

wishes at this time to express thanks for their kind co-operation. The speakers in the Chapel afford one of the most valuable means of those here coming into relation with people and ideas from outside.

The library still maintains its efficiency, and is being added to regularly through the generosity of the Free Public Library Commission. The books are in excellent condition and are well taken care of by those who read them. Almost all the men use the books and those who do not are encouraged to take advantage of the library privileges.

The evening school has been conducted throughout the greater part of the past two years, but owing to the decrease in the prison population the attendance has of course not been as large as in former years. It is gratifying to find that some men after their discharge have written to the Superintendent, expressing their appreciation for the benefit which they have received at the school. There is certainly no department of prison work which exerts a stronger or more valuable influence toward restoring the men to society than does the school. Although the fact is almost universally recognized, it is a matter of regret that the prison school receives no appropriation as yet from the legislature. The teaching, text books and other materials are at present contributed by a few people who are especially interested in this phase of Vermont's welfare. The only available place to hold the school is in the hospital, which is not in any way appropriate and should not be used for that purpose. When the hospital is in use, which is not infrequent, the school sessions have to be discontinued, sometimes for long periods. The disorganizing effect is apparent to anyone, especially to those in the teaching profession, and should be corrected. The school is organized as a branch of the chaplain's work; he, therefore, takes this opportunity to ask that an appropriation be made for the school. The amount granted should be equal in some measure to the importance of the school as a positive and constructive force in prison work.

A spirit of hearty co-operation is shown by all the officials. This contributes greatly toward the efforts which are being made for the religious and moral betterment of the men and women under the care of the Chaplain.

Respectfully submitted,

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