

ANSWERS TO THE SEVERAL QUESTIONS REQUESTED BY CIRCULAR.

AUCKLAND GAOL.

I.—AS TO THE EXISTING PRISONS OF THE COLONY.

2. Description of each Prison.

(1.) Situated near Kyber Pass Road; surrounded by more elevated ground than that upon which it is built, easy of access by road, and distant about one and three-quarter miles from the Supreme Court, and about two miles from the Resident Magistrate's Court.

(2.) Wood.

(3.) There is no plan under the control of the Visiting Justices.

(4.) A wooden fence, twelve feet high, round each of the two portions into which the Gaol is divided—namely, an old division and a new division, and a dressed-stone wall, eighteen feet high, round the old division, in which convicted male prisoners are confined.

(5.) New division: 1. Females convicted or on remand, &c.; 2. Debtors and boys; 3. Waiting trial and on remand (males). Old division: 4. Hard labour, in default of bail, &c.; 5. Penal servitude. Prisoners who have been "previously convicted" sleep in separate cells; those sentenced to penal servitude also sleep in separate cells (females are not so separated from each other). All other prisoners sleep in associated cells of various dimensions, but not less than three in any one cell.

(6.) Accommodation in all for 281 prisoners—namely, in cells adapted for only one, 101; in cells adapted for more than one, 180.

(7.) Cellular accommodation:—

—	Class of Occupants.	Cells.	Number of Occupants.	Length.	Breadth.	Height.	Number of Cubic Feet for each Occupant.
New Division ...	Women— Solitary ...	6	6	Ft. in.	Ft. in.	Ft. in.	Ft.
				8 0	6 7	10 3	539
				20 0	16 6	12 6	260
				14 0	12 0		
	Associated ...	8	60	17 2	10 7		
				12 7	10 8		
				10 6	10 1		
				12 10	10 7		
				10 5	9 0		
				10 5	9 0		
Old Division ...	Boys— Associated ...	2	6	10 6	8 0	12 6	350
				10 8	10 5	12 6	462
	Debtors ...	2	6	14 1	10 9	12 6	362
				12 4	10 9		
	Waiting trial ...	{ 4 }	30	10 10	4 10	12 6	654
				8 10	5 6		
	Solitary ...	2	2	6 2	9 4	7 4	422
				7 6	5 0	10 0	375
	Single ...	18	18	8 7	5 3	9 3	419
				8 7	6 6	9 3	516
	" ...	27	27	8 4	5 6	8 2	374
				8 4	5 6	7 2	328
	" ...	31	31	8 4	5 6	8 2	374
				21 0	9 7	7 8	...
	Condemned ...	1	1	15 2	9 4	7 4	...
				15 8	9 7	7 4	180
Working-rooms...	Associated ...	1	70	15 0	8 7	9 3	...
				7 6	4 4	10 9	349
				...	...	...	...
				...	...	...	...
	Solitary ...	5	5	...	...	...	...

(8.) Years—1873, 142; 1874, 167; 1875, 177; 1876, 162; 1877, 174.

(9.) Exercising yards as follows:—Old division: Penal servitude prisoners, 94 ft. x 47 ft. 9 in.; hard-labour prisoners, 102 ft. x 80 ft.; hard-labour prisoners, 97 ft. x 29 ft. 9 in.; solitary prisoners, equal to 46 ft. square. New division: Waiting-trial prisoners, 82 ft. x 55 ft.; debtors, 82 ft. x 39 ft. 5 in.; females, 74 ft. 9 in. x 69 ft. Work yard: The space between the outer stone wall and the inner wood wall in the old division is used as a work yard in which penal-servitude prisoners under long sentences are employed in stone-breaking; and in this space are also situated the workshops of the blacksmiths, carpenters, and shoemakers. Area of this space about 10,800 square yards.