried on continuously, four evenings each week, during the year, excepting two weeks in August, the attendance of those registered being very regular, while the interest manifested and progress made are quite satisfactory. The conduct of the prisoners in school has been most commendable.

The principal subjects taught are reading, writing and arithmetic, while spelling, geography and literature, as met with in the "Readers," receive a fair share of attention.

The average attendance for the year was 76.20; the highest monthly average attendance was 85.57 and the lowest 66.30.

The Senior Division, including those reading in the Third and Fourth Books, meets on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and the Junior Division, including those reading in the First and Second Books, meets on Wednesday and Friday evenings. The senior arithmetic class is working problems in percentage as met with in commission, insurance and brokerage.

Special mention should be made regarding the Junior Division. During the year I have had a goodly number of young men register who have never had an opportunity of attending any school, while others have forgotten what they learned at school several years ago.

I am pleased to report that most of these men are now able to read and write. Hence the effort put forth in behalf of this class is of great importance, inasmuch as it opens up to them new avenues for thought, and places them in a position to acquire useful knowledge after their discharge. Moreover the work of reformation is made easier as it is almost impossible to reform the lives of men who are groping in mental darkness.

I would strongly recommend the extension of the school work among the prisoners. This, however, is impossible on account of the lack of proper accommodation. The present school room

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