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NUMBER of Punishments in the Female Department, for the Year ended 30th June, 1883.

	Total.	Remarks.
Reports and reported, July .....	1	
do            October.....	2	
Solitary cell.....	1	
Not acted upon.....	2	
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>6</b>	

No. 18.

REPORT OF THE PROTESTANT CHAPLAIN.

KINGSTON PENITENTIARY, July, 1883.

SIR,—In presenting my Report for the year ended June, 1883, I have but little to call attention to, with the exception of a falling off in the total number of convicts as compared with last year.

The duties have been duly performed, and the hospital visited as usual. The school continues to do good work under six officers.

The library continues a great boon to the men. A convict lately discharged told me that the perusal of Roe's "Barriers Burned Away" had made him resolve to lead an honest life in future. I think the general value of good books, which the men will read, in preventing them brooding over crime and in supplying sound mental food, can scarcely be overrated.

I would respectfully suggest that it is a pity that there is no other way of punishing lads of fifteen than by sending them to an associated prison where they cannot be kept from learning much that they would be better not to know. If some way could be devised by which such offenders, or indeed all under age, should receive from three to six months solitary confinement, I think it would be more efficient in reforming the criminal and deterring others, than the same number of years in an associated prison.

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

C. E. CARTWRIGHT.

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

No. 19.

REPORT OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN.

KINGSTON PENITENTIARY, JULY, 1883.

DEAR SIR,—I have the honor of placing before you my ninth Annual Report as Catholic Chaplain of the Penitentiary.

The health of the convicts during the past year has been very good. It is remarkable that an institution receiving, as the Penitentiary does, men so different in constitution and method of past living, remains so free from sickness of every kind. This healthy condition of the place is, no doubt, attributable to its cleanliness. The Penitentiary is a model in this respect.