

The convicts, on the contrary, being removed from evil associations for a longer period, have a better opportunity of profiting by the means of conversion which religion affords. Hence we enjoy from time to time the gratifying spectacle of hardened sinners sincerely returning to their merciful God, whom they had long forgotten.

The behavior of the Catholic prisoners while attending holy service has been good and edifying.

I have employed the \$50 kindly allowed by the Government for such a purpose, in procuring a lot of books which I considered best suited to the requirement and intelligence of those under my charge; and the reading of the various works placed at their disposal cannot fail to produce salutary effects in the minds of the unfortunate delinquents who peruse them with a careful attention.

The school conducted by Mr. Burke effects a vast amount of good amongst the prisoners, who are willing to avail themselves of it, and the proficiency of the most studious reflects no little credit both on the teacher and the pupils.

In conclusion, I beg to transmit my heartfelt thanks to the Warden and to the other officers of the Penitentiary, for their unremitting courtesy in the frequent relations I had with them.

Hoping that this Report will meet with your approval,

I remain, dear Sir, your most humble servant,

A. OUELLET, P., *Catholic Chaplain.*

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

MATRON'S ANNUAL REPORT.

ST. JOHN PENITENTIARY, July 7th, 1879.

SIR,—I have the honor to present my Annual Report on the Female Department of the St. John Penitentiary for the year ending June 30th, 1879. On 1st July, 1878, the number of prisoners were 23, five of whom were convicts, and 18 common prisoners. Admitted within the year, one convict and 69 common prisoners. Discharged during the year by expiration of sentence, two convicts and 70 common prisoners; pardoned one convict and one common prisoner; two deaths in January both short term prisoners; leaving on the 30th of June, 1879, three convicts and 15 common prisoners. The conduct and industry of convicts very good; on one occasion only I had cause to reprove two of them for misconduct. Industry and conduct of common prisoners good, a few complaints, were very trifling. Female prisoners share in the religious instruction provided for the institution. The employment during the year as usual—cooking, washing, making clothing, knitting and mending for themselves and male prisoners and female prison house-work. Hoping that this Report with the return of the work done annexed may meet your approval.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

CATHERINE KEEFFE, *Matron.*

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

I beg leave to furnish you the return of work done in this Department.

For Male Prison :—

Made brown and yellow pants.....	84 Pairs.
“ “ “ jackets.....	51
“ “ “ vests.....	55
“ “ “ shirts.....	88
“ white flannel shirts.....	64
“ “ “ drawers.....	92 Pairs.
“ “ “ knitt ^g socks.....	48 “
“ sheets.....	121