

## No. 3.

## REPORT OF THE PROTESTANT CHAPLAIN.

DORCHESTER PENITENTIARY, 1st July, 1890.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit my report as Protestant Chaplain of the Dorchester Penitentiary for the year ended 30th June, 1890, on which day there were 119 convicts under my charge, as against 114 on the corresponding day of the preceding year, and 103 in 1888. Whilst the increase is steady and clearly marked, it is in all probability well within the ratio of the increase in the general population.

Of the 119, 5 are under the age of fifteen. They are well-behaved in every way, and are specially looked after.

The school is in a most flourishing condition, under Mr. Gray's management, and also shows an increase this year in the attendance of more than 25 per cent. This is, in my judgment, an excellent showing.

The general library is in larger demand than ever. Special attention is given to this department, in order that all reasonable cause for offence may be avoided. Unfortunately, some otherwise really useful and instructive authors will occasionally spoil everything by having a purely gratuitous fling at the Pope. Whenever any such reference is brought under the notice of either chaplain, out goes the book. It would be a most serious mistake to contribute from this point of view one unnecessary iota of difficulty to the ever-delicate business of managing the religious affairs of our penitentiaries.

In my last annual report I described the several improvements that had been made in the interior of the chapel. I have to add that since then a small but sufficient baptismal font has been placed in position; and the crown glass has given place to an inexpensive stained glass, which, as a permanent improvement, has the double merit of being thoroughly church-like and yet of very moderate cost. No object now remains in the chapel but such as is helpful to a devotional frame of mind.

As to conduct in chapel, at all times and on all occasions, I have to report as heretofore, nothing but what is good and encouraging. Necessary discipline is cheerfully and readily seconded by the voluntary tribute of a glad and ready mind.

I am more than cheered by the attendance at the weekly bible class. The class is entirely voluntary; and yet I am fully rewarded by an attendance bordering on 50 per cent. of the whole number under my charge.

In conclusion, I desire to record my obligation to every officer on the staff, from the Warden downwards, for unvarying courtesy and assistance in the discharge of the duties of my holy office.

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. ROY CAMPBELL,  
*Protestant Chaplain.*

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

## No. 4.

## REPORT OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN.

DORCHESTER PENITENTIARY, 1st August, 1890.

SIR,—I beg to submit my annual report for the year ended 30th June, 1890, on the last day of which there were fifty-seven convicts under my charge.

In addressing you my first report as Roman Catholic Chaplain of this Penitentiary, I may state with sincerity that I have experienced great consolation in ministering to this little band of convicts committed to my spiritual care. With very few exceptions, I found them most docile, well-disposed and ready to accept