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WARDEN OF THE STATE PRISON,
SUPERINTENDENT OF THE MASSACHUSETTS REFORMATORY, AND
SUPERINTENDENT OF THE REFORMATORY PRISON FOR WOMEN.

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STATE HOUSE, BOSTON.

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HENRY PARKMAN, ARTHUR H. WELLMAN,
J. WARREN BAILEY, *Secretary.* *Commissioners.*

List of State and County Prisons.

STATE INSTITUTIONS.

NAME OF PRISON.	Location.	Name and Title of Principal Officer.	Annual Salary.
State Prison,	Boston; P. O., Charlestown.	Benjamin F. Bridges, Warden.	\$4,000 00
Massachusetts Reformatory,	Concord; P. O., Concord Junction.	Charles S. Hart, Superintendent.	3,500 00
Reformatory Prison for Women,	Sherborn; P. O., South Framingham.	Mrs. Frances A. Morton, Superintendent.	2,000 00
State Farm,	Bridgewater; P. O., State Farm.	Ellis M. Blackstone, Superintendent.	3,000 00

JAILS AND HOUSES OF CORRECTION.

COUNTY.	Location.	Name of Keeper or Master.	Annual Salary.
Barnstable,	Barnstable,	George H. Cash,	\$600 00
Berkshire,	Pittsfield,	C. W. Fuller, Sheriff,	1,000 00
Bristol,	New Bedford,	J. Arthur Taylor,	2,000 00
	Taunton,*	I. Granville Carrier,	800 00
Dukes County,	Edgartown,*	Hiram Crowell,	200 00
	Ipawich,†	Howard G. Lane,	1,200 00
Essex,	Lawrence,	Charles A. Stillings,	1,300 00
	Newburyport,*	Charles L. Ayers,	1,200 00
Franklin,	Salem,	Sam'l A. Johnson, Sheriff,	1,000 00
	Greenfield,	Charles S. Richardson,	1,000 00
Hampden,	Springfield,	Embury P. Clark, Sheriff,	1,000 00
Hampshire,	Northampton,	Jairus E. Clark, Sheriff,	1,000 00
Middlesex,	Cambridge; P. O., East Cambridge.	John R. Fairbairn, Sheriff,	1,000 00
	Lowell,*	Alvah S. Baker,	1,500 00
Nantucket,	Nantucket,	Frederick F. Parker,	50 00
Norfolk,	Dedham,	Samuel H. Capen, Sheriff,	1,000 00
Plymouth,	Plymouth,	Henry S. Porter, Sheriff,	1,000 00
	Boston; Charles Street,*	Fred H. Seavey, Sheriff,	1,000 00
Suffolk,	Boston; Deer Island, Boston Harbor.†	James R. Gerriah,	2,500 00
	Fitchburg,	B. D. Dwinell,	1,400 00
Worcester,	Worcester,	R. H. Chamberlain, Sheriff,	1,000 00

NOTE.—Places marked with a* are jails only; those marked with a † are houses of correction only. All others have a jail and house of correction combined. In every case the keeper or master is provided with a residence free of rent, and in a few instances the other living expenses are paid by the county.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, JAN. 7, 1904.

To the Honorable the Senate and the House of Representatives in General Court assembled:

The third annual report of the Board of Prison Commissioners is herewith presented. The statistics and financial statements cover the year ending Sept. 30, 1903, but in the text there are a few references to occurrences of a later day.

In reporting upon the conditions of the prisons, it should be said at the outset that, while for the first time in recent years there has been a slight increase in the number of prisoners, there is nevertheless no prison that is in a crowded condition. Since the date of the last report one of the largest houses of correction in the State has been closed. The institution at South Boston, established there eighty years ago, has been abandoned, and the land and buildings have been sold.

The whole number of commitments under sentence to all the prisons during the year was 27,344, being 1,817 more than in the preceding year. At the end of the year there were 6,669 in custody, — 333 more than last year. The sentences to the State Prison numbered 170, and there remained at the close of the year 812, being 3 less than last year; the Massachusetts Reformatory received 557 prisoners and had 903 in custody on September 30, — an increase of 63; the Reformatory Prison for Women had 214 commitments and 219 prisoners remaining at the end of the year, — a decrease of 28; the State Farm received 1,574 prisoners and ended the year with 870, — an increase of 29. In the jails and houses of correction on September 30 there were under sentence 3,494 persons, — an increase of 379 over the preceding year; but the number of prisoners awaiting trial was only 371, being 107 less than last year. An examination of the figures set forth in detail in the subsequent pages of this