

every inducement for them to do so consistent with the regulations of the Prison. For this purpose 100 primers have been purchased and intrusted as state property to every applicant. By ~~several~~ of the prisoners some of the school books are appreciated and much studied, such as Arithmetic Algebra, and others of that class.

The readers being held responsible for the books they take are generally careful of them. The most popular books are scarcely placed on the shelves before they are applied for. About twenty of these being soiled and somewhat worn, were detained for the inspection of the Warden & visiting Committee who upon ascertaining the number of times they had been read, concluded it was no more than a reasonable wearing.

The Warden cautioned the prisoners against abusing the books, and with few exceptions, they manifested a disposition to respect his admonitions. Every reader is now provided with a cotton handkerchief in which to wrap his book when not in use; this protects it from the dust, and the intrusion of any irresponsible man. Histories, Biography and Scientific works are classed as "Books of Instruction" the reading of these is

registered 1498. It is not surprising that there should be so much less in demand than the others as their chief object is to find amusement in them.

In this list we find that Pilgrims Progress, has been read 22 times —

The Librarian has numbered 47 works under the heads of light literature and tho the number of these is small in proportion yet we find the reading registered under this class at 1556.

He states that there are some who never ask for, and will not read any other books — As many of these books are sent from other sources, and consequently do not undergo our supervision, we would suggest the propriety and importance of our visiting committee — giving a careful examination to books of this class —

After reading this report a friend informed, that some of our members, feeling great solicitude concerning the crowded state of the Prison, had prepared a second address to the Board of Directors, urging them again to appeal to the Legislature of our state on behalf of its enlargement.

This address was submitted to the meeting and approved, and H A Tyson