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GAOLS AND PRISONERS

1908-1909.

STATISTICAL RETURN of the PRISONERS of MALTA, for 1908-9.

Name and nature of the Prison (More "Lock-ups" not inserted)	Total Number of Persons Committed in 1909	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 above period	The Daily average on the Sick List	The Number of Deaths during the above period
		For Debt	For sale Outside of trial, and detention for want of security	For purposes of Penal 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)	5325	94908	407	726	540	2865	14	25	48	320	100.11	12	22	1	
Valletta Prison † ... (Prison attached to the Police)	1593	0	31	1562	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	2	0	0	
Gozo Prison * ... (Common Gaol)	880	0	869	20	176	72	641	0	0	0	873	7	9	0	
Totals ...	7807	95808	1989	902	612	3506	14	25	48	1193	100.11	23	22	1	
Men ...	6146	94512	1624	631	463	3152	14	24	42	972	100.11	22	20	1	
Women ...	534	0	476	58	83	58	114	0	1	4	53	7.27	0	2	0
Juveniles ...	1104	0	797	307	178	89	235	0	0	2	164	10	1	0	0
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† Exclusive of persons committed for temporary detention, until their removal to the Corradino Prison in the afternoon. See Answer to Question 1.
* Exclusive of 28 persons committed for temporary detention and imprisonment, until their removal to Corradino Prison generally the day after.

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 Warders in the Male Divisions, and by Sisters of Charity in the Female Ward.

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

There are 258 separate cells, and seven 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 186 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 18th March 1895, the Female Prisoners were removed from the Poor House to the Corradino Prison, where a Ward had been specially built for them.

† A Separate Ward containing four large cells was built for Lepers in 1901.

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<p>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?</p>	<p>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 half hour during the night.</p>																																																																											
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<p>XV. Are religious services regularly, or otherwise performed for the benefit of the prisoners of any, and if any, what religious persuasion?</p>	<p>There are two Chapels, viz: Catholic and Protestant in which Divine service is regularly performed.</p>																																																																											
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Corradino Prison—(continued).

Questions.

XVIII. On what conditions are remissions of imprisonment granted?

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

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

(2). What were the prevailing diseases?

XXI. What are shortly the rules as to diet?

Answers.

Every prisoner sentenced to imprisonment for over one year 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 second year, and two days for each week during the subsequent years.

One execution took place—Coroner's inquest was held.

Very good.

Gastric disorders and slight Rheumatic pains.

Simple Imprisonment.

$\frac{1}{2}$ Pint Coffee—24 oz. Bread—Soup—2 oz. salt-fish or Cheese or $\frac{1}{8}$ Mond. Olives. Salt-fish—or olives—or cheese—is given on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays—4 oz. Beef or Pork on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Hard Labour.

4 oz. Bread in addition to the Ordinary Diet on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

Persons during their first month of imprisonment, and persons sentenced to Detention, who do not provide their own food, receive 20 oz. bread instead of 24 oz.

$\frac{1}{2}$ Pint Coffee contains $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of raw coffee and $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. sugar. Each basin of soup contains $1\frac{1}{2}$ Ration vegetables (including potatoes) $1\frac{1}{100}$ pint oil or $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. suet and 0.008 Mond. Dry Beans, Lentils etc.

A ration of vegetables is made up of 34 Rot. of raw vegetables (including potatoes) for every 100 persons.

RETURN OF GAOLS &c.—(continued).

Valletta Lock-up (*In the Palace of the Courts of Justice*).*Questions.*

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?

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

III. How many cells are there and how many 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?

V. How are the prisoners classified?

Answers.

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 :

1. The temporary detention of prisoners, sentenced during the day, until their removal to the Corradino Prison in the afternoon.
2. The temporary detention of persons apprehended in the evening or by night until the next conveyance to the Corradino Prison.
3. The temporary detention of prisoners escorted from the Corradino Prison early in the morning to undergo trial before the Magistrates, or before H. M's Criminal Court.
4. The detention of prisoners sentenced to not more than three days.

They are occasionally supervised, day and night, by the Keeper of the Prison and by the Inspector and Sergeants of Police on duty at the Main Station.

There are 6 cells now in use, all the others are damp, dark and insanitary.

See Answer No. 1.

A classification is not practicable.

Valletta Lock-up—(continued).

*Questions.**Answers.*

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No penal labour is in force.

VII. If so, during what period of imprisonment in respect of what classes of prisoners and during how many hours, is such penal labour enforced? In stating hours of treadmill 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?

See Answer No. VI.

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?

1. Washing and sweeping the cells.
2. By the Prison Keeper.
3. None. Prisoners are never employed beyond the gaol.
4. Prisoners are never employed on remunerative labour.

X. What was the total annual cost of the Prison during the financial year 1908-9.

The total annual cost in 1908-9 was:

Salary to Keeper	£ 60 0 0
Fatigue-man	22 16 3
Provisions	25 1 11
Bedding, Furniture &c....	1 9 1
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There is no limited time for sleep.

There are no dormitories, but cells only, receiving light from the Prison Yards. The cells are visited as stated in Answer No. II.

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 when required.

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

See Answer No. XIV.

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 Lock-up—(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 year and what were the verdicts?

No deaths occurred in 1908-9

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

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:

- 20 oz. Bread;
- 4 oz. *Pasta* made into soup with oil and vegetables; and
- 2 oz. of Cheese,
- or
- 2 oz. of Salt Fish,
- $\frac{1}{3}$ 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 the premises admit, generally, 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, or by the Warder.

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

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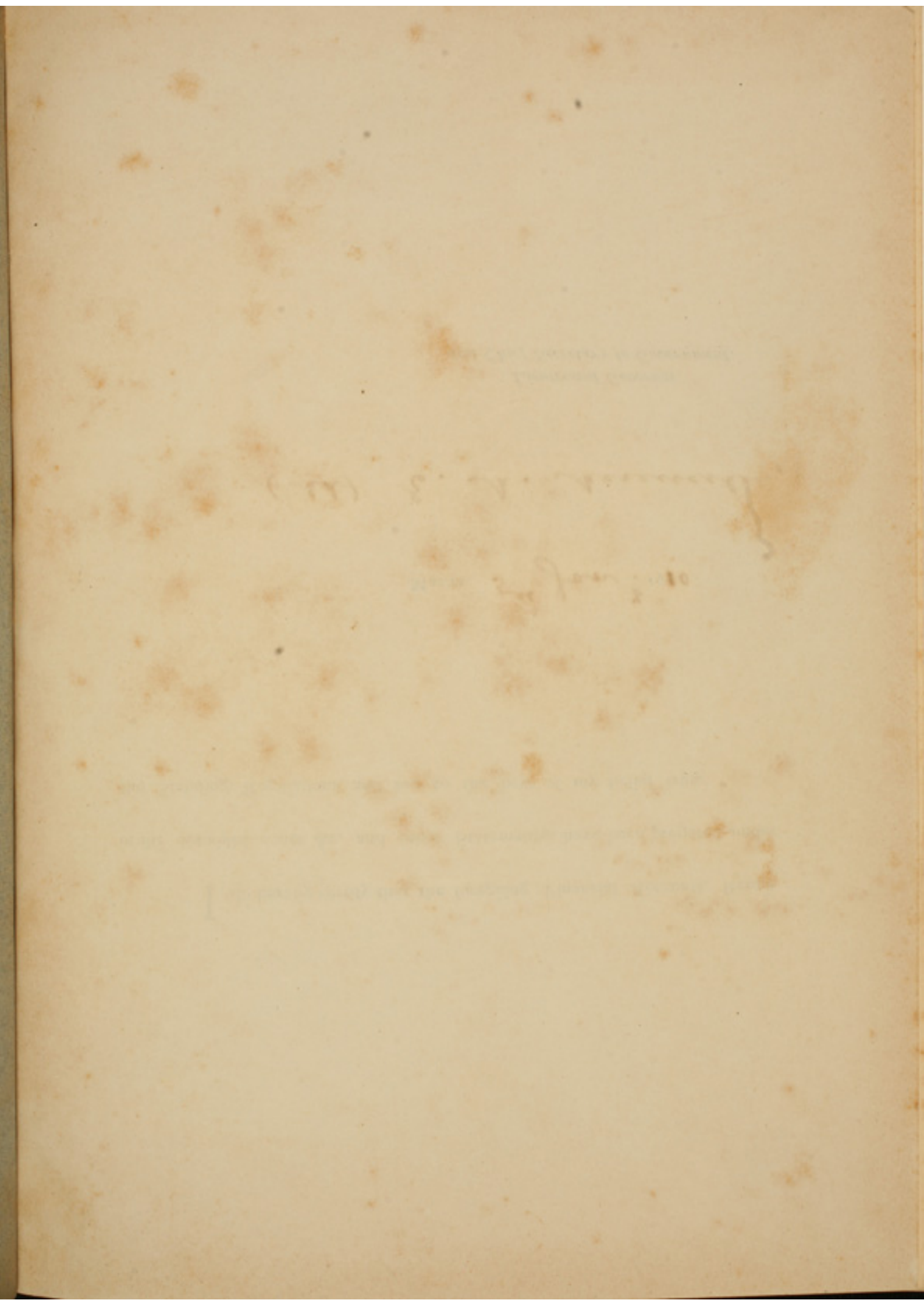
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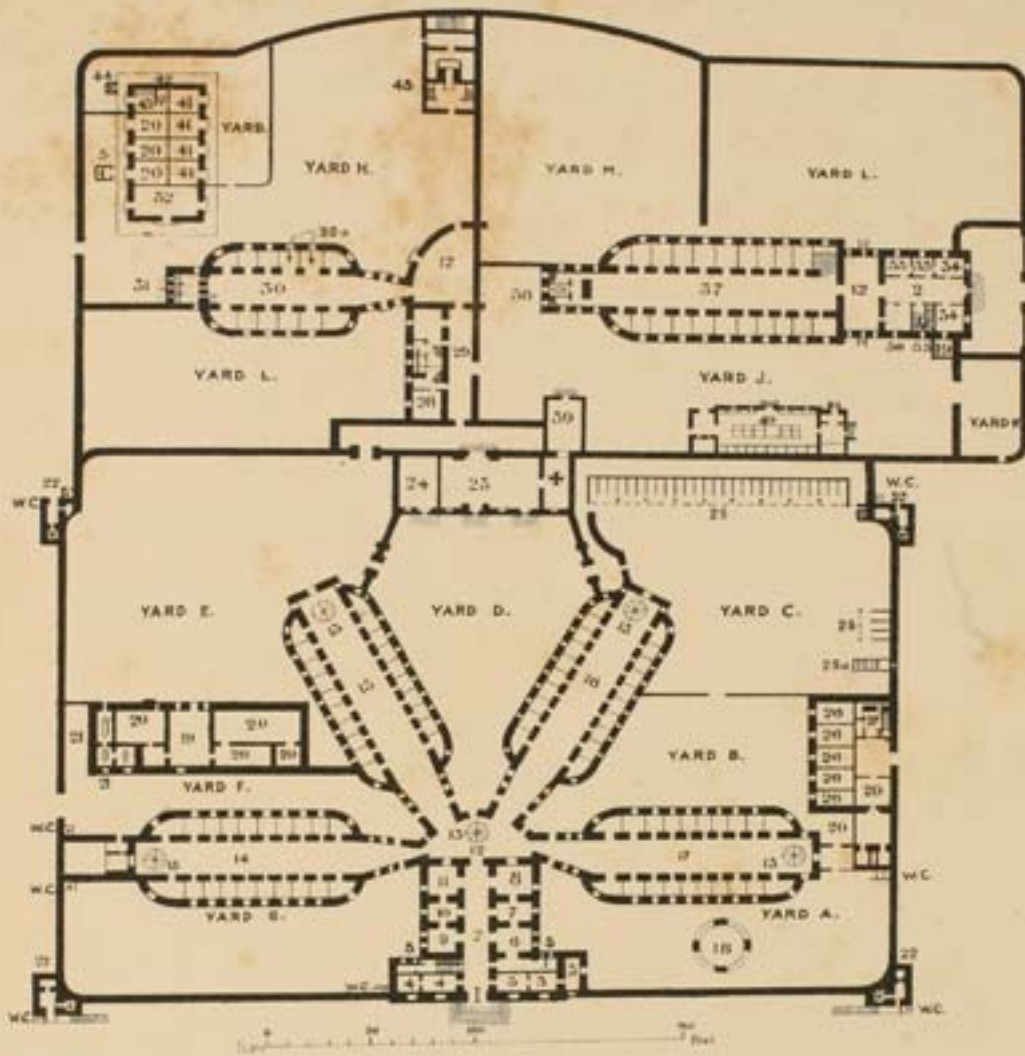
The total annual cost in 1908-9 was:—

Salary to Keeper	£ 34 0 0
House allowance to ditto	4 0 0
Salary to Warden	...	...	30 0 0
Salary to Fatigue-man	...	...	14 0 0
Uniform for Warden	...	...	2 8 10
Provisions	...	...	34 2 6
Bedding, &c.	...	...	7 3 1
Divine Service	...	...	6 4 6
Petty Expenses	...	...	0 12 11

£ 152 11 10



CORRADINO PRISON.



MALE DIVISION.

1. Main entrance.
2. Corridor.
3. Quarters of Chief Warden.
4. Infirmary.
5. W. C.
6. } Offices.
7. }
8. }
9. Clothes' store.
10. Library.
11. Visiting room.
12. Hall.
13. Staircase.
14. Division No. 1 (40 cells).
15. Do. " 2 (60 cells).
16. Do. " 3 (60 cells).
17. Do. " 4 (40 cells).
18. Capstan pump.
19. Kitchen.

20. Store.
21. Bath-room.
22. Warders' quarters.
23. Roman Catholic Chapel.
24. Protestant Chapel.
25. Stone breaking cells.
- 25a. Shoot for spalls.
26. Workshop.
27. Debtors' Prison.

The quarters of the Supt. are built over 1 to 11.

JUVENILE DIVISION.

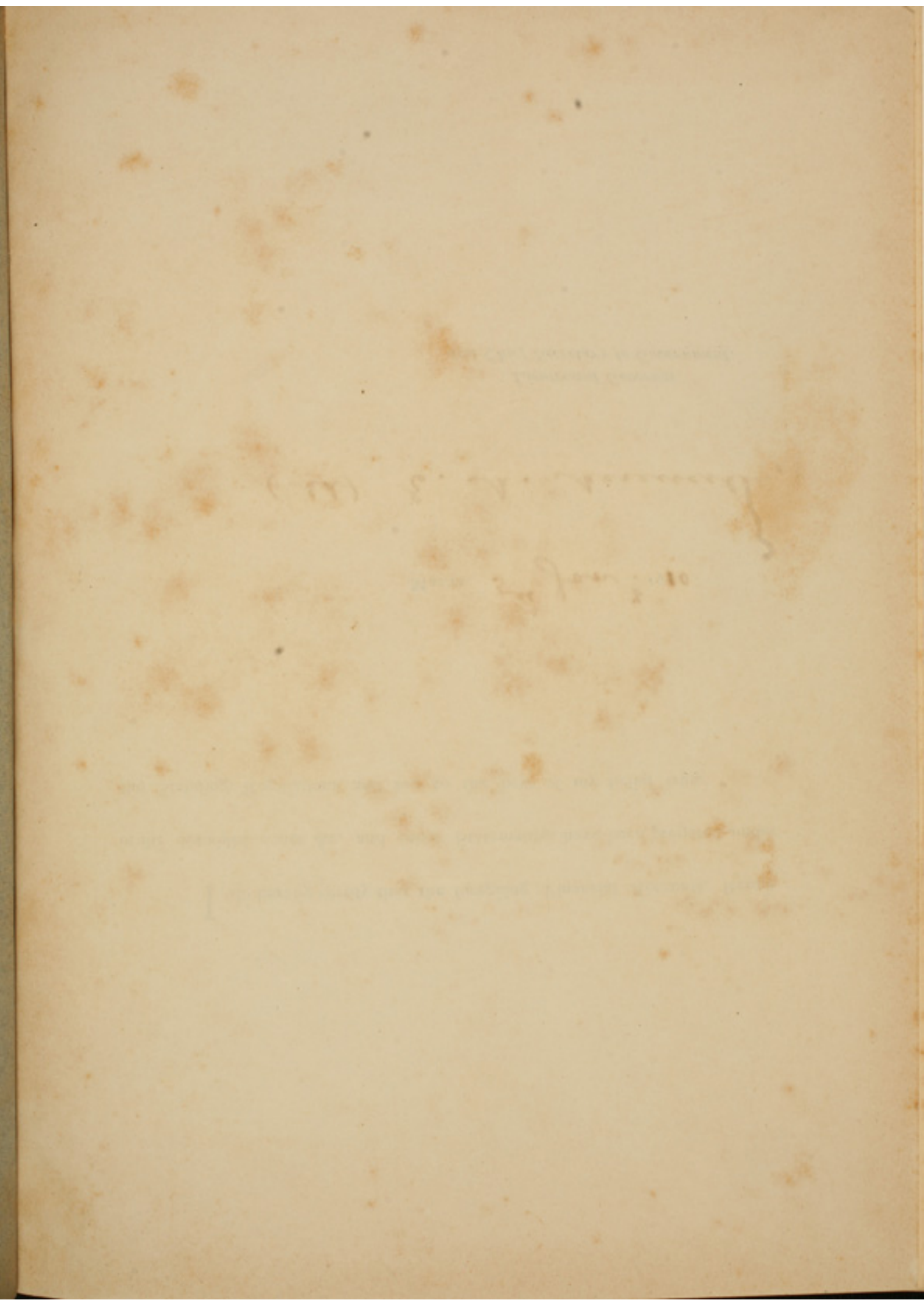
28. Warden's quarters.
29. Passage.
30. Division No. 5 (10 cells).
- 30a. Two cells for Capital Punishment.
31. Lavatory, W. C. and Dark-cell.
32. Mortuary.

FEMALE DIVISION.

33. Offices.
34. Portress' room.
35. Staircase.
36. Visiting room.
37. Division No. 6 (42 cells).
38. Lavatory, Bath-room and W.C. The Matron's quarters are built over 2, 33 to 36. The infirmary is built over the Hall.
39. Chapel.
40. Wash-house.

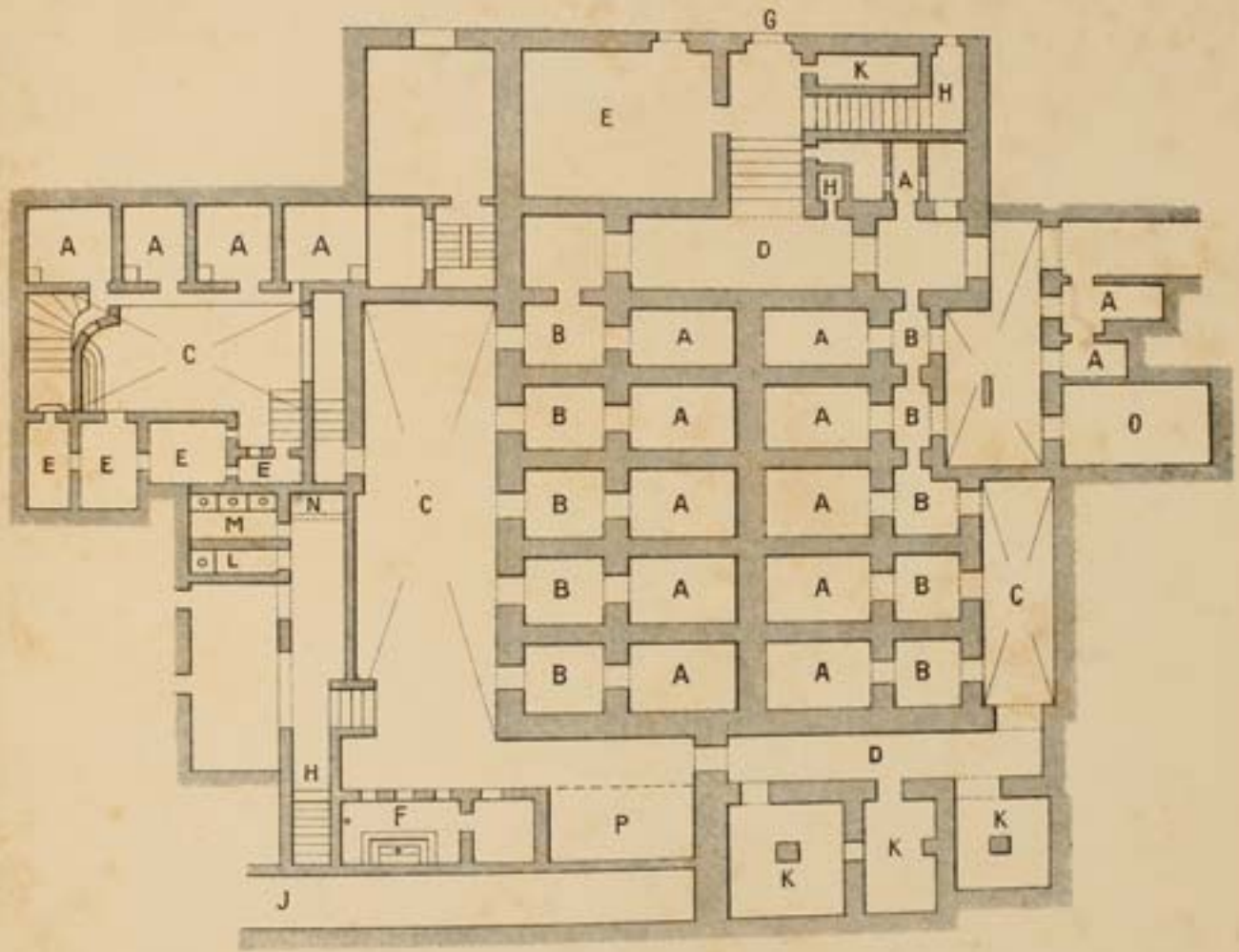
CONTAGIOUS DISEASES DIVISION.

41. Division No. 7 (4 cells).
42. Bath room.
43. Lavatory.
44. W. C.
45. Execution chamber.

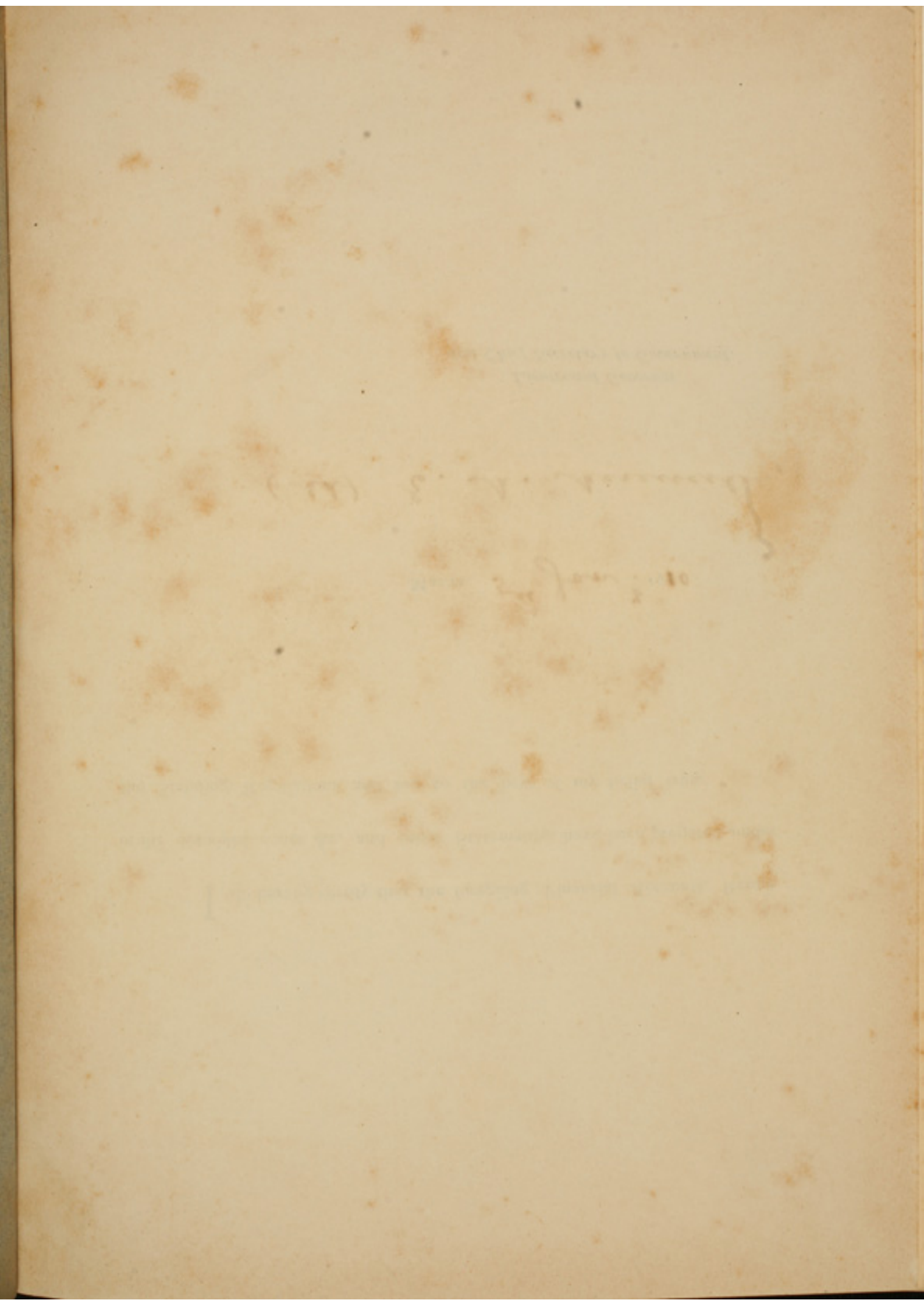


LOCK-UP FOR PRISONERS WAITING TRIAL—VALLETTA.

STRADA STRETTA.



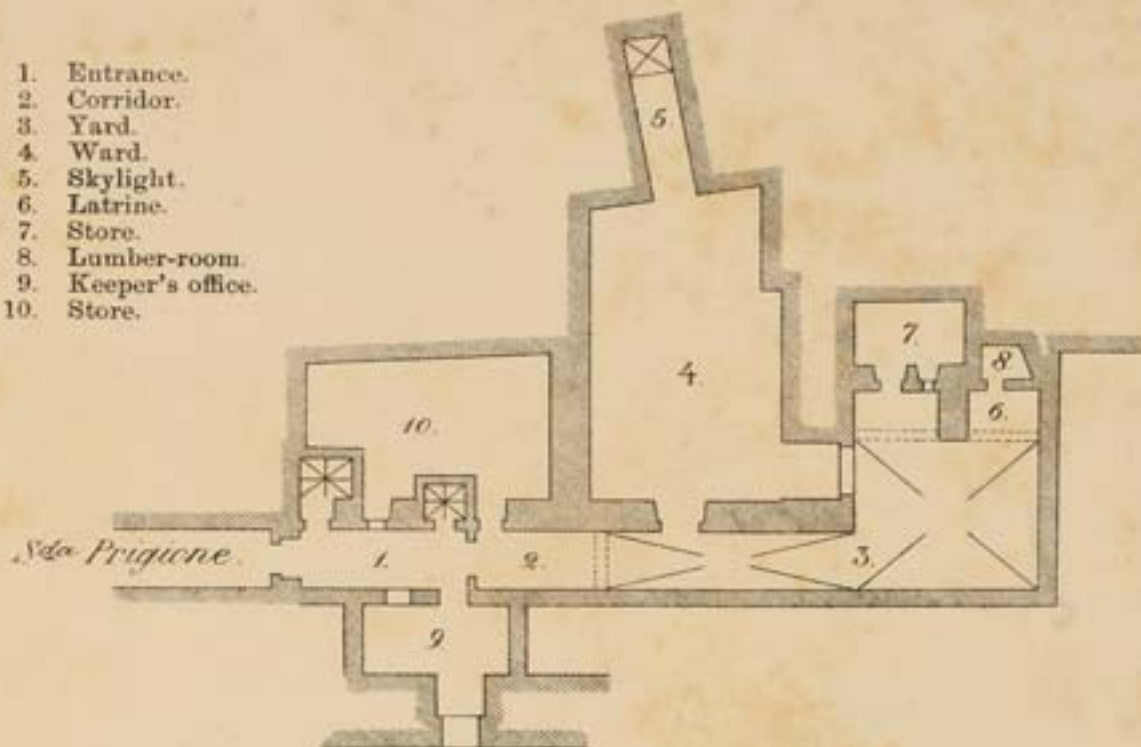
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| A. | Cells. | J. | Corridor leading to Courts and Police Office. |
| B. | Entrance to cells. | K. | Lumber room. |
| C. | Yard. | L. | W. C. |
| D. | Corridor. | M. | Latrine. |
| E. | Gaoler's quarters. | N. | Urinal. |
| F. | Chapel. | O. | Store room. |
| G. | Entrance. | P. | Bath room. |
| H. | Staircase leading to Courts. | | |



GOZO PRISON (VICTORIA).

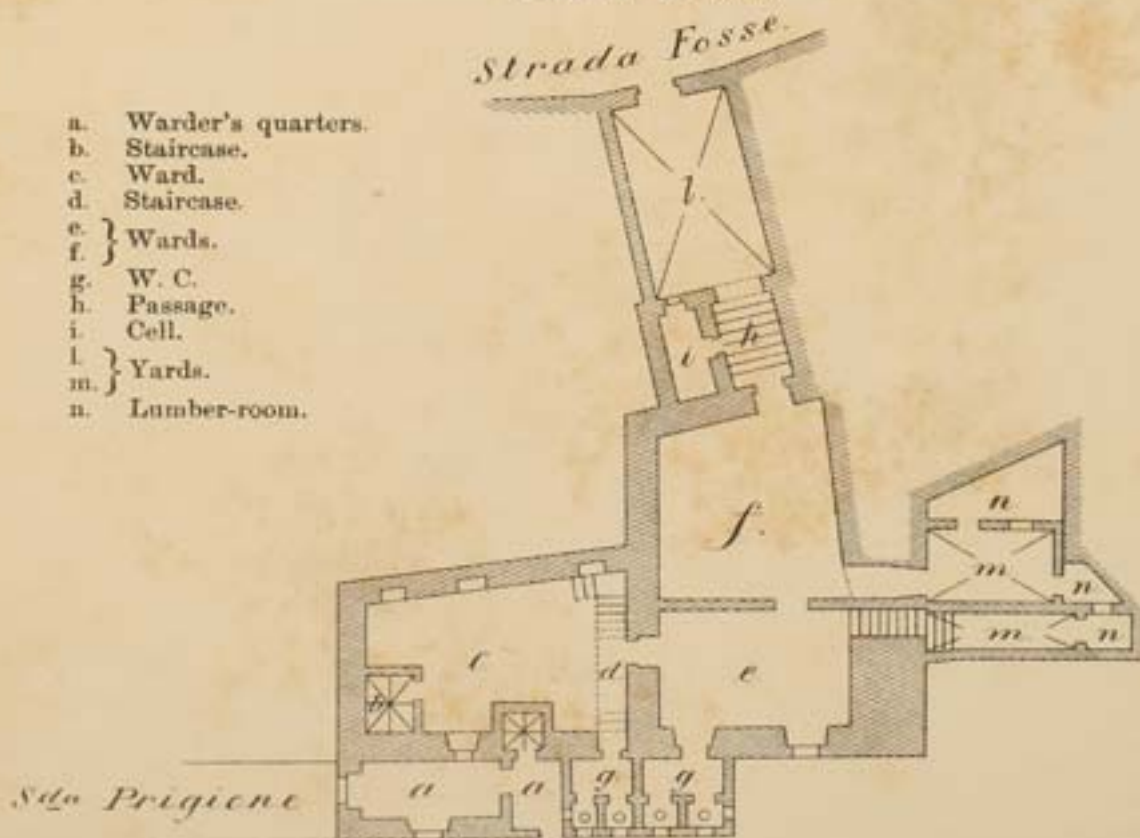
GROUND FLOOR.

1. Entrance.
2. Corridor.
3. Yard.
4. Ward.
5. Skylight.
6. Latrine.
7. Store.
8. Lumber-room.
9. Keeper's office.
10. Store.



UPPER FLOOR.

- a. Warder's quarters.
- b. Staircase.
- c. Ward.
- d. Staircase.
- e. } Wards.
- f. }
- g. W. C.
- h. Passage.
- i. Cell.
- l. } Yards.
- m. }
- n. Lumber-room.



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