

ANNUAL RETURN of Deaths in Hospital of St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary, for the Year 1882-83.

Number.	Names.	Age.	Disease.	When Admitted.	Died.	Country.	No. of days in Hospital.	Remarks.
1287	J. B. Deragon.	23	Gun shot wound	.....	Instantly....	Canada....	Nil.	Was killed in his endeavor to escape.
1079	Hormidas Julien .....	26	Pulmonary phthisis.....	Oct. 28, '82	Jan. 4, 1883.	do ...	68	

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SCHOOL REPORT.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PENITENTIARY, 30th June, 1883.

SIR,—I have the honor to submit my first Annual Report of the management of the school for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1883.

187 convicts have been benefiting of the privilege of attending school during the past year. Of that number, forty-seven have been discharged in the course of the year; sixteen of them being able to earn their own living, owing to the instruction received here, and the thirty-one others knowing reading, writing and ciphering tolerably well.

The most part of the convicts show themselves very anxious of being admitted to school. They generally seek for that favor, which they consider as a right they are entitled to as convicts, on the first days of their arrival. Although none of them are admitted unless their conduct be tested, on some occasions the Warden has expelled some of them on account of their having no disposition for learning. I must state here that I always found, in the person of the Warden, a constant assistance and an unequalled kindness.

The different changes which occasionally occur in the gangs and the nature of the work to be done, evidently prevented a good number of convicts from attending school, but now that the outside work is nearly at an end, it will be permitted them to resume their class with an increase of courage, in order to overtake those more advanced.

With a few exceptions, I am satisfied with the general conduct of the scholars, and the dispositions they display in order to render themselves familiar with the subjects taught them. The progress is also satisfactory, owing to the short length of time allowed to each man—an hour a day.

In order to render the school attractive and more profitable to convicts, and at the same time to keep this powerful means of moralization, if it was permitted me, I would suggest that some prizes in books should be distributed to convicts whose conduct, attendance, application and progress would be noticed by the Schoolmaster. Convicts, more than other men, are more liable to be stimulated by the perspective of a reward, and the nearer the reward the greater the effort is to obtain it.

The following is the certificate of Rev. Mr. Allan, concerning the examination held on the 2nd March last:—

Having this day examined the four classes of English speaking pupils in the school—in all twenty-four men—in the various subjects of reading, spelling, writing