

GAOLS AND PRISONERS.

STATISTICAL RETURN for the PRISONS of MALTA.

Name and Nature of the Prisons. (Whether "Common Gaol," "Penitentiary," &c.) Here "Lock-ups" not to be inserted.	Total Number of Persons committed during the Year.	Number Committed for Debt, Want of Bail, and Forfeiture.			Number of those Committed who have been Previously Committed.			Number of Persons Committed to "Penal Imprisonment,"* including "Penal Servitude" (If that term is used in the Colony to describe any Punishment.)				The Daily Average Number in Prison.	The Number of Admissions to Hospital during the Year.	The Daily Average on the Sick List.	The Number of Deaths during the Year.
		For Debt.	For such causes as Trial or for want of Security.	For purpose 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 Civil Prison (Common Gaol)	1132	5	191	935	215	119	601	7	31	29	869	113.0	10	1.00	1
Valletta Lock-up (Prison attached to the Police)	852	—	181	671	166	71	341	—	—	—	671	2.31	—	—	—
Gozo Prison (Common Gaol)	451	—	307	144	39	30	285	—	—	—	84	3.12	4	—	—
Total	2435	5	730	1691	432	220	1227	7	31	29	1624	118.43	14	1.00	1
Men	2234	5	628	1591	385	203	1148	7	27	26	1531	110.78	14	1.00	1
Women	112	—	47	65	13	7	60	—	4	3	33	6.98	—	—	—
Juveniles	89	—	55	35	33	10	19	—	—	—	35	0.67	—	—	—

* By "Penal Imprisonment" is meant imprisonment inflicted as a substitutive punishment in pursuance of a sentence of a Court of Justice, as distinguished from imprisonment in safe custody, &c.

† Exclusive of prisoners who were transferred to Corradino Civil Prison.

‡ Exclusive of juvenile offenders detained at Salvatore Reformatory.

RETURNS OF GAOLS, &c—(continued).

*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?

CORRADINO PRISON:

The Prison is on the mixed cellular system as regards the Criminal Ward. The separation is complete as regards prisoners undergoing hard labour of the first class for the first 28 days. After this period prisoners are employed on hard labour of the first class in association as far as practicable.

VALLETTA LOCK-UP:

It is on a separate system and no effectual separation can, as a rule, be enforced either by night or by day, owing to the fact that the premises are defective and ill suited for the object for which they are intended, viz:

1. The temporary detention of persons 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 Magistrate, or before His Majesty's Criminal Court to communicate with their legal adviser when their defence is taken up by the Advocate for the Poor.
4. The detention of Prisoners sentenced to not more than three days.

GOZO PRISON:

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?

CORRADINO PRISON:

The Prisoners, while in association, are supervised by warders in the male division, and by Sisters of Charity and wardresses in the female ward.

VALLETTA LOCK-UP:

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

GOZO PRISON:

They are supervised by the Warders and occasionally by the Principal Warder of the Prison.

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

CORRADINO PRISON:

There are 264 separate cells and 8 wards.

VALLETTA LOCK-UP:

There are 8 cells now in use; all the others are damp, dark, and insanitary.

GOZO PRISON:

There are 1 cell and 4 wards, 3 of which wards have airing yards.

RETURNS OF GAOLS, &c.—(continued).

<i>Questions.</i>	<i>Answers.</i>
IV. Taking the <i>average</i> number of prisoners in gaol, how many cubic feet of space are there for each prisoner during the hours of sleep?	CORRAJINO PRISON: In the Criminal wards there are 1,120 cubic feet of space for each prisoner in 78 cells and 1,260 cubic feet in 186 cells.
And what superficial area?	The superficial area of each cell is 103.3 sq. ft.
	VALLETTA LOCK-UP: See Answer to Question No. I.
	GOZO PRISON: The cells and yards being very spacious, and the number of persons detained in the same limited, no possible doubt can be entertained of the prisoners being too closely confined.
V. How are the prisoners classified?	CORRAJINO PRISON: Long sentence prisoners are subdivided into three grades, viz:—lower, middle, and upper—six months good conduct being required before passing to the middle grade, and three months to the upper grade.
	VALLETTA LOCK-UP: A classification is not practicable.
	GOZO PRISON: See Answer to Question No. I.
VI. Is penal labour—that is, labour by treadmill crank, or shot-drill—in force?	FOR ALL PRISONS: No penal labour is in force.
VII. If so, during what periods of imprisonments, in respect of what classes of prisoners, and during how many hours, is such penal labour enforced? In stating hours of treadwheel labour, give, first, the total time on and off at the wheel, &c.; secondly, the length of spells and intervals of rest.	FOR ALL PRISONS: See Answer to Question No. VI.
VIII. What kind of labour, other than penal labour, is in use?	CORRAJINO PRISON: Building, stone-cutting, carpentering, glazing, mining, painting, staining, whitewashing, tailoring, shoe-making, mat and broom making, gardening, field labour, washing, sewing, knitting, patching, book-binding, oakum picking, baking, hair-dressing, wicker work and basket making.
	VALLETTA LOCK-UP: See Answer to Question No. VI.—Oakum picking, sweeping and washing the Police dormitory, Valletta Lock-up cells and occasionally Police Offices.
	GOZO PRISON: Sweeping and cleaning the prison and conveying water to the same and oakum picking. Also painting and colour washing of premises.

RETURN OF GAOLS, &c.—(continued).

Questions.

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

1. On what kind of work they are 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 the profits of their labour are accounted for.

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

XI. What was the annual amount of the prisoners' earnings during the year?

Answers.

CORRADINO PRISON:

- 1 & 2. The prisoners are not employed outside the Prison as a rule; but well conducted men, supervised by a warder, are sent out to cultivate the lands annexed to the Prison and to clean the Police Depot.
3. Nil.
4. Lodged in the Colonial Treasury.

VALLETTA LOCK-UP:

1. Washing, sweeping the cells and oakum picking.
2. By the Keeper.
3. None. Prisoners are supervised by special policemen when employed beyond the gaol as stated in Question VIII.
4. Prisoners who are fed at the public expense are never employed as remunerative labour.

GOZO PRISON:

- 1 to 4. The Prisoners are employed beyond the walls of the gaol in sweeping the streets of the old Citadel. They are supervised by the Warder on duty.

Corradino Prison	...	...	...	£ 12,470 19 3
Valletta Lock-up	...	...	...	236 19 0
Gozo Prison	...	...	...	272 16 8
Total				£ 12,980 14 11

CORRADINO PRISON:

The annual amount of the prisoners' earnings were:—

REMUNERATIVE LABOUR.

Sale of Prison Manufactures	...	...	...	\$ 398 9 7
Sale of produce of lands	...	...	...	148 1 0
Book-binding	...	...	...	268 0 7
Sale of bread	...	...	...	5,517 0 8
				6,332 6 10

UNREMNERATIVE LABOUR.

Reclamation of waste lands	...	...	...	\$ 210 0 0
Tailoring	...	...	...	82 10 0
Joinery	...	...	...	45 0 0
Masonry	...	...	...	100 0 0
Painting	...	...	...	40 0 0
Plastering	...	...	...	37 10 0
Tinsmithing	...	...	...	60 0 0
Cooking	...	...	...	54 15 0
Cleaning and Jobbing	...	...	...	73 0 0
Patching and knitting	...	...	...	30 0 0
Attending sick Prisoners	...	...	...	18 5 0
Washing	...	...	...	40 0 0
Fatigue party Police Depot	...	...	...	75 0 0
Excavation work at H.M.S. St. Angelo	...	...	...	90 0 0
				925 0 0

OTHER SOURCES.

Gozo Court Fines	...	...	...	\$ 1 2 0
Subsistence of Consular, Naval and military prisoners	...	...	...	208 16 0
Miscellaneous receipts	...	...	...	42 10 1
Court Fines	...	...	...	154 12 0
Refund of passage expenses of discharged prisoners	...	...	...	17 0 3
Miscellaneous Fines	...	...	...	2 16 6
Miscellaneous Reimbursements	...	...	...	0 6 0
				427 3 4

87,985 10 2

VALLETTA LOCK-UP & GOZO PRISON:

See Answer to Question No. VI.

RETURN OF GAOLS, &c.—(continued).

Questions.

Answers.

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?

CORRADINO PRISON:

In the summer prisoners are locked up in their cells for the night at 17.30 hrs. and rise at 06.00 hrs. In winter they are locked up for the night at 16.30 hrs. and rise at 06.00 hrs. Lights are put out at 21.00 hrs. in summer and 20.00 hrs. in winter. All the wards are patrolled every half hour during the night.

VALLETTA LOCK-UP:

There is no limited time for sleep. There are no dormitories but cells only receiving light from the yards. The cells are visited by the Keeper and his Assistant by day and by the Sergeants at the Main Guard and the Orderly Inspectors by night.

GOZO PRISON:

In the summer prisoners are locked up at 17.00 hrs. and in winter at 16.00 hrs. They are called up in the morning at 07.00 hrs. throughout the year.

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

CORRADINO PRISON:

The total number of punishments inflicted was 561, i.e.

Admonished	83
Solitary confinement without punishment diet ...	190
Solitary confinement of punishment diet ...	203
Reduction in grade	10
Postponement of promotion to higher grade ...	6
Loss of marks	10
Forfeiture of gratuity money	50
Sentenced by the Court	—
Privilege of writing and receiving letters, and holding visits withheld	—
Deprivation of mattress	3
Severely warned	6
Privilege of Reading Books suspended... ..	—
	561

VALLETTA LOCK-UP:

Condemned by Magistrates... .. 7

GOZO PRISON: Nil.

CORRADINO PRISON:

One Roman Catholic Chaplain and the Visiting Chaplains. I.e. one Church of England and one Jewish Rabbi.

VALLETTA LOCK-UP:

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

GOZO PRISON:

There is no Chaplain attached; but mass is celebrated on Sundays and holidays by a Roman Catholic Clergyman paid by Government.

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

RETURNS OF GAOLS, &c — *(continued)*.

<i>Questions.</i>	<i>Answers.</i>
	CORRADEO PRISON:
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. Divine Service is regularly performed in the Roman Catholic Chapel, and in the Church of England Chapel whenever prisoners of this denomination are admitted.
	VALLETTA LOCK-UP & GOZO PRISON:
	See ANSWER to QUESTION No. XIV.
	CORRADEO PRISON:
XVI. Are Roman Catholic Priests and Dissenting Ministers allowed free access to prisoners of their own persuasion? and are they apprised when prisoners of their respective persuasions enter the prison?	Yes.
	VALLETTA LOCK-UP & GOZO PRISON:
	Clergymen of every religious persuasion have free access to the prisoners when the latter require their assistance.
	CORRADEO PRISON:
XVII. What provision is made for the education of prisoners?	The Roman Catholic Chaplain gives religious instruction to prisoners. A Schoolmaster has been appointed for teaching, reading, writing and arithmetic to all prisoners under 25 years of age, &c. to such prisoners as wish it.
	VALLETTA LOCK-UP & GOZO PRISON:
	None.
	CORRADEO PRISON:
XVIII. On what conditions are remissions of imprisonment granted?	Long sentence prisoners may earn remission of sentence by industry accompanied by good conduct according to the mark system.
	VALLETTA LOCK-UP & GOZO PRISON:
	Remissions of imprisonment are granted or withheld by His Excellency the Governor after enquiries into the circumstances connected with each case.
	CORRADEO PRISON:
XIX. Have Coroners' Inquests been held on every occasion of a death in prison during the past year? And what were the verdicts?	No deaths in Prison occurred during the year.
	VALLETTA LOCK-UP & GOZO PRISON:
	No deaths occurred during the year.
	CORRADEO PRISON:
XX. 1. What was the Sanitary state of the prison during the year?	1. Very good. 2. No prevailing disease was noted this year.
2. What were the prevailing diseases?	VALLETTA LOCK-UP:
	1. Fair. 2. None.
	GOZO PRISON:
	1. Good. 2. None.

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Questions.

Answers.

CORRADINO PRISON:

Detention.

XXI. What are, shortly, the rules as to Diet?

Twenty ounces bread, two ounces salt fish or cheese or $\frac{1}{20}$ pound olives.
Prisoners in this class receive soup on Sundays.
After their first month of confinement the bread ration is increased by four ounces and soup is issued to them daily.

Hard Labour, Imprisonment and Awaiting Trial.

Thirty ounces bread, half pint coffee, soup, half pint tea, four ounces of milk, four ounces beef or pork or two ounces cheese or salt fish or $\frac{1}{20}$ pound olives daily.
Prisoners awaiting trial who do not provide their own food receive twenty ounces of bread instead of thirty ounces.
Salt fish—or olives—or cheese—is given on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, beef or pork on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Half pint of coffee contains half ounce of raw coffee and half ounce sugar.
Half pint of tea contains quarter ounce of raw tea and half ounce sugar.
Each basin of soup contains half rotalo vegetables (including potatoes), $\frac{1}{100}$ pint oil or $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. suet and 008 dry beans, lentils, &c.

VALLETTA LOCK-UP:

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 and from Corradino Civil Prison on requisition by the Commissioner of Police.

A day's ration consists of:

20 oz. of bread
2 oz. of cheese

GOZO PRISON:

Same diet as Corradino Prison.