

completely, and 17 satisfactorily completed the term of probation, leaving 73 on the register at the end of the year. The restitution collected amounted to £247 10s. 6d. and the costs to £35 16s. 2d. for the period.

Under the Crimes Act we had 30 reporting at the beginning of the year, 23 were transferred in, and 46 were released from Borstals and prisons, making a total of 99 dealt with; 23 were transferred out; 3 disappeared, 9 were sentenced on fresh charges, 3 joined the J Force, 2 were gazetted for arrest and have not yet been located, while 27 completed their terms, leaving a total of 32 on the register at 31st December, 1946.

Mr. Aitken's efforts have again contributed largely to the success of our work, and I am also indebted to the Court officials, the officers of the National Service Department, and to the members of the Prisoners' Rehabilitation Society for their assistance during the year.

Mr. E. F. MOSLEY, District Probation Officer, Dunedin

*Probationers released under the Offenders Probation Act, 1920.*—At the commencement of the period there were 43 probationers on the register, since when 41 have been released on probation by local Courts and 12 have been received on transfer from other districts, making a total of 96 dealt with during the year. Of these, 26 were discharged after completion of their term, 22 were transferred to other districts, 4 were imprisoned after committing further offences, 2 absconded, and 1 was discharged by the Prisons Board, leaving a balance of 41 on the register.

Restitution moneys collected totalled £197 7s. and costs of prosecution £20.

The figures generally show a decrease over the previous year. This is doubtless due to the action of a new Magistrate in imprisoning for certain offences a considerable number of offenders who in many cases would previously have been released on probation.

*Releases from Borstal Institutions and Prisons.*—In this category 11 were reporting at the beginning of the year, since when 22 have been released from institutions and 7 received on transfer from other districts, making a total of 40 dealt with in the year. Of these, 9 were discharged in the ordinary way, 6 were transferred, 2 committed offences and were sentenced to a further term of imprisonment, and 3 went overseas in the J Force, leaving 20 on the register.

In addition to the above, several young offenders are reporting and making payments by instalments for restitution under the provisions of the Summary Penalties Act, 1939.

During the period a psychiatrist has very kindly offered his services gratis, and the opportunity has been taken to utilize his diagnosis and treatment whenever it has been thought desirable.

*General Comment.*—Work is still plentiful, and it is noticeable that the more irresponsible probationers take advantage of this to change their employment frequently without justification. Further, the ratio of offenders for dishonesty is as high as ever, in spite of the favourable economic conditions. This state of affairs would seem to reflect what is no doubt an obvious and accentuated condition in our present era—namely, the disinclination to practice the virtue of self-denial.

Mr. R. WATT, District Probation Officer, Wellington

*Probationers released under the Offenders Probation Act, 1920.*—The year commenced with 165 reporting under this heading. During the year 183 were released by the Courts and, together with 53 received on transfer, the total dealt with was 401. One hundred were discharged, 80 were transferred to other districts, 4 are still on active service overseas, 9 left the Dominion, 1 died, 2 were dealt with on original charges, 4 absconded, and 9 were imprisoned for subsequent offences, leaving 192 reporting at the end of the period.