

Made pillow-cases.....	198
“ towels.....	197
“ bed-ticks.....	7
“ for Guards' bed-sheets.....	10
“ “ pillow-cases.....	8
“ “ towels.....	8
conduct stripes on jackets.....	17

For Female Prison : —

Knit stockings.....	28 Pairs.
Made shrouds.....	2
“ caps.....	7
“ dresses and under clothing for 2 convicts discharged.....	0
“ blue jackets.....	72
“ “ skirts.....	45
“ woollen skirts.....	26
“ “ jackets.....	21
“ chemises.....	100
“ sheets.....	25
“ towels.....	68
“ pillow-cases.....	53
“ bed-ticks.....	18

CATHERINE KEEFFE, *Matron.*

ST. JOHN PENITENTIARY, 17th July, 1879.

SIR,—I beg, herewith, to submit the following Report;

Having had medical charge of this Penitentiary only since 17th February, 1879, I am unable to give a complete report for the whole year of the hygienic and sanitary condition of this institution.

With the exception of a number of cases of influenza and bronchitis during the months of April and May, including both officers and prisoners, caused by an unusually cold and wet spring, the health of the inmates has been good.

There has been one very severe case of typhoid fever among the prisoners, that of Charles Stanhope. He was removed as soon as possible from the main building into a large and airy room, and carefully nursed by two short-term prisoners. He, however, succumbed to the disease on May 3rd, and was buried in the usual place.

I consider it fortunate that your visit to the Penitentiary occurred at this time, as it enabled me fully to carry out all the precautionary measures which I thought necessary to prevent a spread of the disease.

I am happy to say that no new case has since occurred.

In addition to the above, there have been four deaths since July 1st, 1878, all short-term prisoners. M. A. McGahey, died January 9th, of phthisis pulmonalis; Mary Whitney, January 15th, of paralysis; James Gillespie, April 9th, of morbus cordis; and Martin Bedune, June 18th, of serile debility.

Of these, James Gillespie was in an almost dying condition when admitted, and Martin Bedune not much better; both being sent in for vagrancy.

The Female Department could not well be excelled for cleanliness and good order, and the health of its inmates is very good.

The Male Department is also clean and well attended to, and the health of the prisoners very satisfactory.

The food is abundant, of good quality, and well cooked.

The annexed table shows the cases treated by me since February 17th, with the results of treatment, including those both in cells and hospital.