

TABLE III.

Showing the number of male convicts who were received at the Millbank Prison during the year 1843, and whose state of health is recorded in the Medical Register; and the number amongst these who were at the time obviously affected with Scrofula or Consumption, or had scrofulous cicatrices on their necks.

| Total number received. | Number who had scrofulous disease of the external glands. | Number who had existing symptoms of Pulmonary Consumption. | Number who had cicatrices of scrofulous sores on the neck. |
|------------------------|---|--|--|
| 3249 | 44* | 11† | 27 |

* In four out of this number, signs of tubercular disease in the lungs were detected: and these four had also had hæmoptysis.

† Two of these had cicatrices of Scrofulous sores on the neck.

TABLE IV.

Number of deaths and of pardons, on account of Consumption and Scrofula during the 17 years, 1825—41.

| Periods of imprisonment. | 1st 3 mths. | 2nd 3 mths. | 2nd 6 mths. | 3rd 6 mths. | 4th 6 mths. | 3rd year. | 4th year. | 5th year. | Above the 5th year. |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|
| Number exposed to the chances of disease or death in each period of imprisonment. | 3571 | 3470 | 3264 | 2905 | 1472 | 1645 | 611 | 94 | |
| | 3365 | | | 2682 | | | | | |
| Number of deaths and pardons due to Consumption and other tubercular diseases in each period | .. | 2 | 21 | 43 | 41 | 82 | 32 | 6 | |
| Annual ratio of deaths and pardons per 1000 prisoners at each period of imprisonment. | .. | 2.305 | 12.867 | 29.604 | 33.172 | 49.848 | 52.373 | 63.829 | |
| | 6.835 | | | 31.320 | | | | | |

TABLE V.

Proportion which the cases of Consumption and Scrofula bore to the number of prisoners in each period of imprisonment.

| Periods of imprisonment. | 1st 6 mths. | 2nd 6 mths. | 3rd 6 mths. | 4th 6 mths. | 5th 6 mths. | 6th 6 mths. |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Mean number exposed to the chances of becoming diseased in each period | 841 | 552 | 456 | 418 | 359 | 255 |
| Cases of Consumption and Scrofula which occurred in each period | 9 | 13 | 20 | 14 | 15 | 9 |
| Ratio per 1000 prisoners of the cases of Consumption and Scrofula in each period | 10.701 | 23.550 | 43.859 | 33.492 | 41.782 | 35.293 |
| Annual ratio per 1000 prisoners | 21.402 | 47.101 | 87.719 | 66.935 | 82.565 | 70.587 |

TABLE VI.

Showing the number of deaths and pardons due to Consumption and Scrofula which occurred amongst the prisoners in the Millbank Penitentiary in the different seasons of the 18 years, 1825 to 1842 inclusive.

| | 18 Springs, March, April, and May | 18 Summers, June, July and August. | 18 Autumns, Sept. Oct. and Nov. | 18 Winters, Dec. Jan. and Feb. |
|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Number of deaths from Consumption and scrofulous diseases | 31 | 28 | 12 | 10 |
| Number of pardons on account of Consumption and scrofulous disease | 58 | 58 | 17 | 35 |
| Number of deaths and pardons together | 89 | 86 | 29 | 45 |

TABLE VII.

Showing the ages of the 3777 Penitentiary Prisoners received into the Millbank Penitentiary, from October, 1824, to the end of 1842, and the number of deaths and pardons due to Consumption and Scrofula which occurred amongst the prisoners of the different ages.

| AGES. | Under 15 years. | 15 and under 20 years. | 20 and under 25 years. | 25 and under 30 years. | 30 and under 40 years. | 40 and under 50 years. | 50 years and upwards. | Total |
|--|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| Number of prisoners of each age when received | 296 | 1196 | 901 | 535 | 539 | 198 | 112 | 3777 |
| Number who died of Consumption or Scrofula, of those received at the respective ages | 5 | 30 | 20 | 10 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 81 |
| Ratio of deaths per 1000 prisoners received at the respective ages | 16.89 | 25.08 | 22.19 | 18.69 | 14.84 | 30.30 | 17.85 | 21.44 |
| Number who were pardoned on account of Consumption or Scrofula of those received at the respective ages | 14 | 61 | 46 | 23 | 17 | 6 | 1 | 168 |
| Ratio of pardons per 1000 prisoners at the respective ages | 47.29 | 51.00 | 51.05 | 42.99 | 31.54 | 30.30 | 8.92 | 44.48 |
| Deaths and pardons due to Consumption and Scrofula amongst the prisoners received at the respective ages | 19 | 91 | 66 | 33 | 25 | 12 | 3 | 249 |
| Ratio of deaths and pardons per 1000 prisoners of the respective ages when received | 64.18 | 76.08 | 73.24 | 61.68 | 46.38 | 60.60 | 26.77 | 65.92 |

CEREMONY OF THE PRACTICE OF THE TOUCH.

OBSERVED IN THE TIME OF HENRY VII.

First, the King kneeling, shall say,

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Amen.

And so soon as he hath said that, he shall say,

Give the Blessing.

The Chaplain kneeling before the King, and having a stole about his neck, shall answer and say,

The Lord be in your heart, and in your lips, to confess all your sins. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.

Or else shall say,

Christ hear us. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then by and by the King shall say,

I confess to God, to the blessed Virgin Mary, to all Saints, and to you, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed, through my fault; I pray, Holy Mary, and all the Saints of God, and you, to pray for me.

The Chaplain shall answer and say,

Almighty God have mercy upon you, and pardon you all your sins, deliver you from all evil, confirm you in good, and bring you to everlasting life. Amen. The Almighty and Merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, time for true repentance and amendment of life, with the grace and comfort of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

This done, the Chaplain shall say,

The Lord be with you.

The King shall answer,

And with thy Spirit.

The Chaplain,

Part of the Gospel according to St. Mark.

The King shall answer,

Glory to thee, O Lord.

The Chaplain reads the Gospel.

Last he appeared to those Eleven as they sat at the table; and he exprobad their incredulity and hardness of heart, because they did

not believe them that had seen him risen again. And he said to them: Going into the whole world, preach the Gospel to all creatures. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. But he that believeth not, shall be condemned. And them that believe, these signs shall follow. In my name shall they cast out devils, they shall speak with new tongues. Serpents shall they take up, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall impose hands upon the sick, and they shall be whole.

Which last clause (they shall impose, &c.) the Chaplain repeats as long as the King is handling the sick person. And in the time of repeating the aforesaid words, (they shall impose), the Clerk of the Court shall kneel before the King, having the sick person upon the right hand; and the sick person shall likewise kneel before the king, and then the King shall lay his hand upon the sore of the sick person. This done, the Chaplain shall make an end of the Gospel, and in the mean time the Chirurgion shall lead away such person from the King.

And so the Lord Jesus, after he spake unto them, was assumed into Heaven, and sate on the right hand of God. But they going forth, preached everywhere; our Lord working withal, and confirming the Word with signs which followed.

Then the Chaplain shall begin to say again,

The Lord be with you.

The King shall answer,

And with thy Spirit.

The Chaplain,

The beginning of the Gospel according to St. John.

The King,

Glory to thee, O Lord.

The Chaplain shall say this Gospel following:

In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and God was the word. This was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him, and without him was made nothing, that which was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for testimony: to give testimony of the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but to give testimony of the light. It was the true light, which lightneth every man that cometh into this world.

Which last clause (It was the true light, &c.), shall still be repeated so long as the King shall be crossing the sore of the sick person with an angel of gold noble, and the sick person to have the same angel hanged about his neck, and to wear it until he be full whole. This done, the Chirurgion shall lead away the sick person as he did before, and then the Chaplain shall make an end of the Gospel.

He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew it not. He came into his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, he gave them power to be made the Sons of God, to those that believe in his name. Who not of blood, nor of will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God, are born. And the word was made flesh, and dwelt in us, and we saw the glory of him, glory as it were of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and verity.

Then the Chaplain shall say,

The Lord's name be praised.

The King shall answer,

Now and for ever.

Then shall the Chaplain say this collect following, praying for the sick person or persons.

O Lord, hear my prayer.

The King shall answer,

And let my cry come unto thee.

The Chaplain,

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, the eternal health of them that believe; graciously hear us for thy servants for whom we implore the aid of thy mercy, that their health being restored to them, they may give thee thanks in thy church, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

This prayer following is to be said secretly, after the sick persons be departed from the King, at his pleasure.

Almighty God, Ruler and Lord, by whose goodness the blind see, the deaf hear, the dumb speak, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and all sick persons are healed of their infirmities: by whom also alone the gift of healing is given to mankind, and so great a grace, through thine unspeakable goodness towards this Realm, is granted unto the kings thereof, that by the sole imposition of their hands, a most grievous and filthy disease should be cured. Mercifully grant that we may give thee thanks, therefore, and for this

thy singular benefit conferred on us, not to ourselves, but to thy name let us daily give glory; and let us always so exercise ourselves in piety, that we may labour not only diligently to conserve, but every day more and more to increase thy grace bestowed upon us: and grant that on whose bodies soever we have imposed hands in thy name, through this thy virtue working in them, and through our ministry, may be restored to their former health, and being confirmed therein, may perpetually with us give thanks unto thee the Chief Physician and Healer of all diseases; and that henceforwards they may so lead their lives, as not their bodies only from sickness, but their souls also from sin may be perfectly purged and cured: through our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

THE END.