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GAOLS AND PRISONERS.

1899.

STATISTICAL RETURN for the PRISONERS of MALTA, for 1899.

Name and nature of the Prison. (More "Lock-ups" not inserted)	Total Number of Persons Committed in 1899	Number Committed for Debt, Want of Bail and Punishment			Number of those Committed who have been previously Convicted			Number of Persons Committed to Penal Imprisonment including "Hard-Labour"				The Daily average Number in Prison	The Number of Admissions to Hospital during the year 1899	The Daily average on the Sick List	The Number of deaths during 1899
		For Debt	For the sake of Security or for want of Security	For purpose of Imprisonment	Once	Twice	Three or more	For Five years or more	For one year, or more, but less than five Years	For more than Three Months, and less than One Year	For Three Months or less				
Corradino Prison ... (common Gaol)	3,268	8	338	2,922	1,678	1,093	497	5	39	18	3,206	289	4	7	1
Valetta Prison ... (Prison attached to the Police)	1,990	—	92	1,898	617	243	150	5	49	48	1,796	6	5	—	—
Gozo Prison ... (common Gaol)	702	—	17	685	112	66	359	—	4	2	679	5	1	—	—
Totals ...	5,960	8	447	5,505	2,407	1,402	1,006	10	92	68	5,681	300	10	7	1
Men ...	4,721	8	381	4,332	2,039	1,178	691	8	77	49	4,505	268	10	5	1
Women ...	388	—	40	348	133	59	83	2	6	7	361	19	—	2	—
Juveniles ...	839	—	24	815	235	165	232	—	7	12	805	13	—	—	—
{ Boys	839	—	24	815	235	165	232	—	7	12	805	13	—	—	—
{ Girls	12	—	2	10	—	—	—	—	2	—	10	—	—	—	—
	5,960	8	447	5,505	2,407	1,402	1,006	10	92	68	5,681	300	10	7	1

Corradino Prison. *

Questions.

Answers.

- I. If the Prison is on a separate system, is the separation complete? And if not, what is the separation enforced by day and night respectively?
- This prison is on the mixed cellular system as regards the criminal wards. The separation is complete as regards two of the five Sections under which the prisoners are classed, viz: A and B. In Sections C and D association is allowed for three hours daily in the yards, but with *strict silence*, separation being enforced during the remaining hours. In Section E conversation is allowed with another prisoner designated by the Superintendent. By night the separation is complete for all prisoners.
- II. If not on the separate system, what provision is there for the supervision of the prisoners while in association?
- The prisoners, while in association, are supervised by Wardes in the Male Division, and by Sisters of Charity in the Female Ward.
- III. How many cells are there and how many wards?
- There are 254 separate cells, and six wards.
- IV. Taking the average number of prisoners in gaol, how many cubic feet of space are there for each prisoner during the hours of sleep?
- In the Criminal wards there are 1,120 cubic feet of space for each prisoner in 72 cells, and 1,260 cubic feet in the other 182 cells.
- V. How are the prisoners classified?
- In five Sections from A to E inclusive, six months good conduct being required before passing from one system to another of less severity.

* On the 15th March 1895, the Female Prisoners were removed from the Asylum for Aged and Incurables to the Corradino Prison, where a Ward had been specially built for them.

Corradino Prison—(continued).

Questions.

VI. Is penal labour—that is labour by tread-mill, crank or shot drill—in force?

VII. If so, during what period of imprisonment in respect of what classes of prisoners and during how many hours, in such penal labour enforced? In stating hours of tread-wheel labour, give, first the total time on and off at the wheel &c., secondly, the length of spells and interval of rest.

VIII. What kind of labour, other than penal labour, is in use?

IX. If the prisoners are employed beyond the walls of the gaol, state:

1. On what kind of work are they so employed?
2. How are they supervised?
3. How many escapes of prisoners, while being employed beyond the gaol, have taken place during each of the last three years?
4. How are the profits of their labour accounted for?

X. What was the total annual cost of the Prison during the year 1899?

Answers.

No.

See Answer No. VI.

Building; Stone-cutting; Carpentering; Glazing; Mining; Painting; Staining; Whitewashing; Tailoring; Shoemaking; Furniture and Toy-making; Basket, Mat and Broom-making; Gardening; Field labour and Stone-breaking; Washing, Sewing, Knitting, Patching &c.

The prisoners are not employed outside the prison as a rule; but well-conducted men, supervised by two or three warders, are sent out to cultivate the lands when necessary.

None.

Lodged in the Colonial Treasury.

£ 4,209.				
Personal Emoluments	...	...	...	£ 1,528
Other Charges (Div. A).				
Uniforms	...	...	...	100
Bookbinding	...	...	...	8
Stationery	...	...	...	11
Provisions	...	...	...	2,138
Bedding	...	...	...	437
Gratuities	...	...	...	140
Materials	...	...	...	89
Drugs	...	...	...	17
Transport	...	...	...	48
Water Supply	...	...	...	25
Cultivation	...	...	...	20
Other Charges (Div. B).				
Provisions	...	...	...	154
Clothing	...	...	...	15
				4,736
Less				
Maintenance of Consular, Naval and Military Prisoners (recouped)	...	...	...	527
				4,209

RETURN of GAOLS &c.—(continued).

Corradino Prison—(continued).

Questions.

Answers.

- XI. What was the annual amount of the Prisoners' earnings during 1899?
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| Brooms, Mats and Matting | ... | ... | ... | £ | 110 |
| Tailoring | ... | ... | ... | ... | 60 |
| Joiner's Work | ... | ... | ... | ... | 60 |
| Mason's | ... | ... | ... | ... | 60 |
| Painter's | ... | ... | ... | ... | 60 |
| Plasterer's | ... | ... | ... | ... | 60 |
| Sculptor's | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| Shoemaker's | ... | ... | ... | ... | 60 |
| Stainer's | ... | ... | ... | ... | 30 |
| Tinman's | ... | ... | ... | ... | 60 |
| Plumber's | ... | ... | ... | ... | 30 |
| Reclaiming waste land | ... | ... | ... | ... | 220 |
| Produce of Prison lands | ... | ... | ... | ... | 90 |
| | | | | | £ 910 |
- XII. What is the number of the hours allotted for sleep? And, if sleep is in association, are the dormitories lighted; and how often are they patrolled during the night?
- According to the Section. From one hour after sunset to daylight. Light is allowed after sunset from 20 minutes to one hour according to the Section of the prisoners. All the wards are patrolled every hour during the night.
- XIII. What were the number and nature of the punishments inflicted for offences committed by prisoners undergoing imprisonment?
- The number of punishments inflicted were 164
viz :
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|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Solitary confinement on bread and water | ... | ... | ... | 69 |
| Dark Cell on bread and water | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Reduction from Class | ... | ... | ... | 29 |
| Admonished | ... | ... | ... | 62 |
| | | | | 164 |
- XIV. Is there, or are there, any Chaplain or Chaplains of any, and what religious persuasion?
- One resident Roman Catholic Chaplain; and three visiting Chaplains, one Church of England, one Presbyterian and one Wesleyan.
- XV. Are religious services regularly, or otherwise performed for the benefit of the prisoners of any, and if any, what religious persuasion?
- There are two Chapels, viz: Catholic and Protestant in which Divine service is regularly performed.
- XVI. Are Roman Catholic Priests and dissenting Ministers allowed free access to prisoners of their own persuasion? and are they informed when prisoners of their respective persuasion enter the prison?
- Yes.
- XVII. What provision is made for the education of prisoners?
- The resident Chaplain is also Schoolmaster, and the prisoners are taught by him in their cells as regards religious instruction; also reading, writing &c. if they wish it. The visiting Protestant Chaplain is assisted in his work by a Scripture-reader.

Corradino Prison—(continued).

*Questions.**Answers.*

XVIII. On what conditions are remissions of imprisonment granted?

Every prisoner sentenced to imprisonment for over two years is entitled, if of good behaviour, to a remission of part of the remainder of his sentence, at the rate of one day for each week during the third year, and two days for each week during the subsequent years.

XIX. Have Corner's Inquests been held on every occasion of a death in prison during the past year and what were the verdicts?

One death occurred in 1899, from heart disease.

XX.

(1). What was the sanitary state of the Prison during the year 1899?

Very good.

(2). What were the prevailing diseases?

Venereal disease and Gastric disorders.

XXI. What are shortly the rules as to diet?

Simple Imprisonment.

First three Weeks—

Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 24 oz. bread and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint soup.

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 27 oz. bread and 1 ration cheese, salt-fish or olives.

Remaining time—

28 oz. bread 1 pint soup on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

31 oz. bread, and 1 ration cheese, olives or salt-fish on the other four days.

The rations of cheese, olives or salt-fish consist of $1\frac{1}{2}$, $2\frac{1}{2}$ and 2 oz. respectively.

Hard Labour.

An addition of one pint coffee, nine oz. bread or $\frac{1}{2}$ pint soup and $\frac{1}{2}$ ration of cheese, olives or salt-fish; and on Sundays four oz. meat.

The soup is made of paste and vegetables, with lard or oil. Prisoners with "Good Conduct Stripes" have also an allowance of wine per diem, and fruit and extra meat on Sundays according to the number of Stripes.

Valletta Prison * (*In the Palace of the Courts of Justice*).*Questions.**Answers.*

I. If the Prison is on a separate system, is the separation complete? And if not, what is the separation enforced by day and night respectively?

It is not on a separate system, and no effectual separation can, as a rule be enforced either by night or by day in consequence of the premises being so defective and ill suited for the object for which they are intended, viz :

1st. The detention of persons sentenced to imprisonment for periods not exceeding three days ;

2nd. The temporary detention of persons apprehended, until taken before the Magistrates ;

3rd. The detention of offenders undergoing Examination by the Magistrates ;

4th. The detention of offenders committed for trial before H. M.'s Criminal Court.

II. If not on the separate system, what provision is there for the supervision of the prisoners while in association?

They are occasionally supervised by the Keeper of the Prison and by his Assistant.

III. How many cells are there and how many wards?

There are 16 cells, all of which are damp, dark and unsanitary.

IV. Taking the average number of prisoners in gaol, how many cubic feet of space are there for each prisoner during the hours of sleep?

Number of prisoners varies daily ; no reliable average can be taken.

V. How are the prisoners classified?

Endeavours are made to classify them as per Answer to Question I, but very often this is found to be impracticable. On many occasions the separation of boys from grown up criminals and even of the latter from female prisoners is as much as can be effected.

* The use of the Valletta Prison has been discontinued since February 1899.

Valletta Prison—(continued).

Questions.

Answers.

VI. Is penal labour—that is labour by tread-mill, crank or shot drill—in force?

No hard labour is in force.

VII. If so, during what period of imprisonment in respect of what classes of prisoners and during how many hours, in such penal labour enforced? In stating hours of tread-wheel labour, give, first the total time on and off at the wheel &c., secondly, the length of spells and interval of rest.

See Answer No. VI.

VIII. What kind of labour, other than penal labour, is in use?

None.

IX. If the prisoners are employed beyond the walls of the gaol, state:

1. On what kind of work are they so employed?
2. How are they supervised?
3. How many escapes of prisoners, while being employed beyond the gaol, have taken place during each of the last three years?
4. How are the profits of their labour accounted for?

} See Answer No. VI.

X. What was the total annual cost of the Prison during the year 1899?

The total annual cost in 1899 was:—

Salary to Keeper	£	60	0	0	
Provisions	32	5	4	
Bedding, Furniture &c.	25	14	4	
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					£	117	19	8

RETURN of GAOLS &c.—(continued).

Valletta Prison—(continued).

*Questions.**Answers.*

XI. What was the annual amount of the Prisoners' earnings during 1899?

See Answer No. VI.

XII. What is the number of the hours allotted for sleep? And, if sleep is in association, are the dormitories lighted; and how often are they patrolled during the night?

There is no limited time for sleep.

There are no dormitories, but cells only, which are visited by the Prison Keeper or his Assistant occasionally during the night.

XIII. What were the number and nature of the punishments inflicted for offences committed by prisoners undergoing imprisonment?

None.

XIV. Is there, or are there, any Chaplain or Chaplains of any, and what religious persuasion?

There is a Roman Catholic Priest who performs Divine Service on Sundays and other holidays.

XV. Are religious services regularly, or otherwise performed for the benefit of the prisoners of any, and if any, what religious persuasion?

Regularly for Catholics only.

XVI. Are Roman Catholic Priests and dissenting Ministers allowed free access to prisoners of their own persuasion? and are they informed when prisoners of their respective persuasion enter the prison?

Clergymen of every religious persuasion have free access to the prisoners, when the latter require their assistance.

XVII. What provision is made for the education of prisoners?

None.

Valletta Prison—(continued).

Questions.

Answers.

XVIII. On what conditions are remissions of imprisonment granted?

Remissions of imprisonment are granted or withheld by His Excellency the Governor after enquiries into the circumstances connected with each case.

XIX. Have Coroner's Inquests been held on every occasion of a death in prison during the past year and what were the verdicts?

No death occurred in 1899.

XX.

(1). What was the sanitary state of the Prison during the year 1899?

Fair.

(2). What were the prevailing diseases?

None.

XXI. What are shortly the rules as to diet?

Detention prisoners who have no means and all others who are undergoing punishment are fed at the public expense by rations supplied from the Orphan Asylum on requisition by the Superintendent of Police. A day's ration consists of

26 oz. Bread;

4 oz. *Pasta* made into soup with oil and vegetables; and

2½ oz. of Cheese,

or

2½ oz. of Salt Fish,

$\frac{1}{10}$ of *Mondello* Olives.

Gozo Prison.

*Questions.**Answers.*

I. If the Prison is on a separate system, is the separation complete? And if not, what is the separation enforced by day and night respectively?

It is not on a separate system, but as the number of prisoners is comparatively small, the premises admit of the separation of persons sentenced to imprisonment from others who are under examination or remitted for trial.

II. If not on the separate system, what provision is there for the supervision of the prisoners while in association?

They are occasionally supervised by the Keeper of the Prison.

III. How many cells are there and how many wards?

There are four cells and three wards, two of which wards with airing yards attached.

IV. Taking the average number of prisoners in gaol, how many cubic feet of space are there for each prisoner during the hours of sleep?

Both the cells and the yards being very spacious and considering the limited number of persons detained in the same, no possible doubt can be entertained of the prisoners being too closely confined.

V. How are the prisoners classified?

See Answer to Question No. I.

Gozo Prison—(continued).

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Answers.

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See Answer to Question No. VI.

VIII. What kind of labour, other than penal labour, is in use?

Sweeping and cleansing the prison and conveying water to the same.

IX. If the prisoners are employed beyond the walls of the gaol, state:

1. On what kind of work are they so employed?
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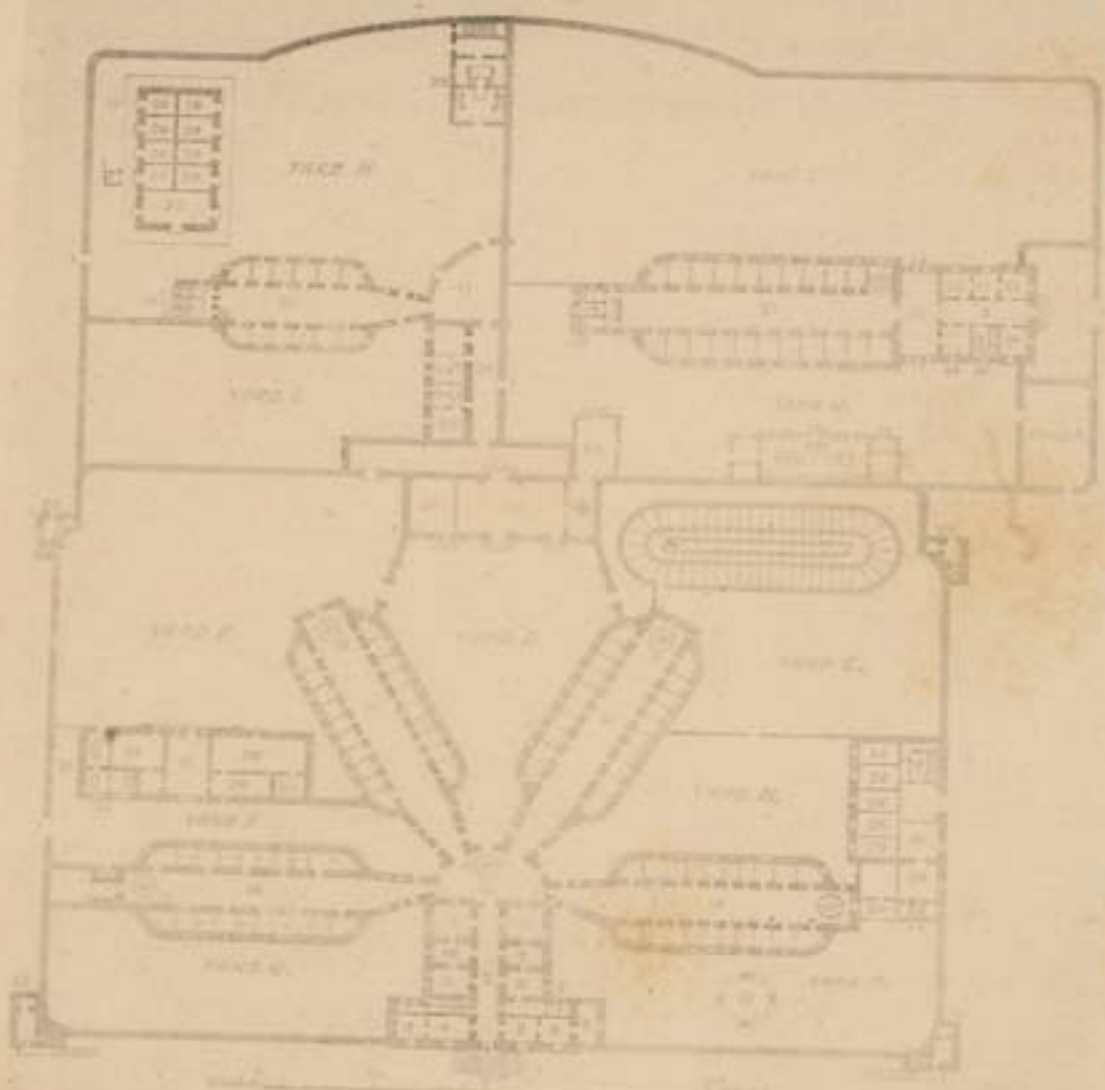
The prisoners are not employed beyond the walls of the gaol.

X. What was the total annual cost of the Prison during the year 1899?

The total annual cost in 1899 was:—

Salary to Keeper	...	...	...	£	30	0	0
Ecclesiastical	...	...	...		6	6	0
Provisions	...	...	...		29	17	7
Bedding, Furniture &c.	...	...	...		3	3	9
					£	69	14

CORRADING PRISON.



MALE DIVISION.

- 1. Entrances.
- 2. Corridors.
- 3. Chief Warden's Quarters.
- 4. Infirmary, Warden's Quarters.
- 5. Water Closet.
- 6. Superintendent's Office.
- 7. Chief Warden's Office.
- 8. Clerk's Office.
- 9. Clothes Store.
- 10. Library.
- 11. Visiting Box.
- 12. Central Halls.
- 13. Iron Staircase.
- 14. Division No. 1 (140 cells).
- 15. Do. No. 2 (60 do.).
- 16. Do. No. 3 (60 do.).

- 17. Division No. 4 (40 cells).
- 18. Capstan Pump.
- 19. Kitchen.
- 20. Stores.
- 21. Bath-Rooms.
- 22. Towers, Warders' Quarters.
- 23. Catholic Chapel.
- 24. Protestant do.
- 25. Silent System Exercising Yards.
- 26. Workshops.
- 27. Debtors' Prison.
Over 1 to 11 Superintendent's Quarters.

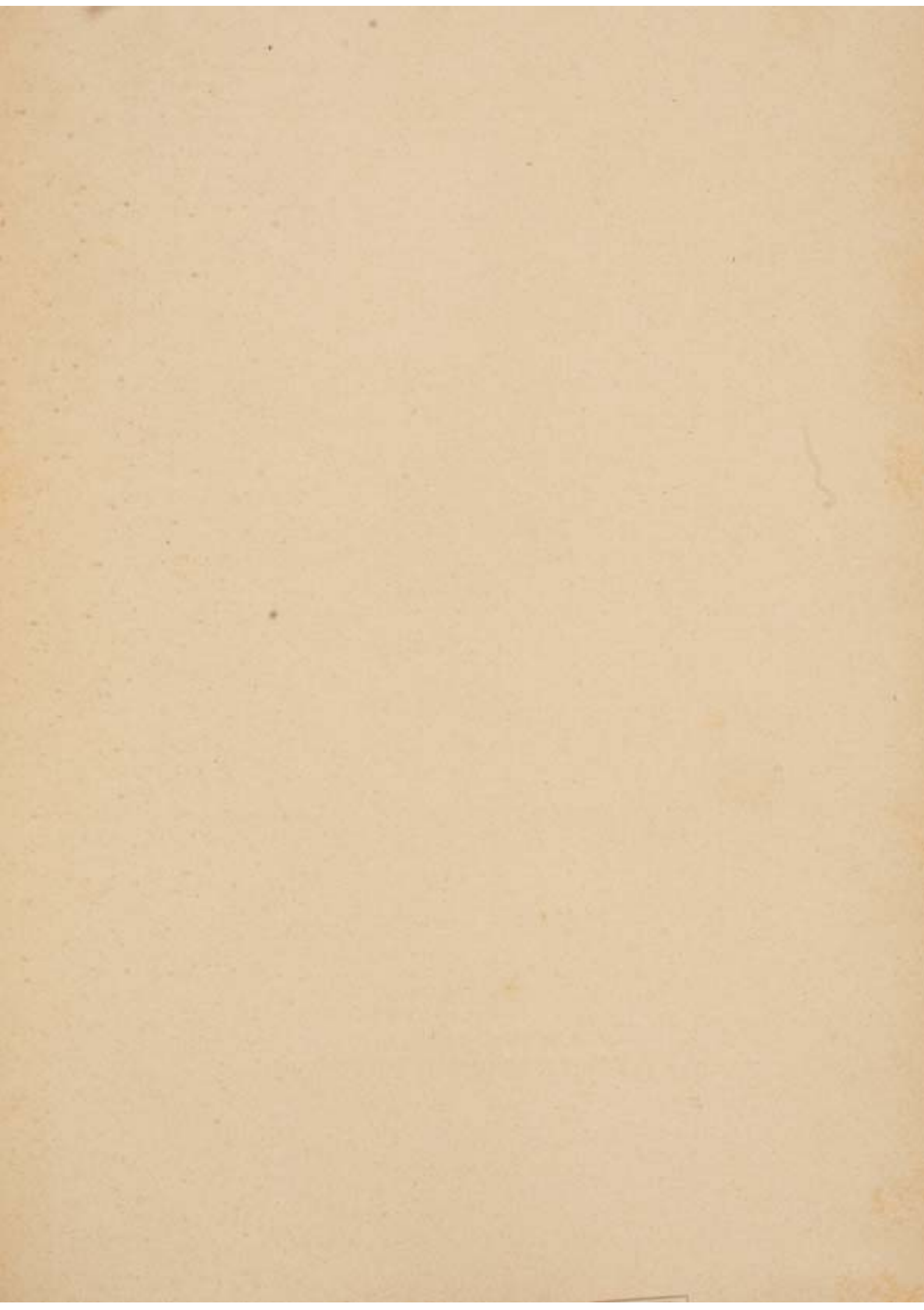
JUVENILE DIVISION.

- 28. Warden's Quarters.
- 29. Open Passage.

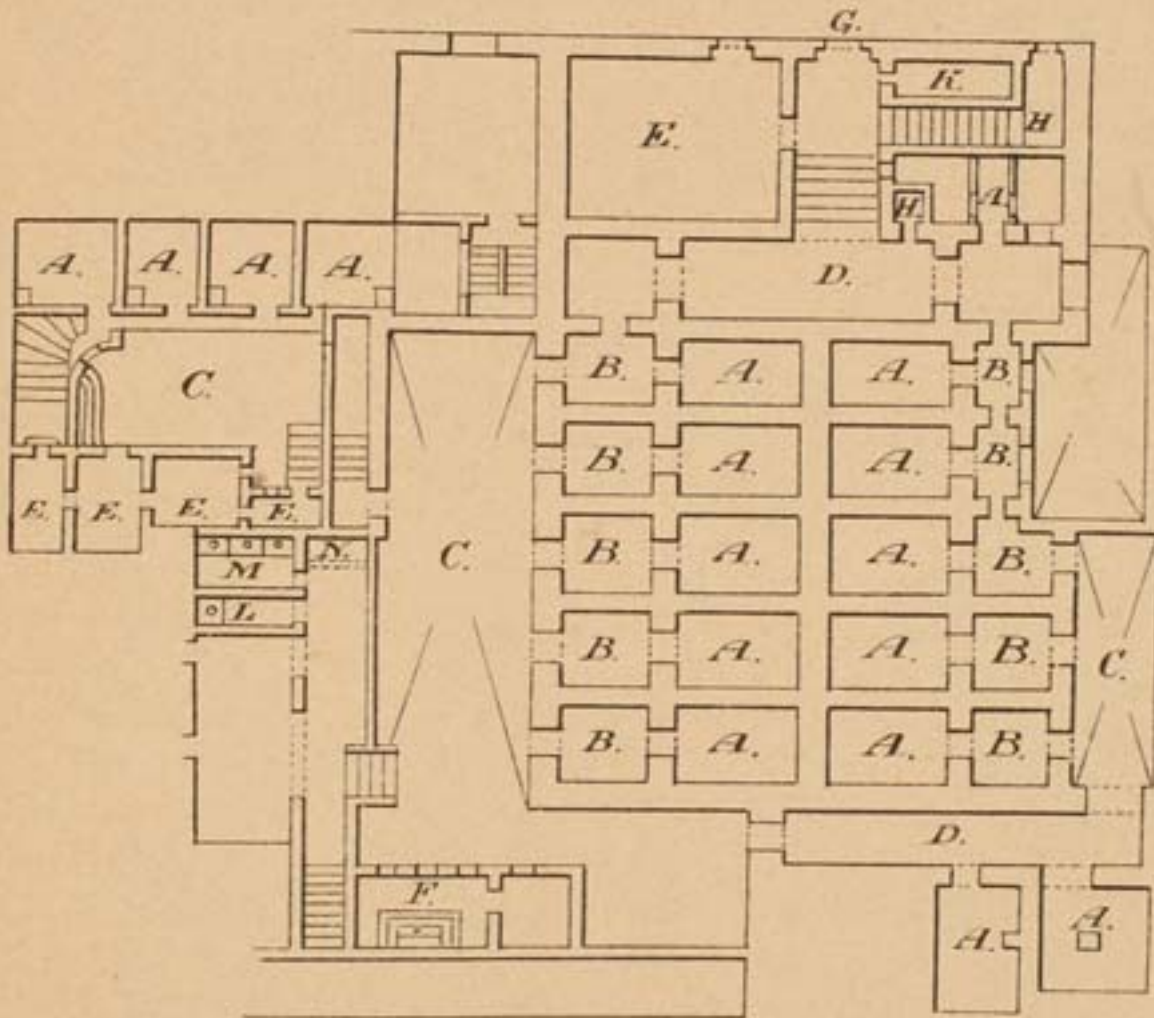
- 30. Division No. 5 (12 cells).
- 31. Lavatories, Water Closets and Dark Cell.
- 32. Dead House.

FEMALE DIVISION.

- 33. Offices.
- 34. Clothes Store.
- 35. Staircases.
- 36. Visiting Box.
- 37. Division No. 6 (42 cells).
- 38. Lavatories, Bath-Room and Water Closets.
Over 5, 33, 34, 35, 36.
Matron's Quarters
Over 12 Infirmary.
- 39. Gallows.



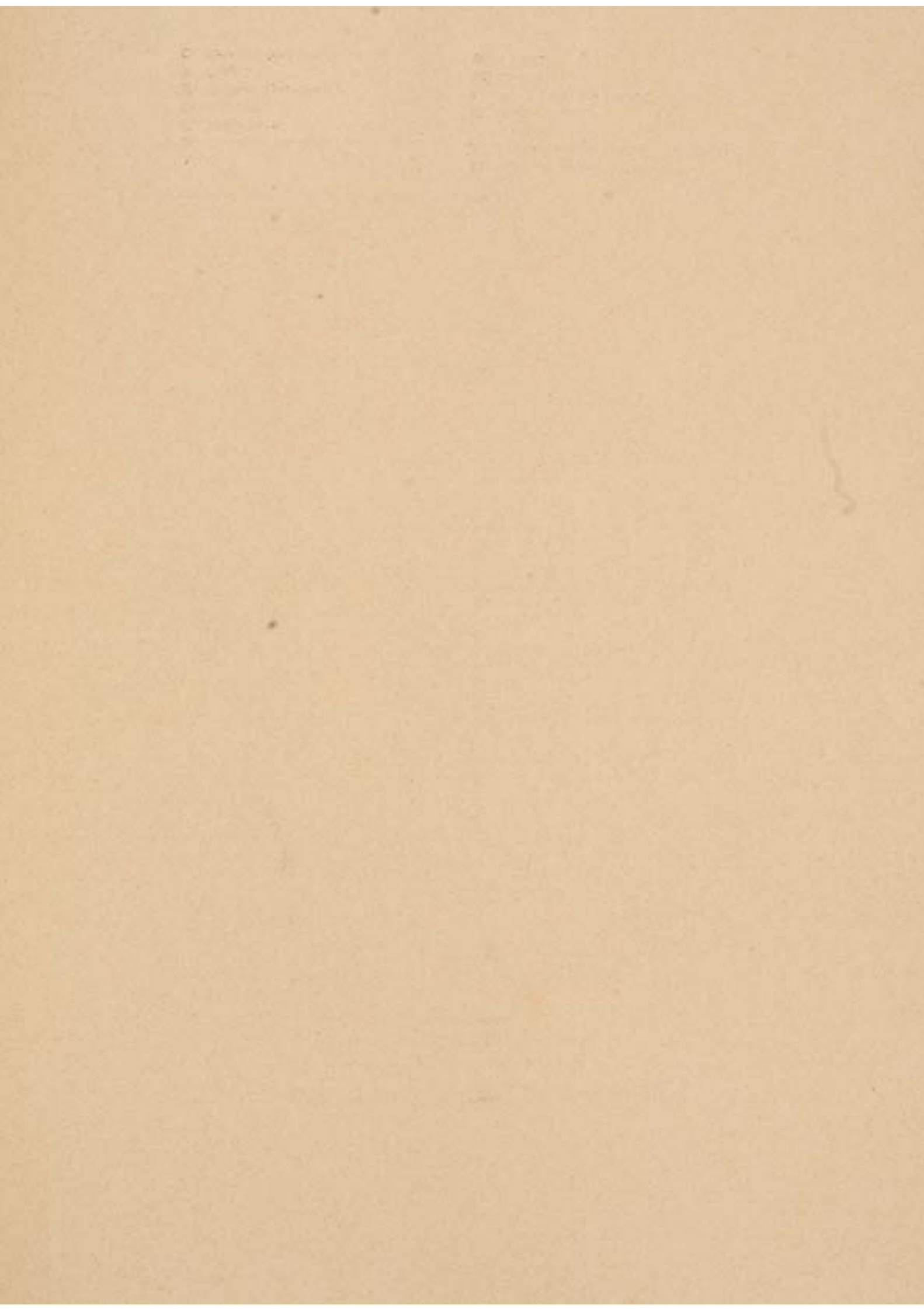
GAOL FOR UNTRIED PRISONERS
COURTS OF JUSTICE.
VALLETTA.



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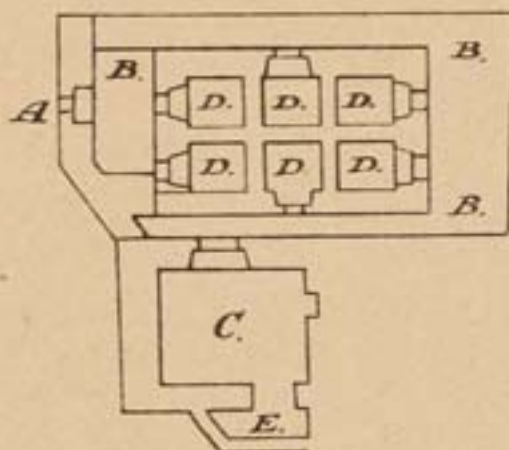
- A. Cells.
- B. Exercising Entrances.
- C. Large Yards.
- D. Corridors.
- E. Gaolers' Apartments.
- F. Chapel.
- G. Entrance from Strada Stretta.

- H. Staircases leading to Court above.
- J. Corridor leading to Courts, and Police Office.
- K. Lumber Room.
- L. W. C. for Police Officers.
- M. Latrine.
- N. Urinals.



GAOL FOR PRISONERS WAITING TRIAL

PRISON IN THE CASTLE VICTORIA — GOZO.



- A. Entrance.
- B. Courtyard.
- C. Room.
- D. Small cells.
- E. "Cortile."

