

A PAYING PRISON.

QUEENSLAND FIGURES.

BRISBANE, Friday.—The annual report of the comptroller-general of prisons shows that on December 31 there were in prison 460 males and 33 females, or one to every 1,132 of the general population, as against one to 1,090 in 1907, and one to 1,033 in 1906. Convictions for drunkenness showed an increase of 168. The value of work performed by prisoners was £18,860, of which St. Helena was credited with £12,447. At St. Helena the value of the work performed for the State overlaps by a little the total cost of salaries and upkeep. The comptroller states that there are very few prisons in the world of which this could be said.