

(8.) Visits irregular. A journal kept, but names not always entered; in fact, the Surgeon, being a Visiting Justice, is chiefly available. Approximately: Surgeon as Visiting Justice visits, say, four times a week; one Visiting Justice, twice a week; one, occasionally.

(9.) Owing to defective office accommodation no regular reports have been furnished by Visiting Justices.

(10.) Yes; it is very advisable that some one with a practical knowledge of prison administration should make periodical inspections.

(11.) As per Prison Regulation No. 93, except paragraph 8. Are posted up to date.

(12.) The prison has been entirely remodelled, the greater portion has been removed, and other buildings erected by order of the Provincial and General Governments.

(13.) Punishments:—	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.
Solitary confinement on bread and water	12	15	28	49	32
Other punishments	7	2	3	51	181
	19	17	31	100	213

Total, 380 punishments in 5 years.

Solitary on bread and water	...	...	...	...	...	136
Other minor privations	...	...	...	...	...	244
Total	...	...	...	...	...	380

					Idleness, Insolence, and Insubordination.	Minor Offences.
By Visiting Justices	...	...	...	...	136	68
Gaoler	...	...	...	...	...	176
Total	...	...	...	...	136	244

		Number of Times.										
(14.) Punished :—		1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.
Number of prisoners ...		72	26	14	14	4	3	1	1	6	4	1
Realizing reports ...		72	52	42	56	20	18	7	8	54	40	11
		Total reports, 380.										

(15.) Prisoners recommitted	...	1873. 51	1874. 59	1875. 77	1876. 75	1877. 95
		Total, 357.				

(16.) Yes, as per Rule 25, Prison Regulations, 18th March, 1875.

(17.) G. F., 6th November, 1875. Attempted to burrow a hole under temporary shelter shed on work, but was detected in the act; had just received six years' penal servitude; was awarded fourteen days' solitary on bread and water, and to serve an additional probationary period.

E. H., A. W., W. T., 29th April, 1878, attempting to cut around lock-plate of cell door during the night. One succeeded, but was captured by the night-watch officer in the prison yard. (In consequence of building work being carried on, tools had been in use, and were lost by a freeman, yet not reported. He was cautioned by the Visiting Justices for neglecting to report the same.) E. H. and A. W. were awaiting trial for garrotting; and, as one of them had just been released from Dunedin Gaol, after having served a period of penal servitude, they expected heavy sentences. W. T. was already under a sentence of ten years. P.S.—The two awaiting trial were sentenced to wear irons till date of trial, and one of them who assaulted the night-watch officer was also awarded fourteen days' bread and water. The other was sentenced to wear irons and parti-coloured suit, and fourteen days' bread and water.

P. C., 19th June, 1878. Bolted from under supervision on road-works. Was pursued by officer, and recaptured. Was committed for trial at Supreme Court for attempting to escape from legal custody, but was indicted by Crown Prosecutor for being illegally at large. His Honor Mr. Justice Johnston decided that as the prisoner was hotly pursued he was not at large, and being wrongly indicted (though he pleaded guilty) was found not guilty. He was sentenced by Visiting Justices to wear parti-coloured suit for three months.

(18.) No complaints.

(19.) Yes, in accordance with Rule 24, Prison Regulation of March, 1875. Is given to the prisoner on his discharge, unless otherwise directed by law.

4. *Number, Classification, and Separation of Prisoners.*

(1.) 1,665, viz.—Received, 1,615*; in custody on 31st December, 1872, 50=1,665.

(2.) Year 1873, 66; 1874, 85; 1875, 89; 1876, 98; 1877, 102.

(3.) (a.) 163

(b.) 185

(c.) *195

(d.) 995

(e.) 20

(f.)	129	3 months.	6 months.	9 months.	12 months.	18 months.	24 months.
		14	14	18	37	12	44=129.

* 158 as returned under (c) also included in (f) and (g), which, deducted, leaves 1,615 as total number admitted during five years.