

## No. 18.

## MATRON'S ANNUAL REPORT.

DORCHESTER PENITENTIARY, 1883.

SIR,—In submitting this, my Annual Report, to you, I can only state that there has been little or no change in the Female Department of this Penitentiary since my last Report for 30th June, 1882.

The number of females, five. Their employment the same as heretofore, namely the usual prison housework, mending sent in from male prison and preparing yarn for the manufacture of socks for the male prisoners.

In regard to conduct, I beg leave to state that the discipline could be much better maintained if separate cells were provided, instead of having only two rooms, as at present, in which to confine the prisoners.

I have the honor to remain, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

A. CHIPMAN,  
*Matron.*

J. G. MOYLAN, Esq.,  
Inspector of Penitentiaries.

## No. 19.

## SCHOOLMASTER'S REPORT.

DORCHESTER PENITENTIARY, 1st July, 1883.

SIR,—In submitting this, my third Annual Report, I am glad to say that the school attendance has been better and more regular for this year than for the last, as you will see by the figures given below.

Conduct good; general proficiency, satisfactory; same as in last report, but with an alteration in "Division of Subjects." I found, after giving this system a fair trial, that there was not sufficient time to do each subject justice; therefore, the time that was devoted to the two is now given to one, and with better results.

There has been school every morning (since the middle of May, for the boys only—seven in number; afterwards the Rev. Mr. Simonds takes five of them for Bible exercises, and to whose instruction they attentively listen.

The Warden and Chaplains have visited the school on different occasions and appear satisfied with its advancement.

Number of scholars now attending.....	40
Average daily attendance.....	31
Total number attended during the year.....	84

## LIBRARY.

A great number of the books are looking the worse for wear, but considering the average weekly change is ninety-two, and the books not new when the institution was opened, they have stood the wear well. No new books have been added to the general library yet.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

THOMAS SHORT,  
*Schoolmaster.*

J. G. MOYLAN, Esq.,  
Inspector of Penitentiaries.