

for pointing out the way to Christ, whom they have accepted as their saviour. And it makes one feel that the work is worth while.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our thankful appreciation of the friendly co-operation of the Superintendent, Warden and other officers, and for the many courtesies shown the Chaplain by them, for it is these things, together with the appreciation on the part of the boys that makes the work a joy, which otherwise might be a wearisome task.

Respectfully submitted,
H. S. PUTNAM,
Chaplain.

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT

To the Superintendent of the Vermont State Prison and House of Correction:

I have the pleasure of submitting to you the following report for the past biennial term:

During the past two years there has been more work at the Institution than at any other time during the past fifteen years that I have been connected with the Institution as prison physician.

This condition has been brought about mainly by two factors, principally by the great increase in the number of prisoners which at the present time is the largest in the history of the Institution, and by the introduction of the system of examination of every prisoner when he comes to the Institution.

The rates of general sicknesses is probably no greater than during the past years with the exception of the year of 1918 during the Influenza Epidemic but there has been great increase of Venereal diseases, which have been discovered by the physical examination and blood tests of prisoners as they came in. These last cases are all put through the most improved form of treatment and are retained at the Institution until tests show that the patient is cured.

At the present time the housing capacity of the Institution is in very crowded condition, and were it not for the very rigid rules in regard to cleanliness and general hygiene, it would be a very hard task to avoid an epidemic, but this situation I am in hopes can be remedied in the near future.

The rigid rules in regard to general hygiene and cleanliness about the Institution and the personal cleanliness of the inmates