

the opportunities for competitive sport. In dealing with adolescents there is sound philosophy in this quotation by a well-known and successful headmaster of a boys' school: "Work them hard, play them hard, feed them well, and send them to bed so tired that they fall asleep as soon as their heads hit the pillow." As far as possible, during the past year, we have tried to organize our activities along this line, and with this in view have sought to avoid locking inmates in their cubicles except for sleeping.

*Occupations.*—One of the most important functions of the institution is to provide suitable work for the inmates and to teach them good work habits. They cannot be taught a trade in the short time that most of them remain here, but they can be taught how to handle tools, and in many cases discover a vocation which they can follow up on their release. We have found that we get a better response from our lads and achieve more in the way of reformation if we put them to tasks that can be seen to be meaningful and productive. For this reason we have endeavoured to keep before the inmates the idea that the institution with all its works and ramifications is a live, vigorous organization which not only has a high standard of achievement and productivity, but also has a place for the active co-operative endeavour of all concerned. Fully half our lads are employed on the various activities of our 2,000-acre farm. Here the lads are taught the latest farming methods under the careful supervision of competent farm officers. They learn not only how to carry out the specific tasks of farm routine, but also come to revel in the sense of physical well-being that is the special privilege of those who work close to the soil. Other inmates are employed in the various industries attached to the institution—carpentering, joinery, blacksmithing, plumbing, bricklaying and concrete work, bootmaking, baking, painting, laundry work, and bookbinding.

*The Farm.*—During the past financial year the farm activities showed a profit over working-expenses of £1,327. This year there is every indication that the results will be even better. During the year we baled more than 12,000 bales of hay, using about half of it for our own stock and selling over £600 worth. We sowed and harvested 36 acres of wheat, 16 acres of barley, 36 acres of oats, and 20 acres of potatoes. Over 5,000 sheep, including some belonging to neighbouring farmers, were shorn, and nearly 2,000 lambs were sent to the freezing-works. We milked an average of about 100 cows and sold over £700 worth of pigs. During the past two years two tractors, a threshing-mill, an automatic hay-baler, a tedder, a power mower, an additional truck, and a new reaper-and-binder have been purchased and put into use. Plans have been drawn up for the complete remodelling of the dairy and much of the work has already been carried out. When completed it will be one of the best and most modern dairies in Southland. All dairy cows are tuberculin tested annually and all cattle purchased are also given this test.

*Woodwork and Joinery Shop.*—Much progress has been made in the woodwork-shop. New machines have been added and the shop is turning out a quantity of excellent office furniture for Courthouses in various parts of the country as well as furniture for other institutions. The following is a list of some of the furniture made during the year: 14 school benches and forms, 60 cubicle chairs, 2 large office desks, and 3 office armchairs for this institution; 2 large forms for the Supreme Court, Invercargill; 13 tallboys for Waikane Prison; 1 table, 6 bedroom chairs, and 5 fireside chairs for Paparua Prison; 18 cubicle chairs for Wī Tako Prison; 6 lowboys for Addington Reformatory; 36 upholstered chairs for Wanganui Supreme Court, also 36 for Wellington Supreme Court; 1 office desk, 3 counsel chairs, 1 set pigeonhole cupboards, and 16 upholstered counsel chairs with arms for various places.

*Bookbinding Department.*—This department has grown rapidly during the year, gradually increasing its output and improving the quality of the work done. The monthly value of the binding done increased from a minimum of £29 to a maximum in August of £180, the average for the last six months of the year being £165. We now bind more than 1,000 volumes a month for the National Library Service and several