

pravity will be thrown together. The individuals who have the greatest power to corrupt their fellows cannot be picked out and set apart, and even if we could succeed in forming classes of exactly uniform criminality, still the mere association of such persons, the forming of small societies, governed by a criminal opinion common to all, will tend to deprave them further.

This defect has been attempted to be remedied by a further subdivision: I find it stated on authority that in some prisons in England there have been 15 Classes, at the best this seems a very imperfect approximation to the separate system

I take the words equality for "all denominations" in a sense consistent with good order; thus that each prisoner should be asked to name the religious body to which he professes to belong, and that notice should be given to the nearest minister of that body, and that the prisoner should be appropriated to such minister if he be willing to take upon him the task of instructing the prisoner.

As to the comparison between several local institutions and a single central or general one, there is one advantage attending the former plan which deserves to be noticed; viz., that a larger amount of experience might be accumulated, and by comparing the different results, the best method is sooner discovered.