

Members of Congress have just received marked copies of "The Charities Review," a magazine published by the associated charity organizations of New York. It contains an article by its editor, Dr. Fredrick Howard Wines, under the heading, "A National Disgrace." The article is an account of a personal inspection, by its author, of the United States jail at Muskogee, I. T., and a general discussion of the manner of keeping and caring for prisoners in the Indian Territory. It is exceedingly readable, and the heading readily indicates the impressions of the author. His object seems to be to call the attention of the country to what he terms the horrors of the present system, and of the dereliction of the government to provide suitable quarters for the prisoners, in the hope that Congress may be induced to take immediate steps toward needed corrections.

The first half of the article is devoted to a description of the interior of the Muskogee jail, and a right realistic picture he draws. He dwells with particular force upon the crowded condition of the prisoners, lack of light,