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The entrance arch.

The big stone arch which forms the entrance to the outer prison yard, of course, is a well know feature of Princetown, it features in many books and postcards and must have been seen by many. It contains the phrase, 'Parcere Subjectis', the full phrase really comes from Virgil, the Latin poet's phrase, the final sentence of that is 'et debellare superbos' ,which means 'to spare the vanquished and to subdue the arrogant', so Parcere Subjectis means to spare the vanquished, in other words, be kind to prisoners.