

Mr. R. G. SAMPSON, Probation Officer, Timaru

*Offenders Probation Act.*—There were 11 probationers on the register at the beginning of the year. During the year the following were added: by transfer, 11; by Courts, 2: total, 24.

The removals for the year are as follows: transferred to other district, 7; completed the term of probation, 7; leaving a total of 10 on the register at the end of the year.

The amount of restitution-money collected and paid out during the financial year was £22 2s. At the present time there are no outstanding amounts.

*Crimes Amendment Act.*—At the commencement of the year 1 probationer was on the register. During the year 2 were added. At the present time only 1 remains on the register, the difference is accounted for as follows: removal to other district, 1; returned to Borstal for other offences, 1.

It is very pleasing to note that there is a decided decrease in the number of persons placed on probation during the year, only 2, as against 6 the previous year.

All probationers are in full-time employment and are making a worthy effort to rehabilitate themselves as good citizens.

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

Mr. R. CARGILL, Probation Officer, Wanganui

*Offenders Probation Act.*—At the commencement of the year there were 21 probationers on the register. At the end of the year there were 19 on the register.

During the year 10 were received from local Courts, and 13 from other districts, while 10 were transferred to other districts and 12 discharged. Three were dealt with for breach of probation.

The sum of £121 7s. 6d. was received by way of restitution, and £49 costs of prosecution, for the period of the financial year ended 31st March, 1948.

All probationers have been in steady employment, and have been encouraged to open saving-bank accounts, deposits varying from 10s. per week to £2 per week according to earnings. This appears to have a steady influence. The general conduct has been satisfactory.

*Offenders released on Licence from Prisons and Borstals.*—At the commencement of the year there were 14 on the register. During the year 4 were received on transfer from other districts, 1 was transferred, and 1 was returned to prison. Four were discharged, leaving 12 reporting at the end of the year. All offenders have been in steady employment during the year, and, as in the case of probationers, have been encouraged to open bank accounts.

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

On the 1st January, 1947, there were 68 women probationers on the register, 51 were admitted to probation during the year, and 12 received on transfer, making a total of 131 dealt with. Of that number, 32 completed the term of probation, 28 were transferred to other districts, and 2 were sentenced on the original charge, and 3 were before the Court for other offences, leaving 66 probationers on the register on 31st December, 1947.

*Probationers on Release from Prisons and Borstal Institutions.*—There were 7 probationers in this class on 1st January, 1947, and 7 were received on release from various institutions, making a total of 14 dealt with. Of this number, 2 completed the probationary term, 1 was transferred to another district, and 2 were again before Court for other offences, leaving 9 reporting at the end of the year.