

No. 17.

REPORT OF THE PROTESTANT CHAPLAIN.

BRITISH COLUMBIA PENITENTIARY, 1883.

SIR,—I have the honor to submit my Annual Report for the year ended 30th June, 18-3.

I have duly performed the duties of my office for the past twelve months, and have been much pleased with the attention and respect of the convicts. Some of those who have left us during the past two or three years, have found work in the neighborhood, and have, so far, showed by their good conduct that they have profited by their confinement, and the instructions they have received.

The grant made for books for the Protestant library has been expended in the purchase of 110 volumes. There have been 504 changes of these books by twenty-three convicts.

The Chinese convicts under my care are supplied with New Testaments in their own language, which they can and do read.

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

ROBERT JAMIESON,
Chaplain.

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

No. 18.

REPORT OF THE SURGEON.

BRITISH COLUMBIA PENITENTIARY,
NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C., 1st July, 1883.

SIR,—I have the honor to report, that during the year ended 30th June, 1883, the health of the convicts in this prison has been generally good.

Two deaths took place, and, as will be seen from the table accompanying, the cause in each case was phthisis or consumption. Both were Indians. A third case of the same disease in a half-breed was discharged, the convict being pardoned. I have lately been informed that, shortly after his return to his home, this man died.

The sanitary condition of the building has been maintained as well as possible, by great care and attention on the part of the officers in charge.

The water supply has been sufficient for the present purposes of the prison, and the water is of excellent quality.

In view of the construction of an addition to the prison, I have again to call attention to the necessity for a separate hospital or infirmary wing. The present plan of treating sick convicts in the common cells is not a good one, but is the only one at our command. The cells are always kept clean and neat, and every possible attention is given by the officers in charge for the comfort of the sick convicts.

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

C. NEWLAND TREW, M.D.,
Surgeon.

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