

THE STATION HOUSES.

We desire to report that the several station-houses, seven in number, are all in good repair and are properly provided with necessary sanitary appliances for both the prisoners and members of the Force. The latter have recently been provided with comfortable beds and bedding for their use when on reserve duty.

The disposition to indulge in athletic exercises has been fostered by the Board, and in the North-Western, Central, Eastern and North-Eastern Station-Houses, the men have formed associations and have fitted up, at their own expense, with excellent gymnastic appliances, the apartments assigned for that purpose. The same interest in this subject has not been manifested in the Western and South-Western Districts, where sufficient accommodations can be assigned. In the Southern District there is not sufficient room for a gymnasium. Observation and experience have shown that as a general rule, those members of the Force who are the most proficient in athletics are the most self-reliant, and the least disposed to use their weapons when handling refractory persons.

CHANGES IN THE BOARD AND FORCE.

On the 5th day of August, 1884, the death of General James R. Herbert, deprived this Board of one of its most experienced and zealous members, who was also its Treasurer; and the community of a most valuable and respected citizen. General Herbert became a member of the Board in 1877, and had just entered upon his second term, when he was suddenly called from among us. On the death of General Herbert, John W. Davis Esq., was appointed in his place and qualified on August 9, 1884, and John Milroy Esq., was elected Treasurer of the Board. Mr. Davis having resigned in September, 1885, J. D. Ferguson Esq., was appointed by the Governor in his place and qualified on the 26th day of September, 1885.

On the 13th of October, 1885, John T. Gray Esq.,