

The District Man-power Officer and the Rehabilitation Department have continued in an appreciable manner to co-operate in placing probationers in suitable employment, one of the essentials in the often difficult task of personal rehabilitation. There has been no lack of opportunity and many probationers have not been wanting in taking full advantage of the position.

An encouraging aspect during recent months has been the generous interest of certain citizens whom, it is hoped, will form the nucleus of a new Voluntary Probation Committee, an essential feature of the work which can now be developed as normal peacetime conditions return. In addition, the practical interest of the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society, the Honorary Justices' Association, and the Salvation Army, &c., has continued to be a source of appreciation and encouragement to those concerned. In conclusion, it is a pleasure to acknowledge the helpful interest of the Judges of the Supreme Court, Magistrates, and Court and police officials, and to refer to the spirit of co-operation and general helpfulness that has been demonstrated by other social workers, with whom it has been a pleasure to be associated.

Major VERA D. WOOD, Probation Officer for Women, Auckland

I have the honour to submit my report as Probation Officer for Women for the year ended 31st December, 1945.

At the beginning of the year there were 106 probationers on the register. During the year 14 were received on transfer from other districts. The number admitted to probation during the year was 61, while 3 were placed under supervision—sentence being deferred. Seventy-five probationers completed their terms during the period under review, while 9 were transferred and 4 committed to Borstal, leaving a total of 96 on the register at the end of the year.

During the twelve months ended 31st March, 1946, a sum of £266 5s. was collected by way of restitution.

The shortage of suitable accommodation for young women is a handicap to a number of probationers who are employed in the city or suburbs. It is pleasing to report, however, that the large majority of probationers appreciate the leniency extended to them by the Courts and the efforts of those who assist them in rehabilitating themselves in the community.

Major H. G. ROGERS, Probation Officer for Women, Christchurch

I have the honour to submit my report on the probation work at this centre for the year ended 31st December, 1945. The work for the year was partly under the control of Major E. Smith, who retired.

The number of probationers on the register at the beginning of the year was 24. During the year 17 were admitted to probation from the Christchurch Courts and 16 received on transfer from other districts, making a total of 57 dealt with. Of this number, 12 have finalized their terms of probation satisfactorily, 8 have been transferred to other districts, and 1 defaulter was sentenced to Borstal, leaving 36 on the register at the end of the year.

*Crimes Amendment Act.*—There was 1 on the register at the beginning of the year and 1 was received on license during the year. Both completed their terms very satisfactorily.

Restitution moneys collected amounted to £100 9s. 9d.

It is very pleasing to find that most of the probationers respond to the opportunity afforded them to prove themselves, and are making good.

I desire to express my appreciation and thanks to the Magistrates, the Court officials, and the Police Department for their courtesy and assistance.