

For the period 1st April, 1947, to 31st March, 1948, the sum of £128 3s. 6d. was collected for restitution and £26 13s. for costs of prosecutions, making a total of £154 16s.

Major V. D. WOOD, Probation Officer for Women, Christchurch

The following particulars are forwarded for the year ending 31st December, 1947 :—

At the beginning of the year there were 37 probationers reporting, 28 new cases were received from the Courts, and 4 were transferred from other districts, the total number dealt with being 69. Of these, 17 completed the period of probation, 8 were transferred to other districts, and 2 were committed to Borstal, leaving 42 on the register at the end of the year.

Restitution-money collected during the year amounted to £140 13s., and costs of prosecution to £1 1s.

Most of the probationers make a real effort to rehabilitate themselves as good citizens and appreciate what is done for them. Some are unable to do so because of weakness. The big majority do well.

My thanks and appreciation are due to the Judges of the Supreme Court, the Magistrates, Court officials, and police and voluntary helpers for their courtesy and help during the year.

Major J. M. HANNAFORD, Probation Officer for Women, Dunedin

I respectfully submit the annual report as the Probation Officer for Women for the Dunedin district for the year ended 31st December, 1947.

The number of probationers on the register at the beginning of the year was 22. During the year 13 were admitted to probation from the Magistrates' Court, Dunedin, and 4 were received on transfer from other districts, making a total of 39 dealt with. Of this number, 14 have completed their terms of probation satisfactorily and 7 have been transferred to other districts, leaving a total of 18 on the register.

All the probationers were in employment at the end of the year, and it is gratifying to note that most of them have reported regularly, and have availed themselves of the opportunity afforded them of proving that they can be good citizens.

The total amount of restitution collected during the twelve months ended 31st March, 1948, was £30 1s. 6d.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Magistrates and the Court officials, the Police Department, also the Men's Probation Officer, Mr. Mosley, for their courtesy and assistance from time to time.

Miss E. H. MERRIN, Probation Officer for Women, Wellington

I wish to submit my annual report as Probation Officer for Women for the City of Wellington and suburbs for the year ended 31st December, 1947.

At the beginning of the year 35 probationers were reporting to me, 29 new cases were added during the year, and 16 were transferred from other districts, making a total of 80 cases dealt with. Of these, 26 completed the period of probation, 21 were transferred to other districts, 2 were discharged by the Prisons Board, and 1 was committed to prison, leaving 30 on the books at the end of the year.

Restitution collected during the year amounted to £52 11s.

With the exception of one or two probationers who will always constitute a problem, the behaviour has been quite satisfactory. Most of them are in permanent employment, but the difficulty of securing accommodation is the cause of some constantly moving from town to town.

Thanks are due to the Honorary Justice Association, Maori Welfare Officers, Salvation Army, and Court and police officials for their courtesy and help throughout the year.