Division of Subjects.

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Monday	Reading Arithmetic Writing	Arithmetic	Reading. Arithmetic. Writing. Reading.

MANITOBA PENITENTIARY.

REPORT OF THE WARDEN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30rn JUNE, 1883.

STONY MOUNTAIN, 29th September, 1883.

Sin,—I have the honor to submit, herewith, my Annual Report for the year ended 30th June, 1883.

In the first place I beg to draw your attention to the several recommendations which were embodied in my Report of last year, but to which little practical consideration has been given, a fact which tends strongly to confirm me in the opinion that an Annual Report by a Warden of a Penitentiary (outside of the required statistical and financial returns) is largely unnecessary. At very brief intervals during the year reports of current events (a history in fact of the daily happenings of importance within the prison) are communicated to the Department with considerable detail. From these records, it appears to me could be collated, with much greater benefit to the Institutions interested, such information and facts as could by the Inspector be embodied in his own Annual Report; and endorsed, as they would greatly be by the result of his own observation in regard to most of the questions at issue, they should become a much more important factor in the way of bringing about reforms or redressing existing evils, than would the Annual Report of any head of an institution which would not unlikely, in the nature of things, partake somewhat of a self-laudatory character, and which for the period when the Estimates for the year would be under discussion, might evoke some comment, and would in no particular carry the same weight as would the Report of the Inspector. based upon his knowledge of the workings of each institution, with the full record of events at his command. The plan at present in vogue presents to a ready writer an opportunity, for the sake of appearances, to make a voluminous report. In this view I am supported by the practice which prevails in Britain, as I find that in the Report of the "Directors of Convict Prisons of England" extracts only, from the Reports of the several governors, chaplains and surgeons, &c., are given.

PRISON STAFF.

I regret that no change has been made in the practice in force here, of the staff having to take their meals outside of the building, and would draw your attention to the reference made thereto in my Report of last year.