

numerous members, perfectly separated from each other, nevertheless unite in common repentance and in common prayers.

The whole establishment is surrounded by a high wall.

It is difficult to state, with exactness, the expense of building, for that depends on the greater or less degree of ornament used, the price of materials, wages &c.

If, however, in order to obtain some scale to calculate by, we divide the whole expense of the building of the penitentiary among the number of cells, we find, that each cell, according to the Auburn system, cost in the beginning 584 Dollars (1,460 R:dr 40 sk. B:co), but that the expense, in consequence of experience and the observance of economy, was lowered at Wethersfield to 150 Dollars (345 R:dr B:co) Mr Wells, one of the inspectors, says, that it may be still farther decreased to 180 Dollars (200 R:dr B:co).

In the splendid prison built in the gothic style at Cherry-hill, according to the Philadelphian system, the expense of every cell amounted to 1,624 Dollars (4,069 R:dr B:co); but it has since been decreased to 735 Dollars (1,837 R:dr B:co).

When, again, it is considered, that a day's work is paid with 1 Dollar, or 2 R:dr 24 sk. B:co: it will be found that no proper comparison can be instituted with those countries where wages are