

PRISONS AND BORSTAL INSTITUTIONS: EPITOME OF REPORTS OF CONTROLLING OFFICERS

ADDINGTON REFORMATORY PRISON (WOMEN)

(Superintendent: Miss F. E. MASON)

At the commencement of the year there were 6 inmates held in custody. During the year 20 were received, 8 released on expiration, 4 on remission, 4 on licence, and 6 handed to the police, leaving a total of 4 inmates in the institution on 31st December, 1946.

The general health of the inmates has been good. One girl was admitted to hospital, and 4 have attended for treatment of venereal disease and have been discharged. All other complaints have been of a minor nature and adequate attention has been supplied by the medical officer, Dr. A. C. Thomson.

Owing to the small number of inmates held in custody throughout the year and the shortage of staff it has not been possible to retain the laundry on the same scale as the previous years. All branches of domestic work and gardening have been the chief source of employment, and whenever possible the girls have been taught dress-making—several have displayed surprising talent in this direction and used their recreation time to make their own clothes, many attractive garments have been added to their wardrobe as a result of this occupation.

During the year concert parties have been held twice monthly. These entertainments are made possible by the kindly efforts of the members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union—Miss Nicholls and Miss Stevens.

Christmas and New Year tea parties were given by the Salvation Army and the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and many other friends contributed to our fund for Christmas cheer and recreation on holidays. Books and magazines have also been supplied and our library is well stocked with good reading-material to suit all tastes.

The spiritual welfare of the inmates has been fully looked after by representatives of the various denominations by Sunday services and individual visits during the week.

We are indebted to the Rev. P. Revell and his assistant, Miss Bennett, for the gift of brocaded curtains for the chapel. Their continued interest in the welfare of the inmates and their many acts of courtesy and kindness to every one in the institution is greatly appreciated.

In conclusion, I desire to record my sincere appreciation of the loyalty and assistance rendered by the clerical officer and the staff during the year.

AUCKLAND PRISON

(Superintendent: Mr. J. J. H. LAUDER)

I have the honour to submit my annual report on the working of this institution for the year ended 31st December, 1946.

At the commencement of the year there were 233 males and 14 females in custody. During the year 1,141 males and 40 females were received and 1,138 males and 43 females were discharged.

Included in the male reception were 4 males intoxicated in charge of motor-vehicles; 22 soldiers; 2 naval offenders; 10 naval offenders from Civil Courts; 10 Air Force male personnel; 3 offenders under National Service Regulations—viz., failing to report for military service.