

WARDEN'S REPORT.

MARYLAND PENITENTIARY,

BALTIMORE, *November 30, 1864.*

To the Board of Directors

of the Maryland Penitentiary.

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the requirements of law, I have the honor of submitting to you my Annual Statement, with regard to the prisoners and workings of this Institution.

There were remaining in the prison on the 30th of November, 1863, 411 prisoners.

There were received during the year ending this date, 98 prisoners, namely, 46 white males and 6 white females, 29 colored males and 17 colored females.

We have now in keeping 387 prisoners, namely: 336 males and 51 females, being 24 less than on the 30th of November last. The highest number in prison at any one time during the year was 440, and the lowest 386; average number, 413.

During the year 7 have died; one from blows inflicted by a fellow prisoner whom I classed as insane in my last annual report. This circumstance I consider one of the results of confining that class of prisoners in an institution like this.

The number of prisoners hired to contractors is as follows: To Mr. Charles Murdock's heirs, manufacturing brooms and wooden ware, 99; to Mr. Porter Cook, manufacturing tin ware, 47; to Mr. Wm. H. Hiss, manufacturing chairs and cabinet work, 61; to Mr. Benjamin Russell, manufacturing boots and shoes, 34; to Mr. W. H. Miller, manufacturing cigars, 22; leaving 124 prisoners not hired.

Of this number, not contracted for, 51 are females, 15 of whom are employed in caning chairs, and the remainder in washing, making and mending prisoners clothing; leaving 73 males who are employed in caning chairs and doing such other work as is required in the institution, with the exception of 5, who are insane or idiotic, and are not employed at any kind of labor.