

Male Convict Population.

1. As to the health of the Convict Population.

It is ^{some what} below the average of the free working
 classes, in England. A large proportion of the
 Convicts ^{formerly} have impaired their constitutions by
 debilitation - prior to their coming into bondage

& the effects of this ^{injury} are now or less apparent
 in proportion to the facilities they now possess
^{in coming with the usual} of personal indulgence. The salubrity of the
 climate, ^{and the ample allow. of food, moderate labour,} & comparative regular habits of Convict
 employment in the country, & especially when out
 of convenient reach of the public house, tend

to counteract the mischief, ^{thus incurred}
 to a great degree to counteract the mischief
 of intemperance & to bring this class up to par in point of health.

The ^{more frequent} greater ^{inopportunities} indulgence ^{of} those living in town ^{places}
 & of which ^{many} they ^{to} ^{themselves} ^{the} ^{standards} ^{of} ^{health} ^{is} ^{proportionately} ^{lower}
 among this class. Domestic servants are a
 peculiar subject to indisposition.

2. Their industry. ^{Salutary universal deficiency}
 Generally speaking, There is a great ^{deficiency}
 in ^{the} ^{industry} ^{of} ^{the} ^{convicts} ⁱⁿ ^{England} ^{not} ^{more} ^{than} ^{half} ^a ^{day}
 work ^{is} ^{performed} ^{with} ^{the} ^{free} ^{working} ^{classes} ^{of} ^{England} ^{is} ^{performed} ^{by} ^{the} ^{convict} ^{population}

Latro here, whether it be in the house,
the shop, or the field.

3. Their moral & intellectual culture.

The circumstances under which the generality
of the convicts are placed as labourers, domestic
servants, & mechanics, whose time is not at
their own disposal, does not appear favourable
to intellectual culture. Besides this there is
a general indisposition to improve the few
opportunities that are put within their reach,
of the large number ^{who find the purpose of their lives} acquire the art of
reading with tolerable ^{fluency}, or the paper only
it is my belief that comparatively very few
turn their knowledge to any useful account.
That by far the larger proportion lose the
art altogether through mere indifference &
want of practice. - The ^{cases of} improvement in morals
are but few, & being confined chiefly
to such as have become ^{more} ^{stitch} ^{to} ^{proprietors}
This improvement consists in a ^{greater} ^{regard}
to the outward decency of conduct than in
any ^{radical} ^{change} ^{of} ^{principles} ^{the} ^{result}
of or radical reformation of character.

4. Their improvement in moral & religious habits.

Little The answer to this question has been ^{in some}
anticipated in that of the ^{preceding} one. ^{degree}

Little improvement in morals is observable, &
^{in general} ^{and is a necessary consequence of}
little religious knowledge, ^{judging from the}
little effect ^{the latter seem to produce,}
in the ^{production} of religious habits.
Although domestic servants will frequently
manifest a ^{desire} ^{of} ^{improving} ^{themselves}, if the
permission ^{is} ^{granted} ^{them} ⁱⁿ ^{this} ^{respect}, it is
to be feared that this desire ^{is} ^{generally}
it originates rather in a desire to hold
converse with acquaintances ^{by the way,}
& for the degree of change ^{which} ^{goes} ^{abroad}
affords, than from a ^{real} ^{desire} ^{to} ^{profit}
by discharge a religious duty ^{or} ^{to} ^{profit} ⁱⁿ
their own minds. Ten or 12 years
ago I made a ^{minute} ^{investigation} ^{as} ^{to} ^{the}
number of prisoners ^{in this island}, in whom a change of
conduct was observable and that change
attributable to religious principles. The
number then fell short of 100 including both
sexes. From what I know of the present
religious condition of this class consist
at the present moment, I should ^{be}
glad that the ^{number} ^{of} ^{the} ^{population}
by decidedly religious ^{principles} ^{does} ^{not}
greatly exceed that number now. ^{and} ^{the} ^{population}
is so ^{greatly} ^{increased}, & the great ^{number} ^{of} ^{convicts}

of those serious persons, ^{of a former period, who are} referred to are included
in the present computation. From repeated
conversations with Catechists & Officers at Penal
Stations, I feel convinced that a very small
number indeed of those under the immediate
charge of the Govt. become ~~changed~~ reformed
on religious grounds. & that ^{of the few}
^{the greater number of those} who undergo this change are ^{found}
those residing with ^{in towns,} with ^{employed} ^{in the service of} ^{prisoners} ^{who} ^{bring} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{service} ^{of} ^{employed}
religious masters & a few ^{who} ^{bring} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{service} ^{of} ^{employed}
being thus removed from the influence of
vicious & pernicious associations, but are also brought
under ~~more~~ regular & more effective means
of ^{personal} instruction; than those found at the
Penal Stations prove, counteracted as they
are by the accompanying

under ^{where} ^{personal}
5. The habits of the Prisoners with regard
to Temperance are very lax, a great many of them
indulge by drinking & except when they can
obtain the ^{means} of doing so, & the desire to obtain
them means ^{there is} ^{ground} to believe doubtless
prompt in numerous instances to acts of dishonesty.
& ^{especially} to petty thieving. Habits of ^{personal} ^{decency}
however are very much disregarded, & as far
as my own observation extends is more to a greater
depreciation, the women than the men.

6. The ordinary occupations of the Prisoners are extremely diversified in their nature & may be subdivided into three great classes, viz Agricultural Labourers, House Servants & Mechanics. The first of these I should consider the most numerous & the last of them the best so.

7. The extent of their daily average labour has been already ~~referred to~~ ^{alluded to} in this answer. The Lord employs ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~prisoners~~ ^{prisoners} to their industry.

8. The leisure enjoyed, or which might be not generally put to a good purpose, enjoyed by the Prisoners when in the service of private individuals I should say was not great, except in a few occupations, such as Shepherding

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