

some sixteen years ago, and never more so than now. From the present Warden, Mr. Flinn, I have received numerous acts of kindness and encouragement, and I shall ever remember him as a humane and efficient officer, and a most honorable and upright man.

There are at present on the school register—

White	22
Colored	8
Total	30
Of these—	
Can read, write and cypher, more or less	22
Can read and write, do	4
Cannot read or write	4
Total	30

I have attended to 2,077 issues of books for the General Library.

With grateful remembrance of your past kindness,

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

JNO. F. COTTON, *Schoolmaster, &c.*

To JAS. G. MOYLAN, Esq.,
Inspector of Penitentiaries, Ottawa.

HALIFAX PENITENTIARY, 30th June, 1879.

SIR,—I beg to inform you that nothing of importance has transpired in my department during the past twelve months. Until to-day, when one female convict arrived, no woman prisoner has been under my care during 1878-9. It is a subject of congratulation that the committal of the heaviest classes of crimes has been thus confined almost entirely to the other sex, at least for the year that has just gone.

The apartments are always kept clean and thoroughly ventilated, and ready for occupants whenever they may be required.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

ELLEN FLINN, *Matron.*

To JAS. G. MOYLAN, Esq.,
Inspector of Penitentiaries, Ottawa.

STONY MOUNTAIN, 30th June, 1879.

SIR,—I have the honor herewith to submit my Report for the year ending 30th June, 1879.

Matters of little importance transpired during the year, with the exception that I was seriously attacked with typhoid fever and confined to my bed for over three months; this was occasioned from the defective drainage of the institution. The doctors in attendance as also the Surgeon of the prison have asserted the above cause. Up to the end of the year nothing had been completed in the way of effectively draining the building, but instructions have, I understand, been given by the Department of Public Works to remedy all defects and suitably drain the building.

One escape occurred during the year, on the 2nd July last, the convict being recaptured a few days after; a detail of the fact in connection with the escape was forwarded to the Assistant Inspector, and subsequently the convict was brought before the Court of Queen's Bench, and sentenced to six months additional to his original sentence.