

to God. The men are provided with Bibles, which are used at divine service, and by some of the men on other occasions. We have a small library of well-selected books; the Directors, last summer, allowed me \$20 with which I purchased 30 volumes on the most suitable subjects, most of them religious, all moral and instructive. I obtained twelve good sized bibles, being a present from the Bible Society. By conversing frequently with the prisoners privately, one at a time, I obtain a pretty correct knowledge of their spiritual experience and wants; am thereby better prepared to give them suitable instruction. I consider this an important part of a Chaplain's duty.

Mr. Cotton, the schoolmaster, teaches the convicts reading, writing, and ciphering three days every week, which contributes very materially to their improvement, and appears to be generally appreciated by them; but I would humbly recommend to the Honorable Board that the schoolmaster should be employed in his teaching every week day, instead of only three days, as at present. I am convinced the benefit which would result would justify the additional expense and labor.

In respectfully submitting this brief and imperfect Report to the Honorable Board, I trust it will be seen that the Chaplain's labors have been attended by the blessing of the Great Author of all good, and rendered beneficial to the Protestant convicts in the Halifax Penitentiary.

I beg to subscribe myself,

Gentlemen,

Your humble Servant,

HENRY POPE.

REPORT OF CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN, HALIFAX PENITENTIARY.

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, January 31st, 1870.

SIR,—I beg to report, for the information of the Board of Prison Inspectors, that I have since my last Report, celebrated Divine Service on Sundays and holidays, and visited the Penitentiary generally once a week. The average number of Catholic prisoners has been about twenty. They have shown every desire to avail themselves of the religious advantages they now enjoy, and conducted themselves in a most satisfactory manner. In conclusion, it gives me much pleasure to bear witness to the excellent discipline maintained by the Acting Warden, and to the uniform attention I have received from him and the other officer.

I beg to remain, Sir,

Yours respectfully,

THOMAS DALY.

T. J. O'Neill, Esq.,

Chairman of the Board of Prison Inspectors,

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

HALIFAX PENITENTIARY, December 31, 1869.

To the Chairman of Board of Directors.

SIR,—In submitting this, my twenty-sixth annual Report, I beg to state that there was about the average amount of sickness among the convicts during the year just ended. The whole number prescribed for, was two hundred and ninety, of these, forty-one were inmates of the hospital, for a longer or shorter period.