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A. W. Merges Esq.,
Dear Sir,

Your report on Chenango Co. Jail, with
Circular letter to the ministers of the Churches in the County,
reached me duly. You are doing a great public service, and
I expect good results, not only in your County, but elsewhere
in the State. I have asked the attention of the Committee of
the Constitutional Convention, now in session, to the condition of
the jails, citing your report as the typical exposure of their
most features, and asking a provision in the Constitution
by which all these institutions shall be subjected to State
inspection. It will much promote the cause, if you will
send copies of your report to each of these Committees, and
particularly if you can find time to accompany them by
a personal letter, urging this measure, to Edward Lauterbach
Esq., Chairman Committee on Charities. Yours truly
Charlton Lewis
New York, State Prison