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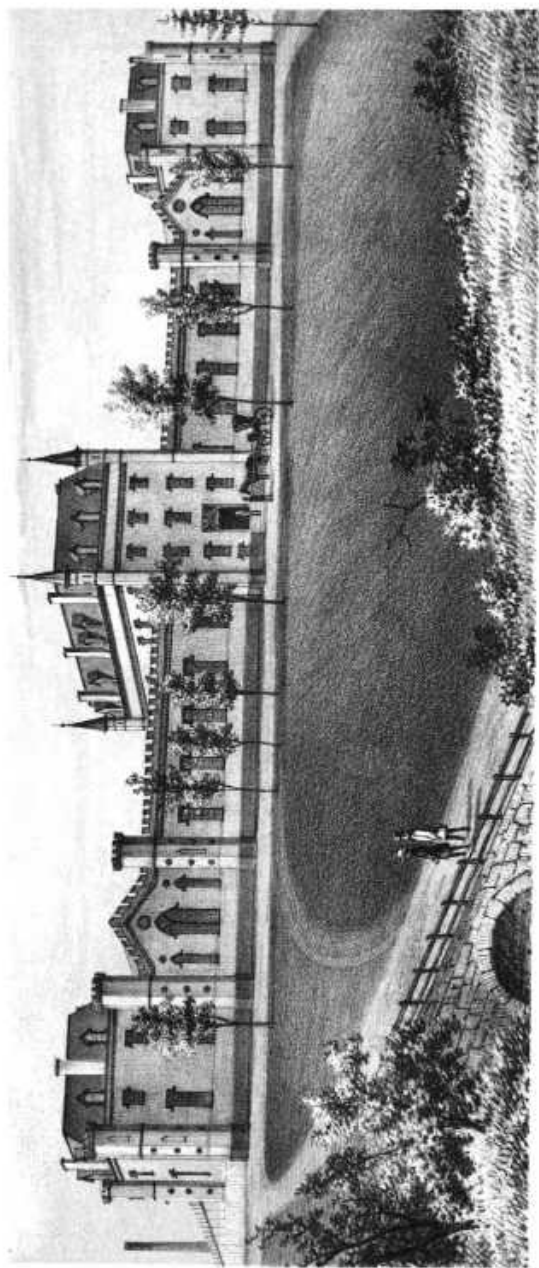
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## MEETING OF THE JOINT BOARD.

DECEMBER 18, 1870.

Mr. Weaver, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, moved that his Honor the Mayor be appointed Chairman of the Joint Board, and that his Honor the Recorder be appointed Secretary. Agreed to.

Mr. Weaver moved that the Inspectors and Superintendent of the Penitentiary be invited to seats within the bar. Agreed to.

The Recorder moved that the annual reports be read by Inspector Young. Agreed to.

Mr. Weaver offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the 22d annual report of the Inspectors of the Penitentiary, with the accompanying reports of the Superintendent, Physician and Chaplain, be accepted and placed on file, and the usual number of copies of the same be printed in pamphlet form, under the direction of the Inspectors, for general distribution.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Joint Board are hereby tendered to the Inspectors of the Penitentiary, for the vigilance and fidelity with which they have discharged their important trust during the past year, as heretofore, without pecuniary consideration, and with disinterested devotion to the public good.

Mr. Wheeler said that, after listening to the very able report of Gen. Pilsbury, it afforded him very great pleasure to offer the following:

*Resolved*, That the eminently successful practical results set forth in the report of the Superintendent afford re-

newed evidence of the diligence, economy, sound judgment, and remarkable executive ability with which Gen. Amos Pilsbury has managed the affairs of the Penitentiary, since it was first erected and organized, upon his own plan, and under his official superintendence; that the important suggestions resulting from his long and varied experience are worthy of the most serious consideration; and that we earnestly commend them to the attention of judicial and legislative authorities.

Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Schoonmaker offered the following:

WHEREAS, The term of office of Robert Babcock, Esq., one of the Inspectors of the Penitentiary, will expire on the 1st day of March next; therefore,

*Resolved*, That Robert Babcock be and is hereby reappointed an Inspector of the Albany County Penitentiary, for the term of three years, from and after the first day of March, 1871.

Adopted unanimously.

The Joint Board then adjourned.



## INSPECTORS' REPORT.

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*To the Mayor and Recorder of the City of Albany and the Board of Supervisors of the County of Albany, in Joint Meeting assembled:*

The undersigned, Inspectors of the Albany County Penitentiary, respectfully submit their Twenty-second Annual Report, showing the condition and progress of the Institution during the fiscal year ending on the thirty-first day of October, 1870.

The Reports of the Superintendent, acting Chaplain and Physician of the Prison are hereto annexed, and are respectfully recommended to the attention of your honorable Body.

On reference to the accompanying Report of the Superintendent it will be seen, that the gross earnings of the Penitentiary for the year have been,..... \$62,258.17  
and its ordinary expenditures for the same time, 44,120.92  
Leaving a gain of, ..... 18,132.25

The following summary has been compiled from the statistics of the institution for the past year:

Whole number of prisoners received during year,	1,098
On hand October 31st, 1869,.....	378
Total for the year,.....	<u>1,471</u>

Total for the year, brought forward,.....	1,471
Discharged by expiration of sentence,.....	824
Discharged by Magistrates and Courts,.....	16
Discharged by payment of fines,.....	79
Discharged on Habeas Corpus and Certiorari,	24
Pardoned by the President,.....	18
Pardoned by the Governor,.....	3
Died — whites 8, colored 5,.....	13
Total discharged during the year,.....	<u>977</u>
Leaving in confinement October 31st, 1870,.....	494
viz: Males,.....	410
Females,.....	84
	<u>494</u>

Of those received during the year, there were,

White males, .....	756	
Colored males,.....	80	
	<u>836</u>	
White females,.....	247	
Colored females, .....	10	
	<u>257</u>	
		<u>1093</u>

The average number of prisoners received monthly has been about 91, viz: 70 males and 21 females.

The prisoners on hand at the end of each month have averaged 422, viz: 359 males, and 63 females.

Those received for the year were from the following sources, viz:

Washington, D. C., Courts,.....	51
Army, Courts Martial,.....	7
Virginia, United States Court,.....	8
Carried forward,.....	<u>66</u>

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Brought forward, .....	66
West Virginia, United States Court,.....	1
North Carolina, United States Court,.....	2
United States Courts in this State,.....	11
City of Albany,.....	438
City of Cohoes,.....	44
Town of Watervliet,.....	177
Town of Bethlehem,.....	2
Town of Guilderland, .....	3
Town of Coeymans, .....	1
Other counties in this state, .....	348

1,093

Of those committed during the year 23 were for offenses against the United States, 134 for offenses against the person, 287 for offenses against property, and 649 for various misdemeanors.

715 were sentenced for less than six months,  
 200 for six months,  
 22 for one year in default of bail,  
 72 for one year and less than two,  
 41 for two years, and less than three,  
 35 for three years, and less than six,  
 7 from six to ten years,  
 1 for thirty years.

1,093 total.

Their nativity is as follows:

United States,.....	568
Ireland,.....	352
Germany,.....	53
Canada,.....	47
Carried forward,.....	1,020