

In conclusion, I would remark that nearly all my turnkeys and guards, like myself, have served in Her Majesty's Regular Forces, and are therefore accustomed to perfect discipline, to which I alone attribute the strict yet just and satisfactory management of the Institution.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Hon. E. BLAKE,

Minister of Justice, Ottawa.

J. L. BEDSON.

CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

MANITOBA PENITENTIARY,

STONE FORT, January 6, 1876.

SIR,—It is a source of great satisfaction to be able to state in this annual report for the year 1875, that the conduct of the convicts under my pastoral care during the different religious exercises has been most satisfactory. It is indeed a gratifying feature of the good dispositions of the convicts to see them always anxious to attend with piety and reverence at all our religious meetings, and showing a sincere desire to profit by them. The practical instructions given at each of my visits at the Penitentiary seem to make a deep impression on the minds of those fallen Christians, who are found for the most part to perish for want of religious teaching and moral training.

I am happy to state that the best of feelings exist between every nationality and creed, each one endeavouring to improve himself according to the dictates of his conscience. I set a great value on this good understanding which renders more easy and more agreeable the duties of the chaplain.

The uniform kindness of Mr. Bedson and of the officers under him towards me, enables me to perform my duties with pleasure and satisfaction.

As we have only prayer-books for the convicts, I applied to Mr. Bedson who very kindly promised me to help me, that there shall be some money voted for a Catholic library, according to the number of the Catholic convicts.

I also desire to express my gratification to Mr. Bedson, personally, for his charity to me, receiving me always in his own house, when on my visits at the Penitentiary.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your very humble servant,

ALBERT LACOMBE, Priest,

Catholic Chaplain.

J. G. MOYLAN, Esq.,

Inspector of Penitentiaries.

PROTESTANT CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

MANITOBA PROVINCIAL PENITENTIARY,

31st December, 1875.

SIR,—I took over the duties of Chaplain to the Manitoba Provincial Penitentiary in June, 1874. Previous to this, these duties had been performed by the Rev. Henry Cochrane, and his being removed to Stanley Mission left the vacancy which I have endeavoured to fill. My duties hitherto have been limited to services on the Sunday afternoons and visiting the sick Protestant convicts.

It is with pleasure that I am able to say respecting the general demeanour of the Protestant convicts, amongst whom my ministrations are employed, that it is very satisfactory indeed. There seems to be a growth of interest for the services amongst them, especially in the case of those sentenced to long terms of imprisonment, and this is also very encouraging.