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Sir - In the Congregationalist  
of Boston of date June 27 I  
notice your article on compara-  
tive statistics of crime and punish-  
ment of crime in New England  
and certain Southern States for  
the year 1860. From your article  
I quote this sentence, "At that  
time (1860) there was not a single  
penitentiary or state's prison in  
the whole group of states named."

Are you not in error? In Virginia,  
(at Richmond)  
one of the states named, there certainly  
was a penitentiary at the date named.  
I do not ask this question with  
any captious sense of criticism but  
merely to bring your attention to what I  
deem a serious error of statement.

Respy J. O. Denison