

I have at all times found the Superintendent and all the officials most attentive and willing in every way to help me in my work.

During the time I was Chaplain I never heard any complaints from the prisoners, but lately they have frequently complained to me and to others of the hardship of being obliged to frequent a service so different from that to which they were brought up, and having to accept the ministrations of one so bitterly hostile to the Church to which they belong.

I have to thank you, sir, for having given to me every facility for holding service since I was dismissed; a service of which all the prisoners but three gladly avail themselves.

I remain, Sir, yours very truly,

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### CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

NEW WESTMINSTER PENITENTIARY, August, 1879.

SIR,—I have the honor to lay before you my first Annual Report of this institution. It is now nearly a year since I have been appointed Catholic Chaplain to the Penitentiary. At that time I found what was called or intended for the Catholic Chapel, in such a form, that no person who understands how such a place should be fitted up could recognize it as such. Consequently my first care was to have this part of the building something like what it should be. I am now happy to be able to state that with the valuable assistance of the Chief Keeper of the Penitentiary, the Chapel at present, although not yet what we wish it to be, is very much improved, has a nice new altar, sacristy, vestment press, &c., is neat and clean, and when finished will be suitable to the honor and glory of God and an ornament to the establishment. The health of the convicts has been good during the year, no serious case of sickness having occurred. I am pleased to testify that I am well satisfied with the conduct of the Catholic prisoners; they seem all well disposed to make the best use of their time, and are attentive to their religious duties. To this we have had one exception; a few days ago one of the Catholic convicts became quite insubordinate but he now seems repentant and will, I trust, give no further annoyance. I wish also to remark that both the discipline and cleanliness, &c., of the establishment, as far as they have come under my observation have been very good, and I have no hesitation in adding that this is chiefly to be attributed to the vigilance, care, justice and impartiality of Mr. Fitzsimmons who thoroughly understands both the treatment of convicts and the management of Penitentiaries. Before concluding, I must not forget to mention the great care, attention and impartiality with which our worthy Assistant Inspector has discharged his onerous duties, and this in several trying ordeals through which he has had to pass since he has been appointed Inspector.

The following list comprises the number of convicts at first admitted and also those under my care on the 30th June, 1879:—

Admitted to the Penitentiary 1st October, 1879.....	10
“ during the year.....	9
Total.....	<u>19</u>
Discharged.....	3
Remaining 30th June, 1879.....	<u>16</u>