

religious instruction. All, with the exception of five, have duly performed their Easter duties; and hardly a Sunday passes without witnessing a few kneeling at the Holy Table to receive. In the course of this year four were baptised, eight made their first communion, and actually I have three preparing for the reception of baptism and seven for communion. The catechism class is regularly followed by thirty-four convicts. This class, which I used to teach on Sunday, is now taught on Saturday afternoon, being, as it was pointed out to me, more in keeping with the good discipline of this institution.

An event which will undoubtedly be inscribed with red letters in the annals of our little church here is the visit of His Lordship the Bishop of St. John, who, for the first time, was called to administer the sacrament of confirmation in a Penitentiary. Twelve convicts were confirmed. His Lordship spoke at length to the men, who listened with enrapt attention. The bishop declared himself highly pleased with the good behaviour of the inmates.

What I will style a good improvement in every way for the chapel are the stained glass windows put in a month or two ago.

The singing, under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Jos. LeBlanc, is excellent, and most conducive to bring interest in, and attention to, the Sunday service on the part of the prisoners. I only regret to say that the musical instrument is not in quality or strength what we should have in our common chapel. I venture to assert that both Protestant and Catholic choir leaders, as well as Rev. J. R. Campbell, the other chaplain, would corroborate my statement.

I have given some attention to the Catholic library, and have added several volumes to it. It is also my intention to ask our genial librarian a semi-monthly distribution of books, instead of monthly, and do not anticipate any difficulty in obtaining the same.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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Roman Catholic Chaplain.

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Inspector of Penitentiaries.

No. 5.

REPORT OF THE SURGEON.

DORCHESTER PENITENTIARY, 29th July, 1890.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit my report for the year ended 30th June, 1890.

The sanitary condition of the institution during the year has been satisfactory. We have plenty of room and good ventilation, water of the best quality in abundance for all purposes, as much food as required, and work enough to keep the men generally employed.

The physical condition of the men admitted since last report is encouraging, insofar as out of seventy males that have come here only three are below sixteen, and five above the age of forty years. I am happy to say that only two noticeable weak-minded individuals have been admitted, and that all are able to work.

The health of the men generally has been good. We have not been visited by any contagious disease during the year. There have been few cases of severe illness. I have to report one death—a case of inflammation of the bowels.

We have had no serious accidents, and only one worthy of mention—a case of fracture of the clavicle.

In January last we had an attack of mild influenza, and for a few days quite a large number complained. I found the use of quinine, with an occasional dose of