

The total on the register at the close of the year was 11. Included in this total are 4 female probationers, 3 of whom are married. Six completed their periods of probation satisfactorily.

*Crimes Amendment Act.*—At the commencement of the year 3 probationers were on the register. During the year 2 completed their terms, leaving only 1 on the register at the end of the year.

The amount of restitution money collected during the year ended 31st March, 1947, amounted to £6 11s. 6d., as against £64 4s. 1d. for the previous year. At the present time there are no outstanding amounts.

I am very pleased to state that all probationers are making every effort to rehabilitate themselves as good citizens. At the present time all are in full-time employment.

I wish to express my appreciation of the assistance rendered by the Child Welfare Officer and the Court staff for the help rendered during the past year.

Mr. P. S. WATERS, Probation Officer, Wanganui

*Offenders Probation Act.*—At the commencement of the year there were 22 probationers on the register. During the year 18 were received from local Courts and 16 were received from other districts, making a total of 34. Ten completed their terms of probation and were discharged, 1 received his discharge from probation through the Prisons Board, 24 were transferred to other districts, and 3 were sentenced to terms of imprisonment for further offences and, having completed their sentences, they are still reporting as probationers. This leaves a total of 21 on the register. The conduct in general of the probationers has been good during the year, although a few had warnings in regard to frequenting hotels. It is pleasing to know that all the probationers have been in constant employment throughout the year and earning good wages. The sum of £89 9s. 10d. has been received by way of restitution and Court costs. During the year members of the Justices Association formed a Committee with the view to assisting probationers to rehabilitate themselves.

*Offenders released on Licence from Prisons and Borstals.*—At the commencement there were 10 probationers on the register and 21 were received during the year. Of these, 8 were transferred to other districts, 2 were returned to prison, 2 returned to Borstal for further offences, and 5 completed their terms on licence and were discharged, leaving a total of 14 on the register. The 4 who were returned to prison and Borstal were of the problem type who, through lack of moral sense, have become irresponsible and unstable, having no respect for other people's property. The conduct of the remainder on the whole has been good.

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

The number of probationers on the register at the beginning of the year was 39. During the year 23 were admitted to probation from Christchurch Courts, and 4 received on transfer from other districts, making a total of 66 dealt with. Of this number, 14 finalized their terms of probation satisfactorily, 16 were transferred to other districts, 2 defaulters have been sentenced to Borstal, 1 to prison, and 1 probationer died, leaving 32 on the register at the end of the year.

*Crimes Amendment Act.*—There were no probationers on this list at the beginning of the year. Three were received from institutions during the year, but 1 of these had to be dealt with and was returned to prison for a breach of probation.

Restitution moneys collected amounted to £76 0s. 2d.

The majority of probationers have kept in steady employment, reported regularly, and in every way availed themselves of the opportunity afforded them of proving that they can be good citizens.

I desire to express my grateful appreciation to the Judges of the Supreme Court, the Magistrates, the Court officials, the Police Department, and Superintendent and staff of Addington Reformatory for their courtesy and co-operation.