

Two officers were reported for neglect of duty, and punished, one by a fine, and the other—a probationer—by dismissal.

Divine service was held every Sunday by the several denominations, and on Christmas and New Year days special services were held by the Salvation Army officers and band.

FIRST OFFENDERS' PROBATION ACT AND CRIMES AMENDMENT ACT.

On the 1st January there were 15 males on probation, and during the year 17 males were placed on probation for periods of from six months to three years; 3 males and 1 female were received on transfer from other districts; 9 males were discharged, having completed their period of probation; 11 males were transferred to other districts; and 3 absconded or otherwise failed to report: leaving 11 males and 1 female on probation at the end of the year.

I have to thank the Police Department for the assistance rendered me in locating probationers who were negligent in complying with the terms of their license.

In June last a special officer was appointed to deal with prisoners released on probation in accordance with the regulations under the Crimes Amendment Act, 1910, and several men so released and reporting to me were transferred to his charge.

I have, &c.,

J. C. SCANLON,

The Under-Secretary for Justice, Wellington.

Gaoler and Probation Officer.

ADDINGTON PRISON.

SIR,—

H.M. Prison, Addington, 17th February, 1914.

I have the honour to submit to you the report of the Matron of the prison for females at Addington upon the working of that institution for the year ended on the 31st December, 1913, together with returns of expenditure, &c.

I have &c.,

T. R. POINTON,

The Under-Secretary for Justice, Wellington.

Gaoler.

SIR,—

H.M. Prison, Addington, 24th January, 1914.

I have the honour to submit the following report on this prison for the year ended 31st December, 1913.

The prison was reopened for reception of female prisoners on the 17th April, 1913, on which date I assumed charge, receiving on transfer from the Lyttelton Prison 15 female prisoners; received since, 63, of whom 10 were transferred from other prisons, 9 readmitted from two to three times, and 59 discharged: leaving in custody on the last day of the year, 19.

The daily average was 21·68, the greatest number in confinement at one time 28, and the least 14.

The number of habitual criminals and reformatory-detention prisoners dealt with were 3 and 8 respectively; 1 habitual criminal and 6 reformatory-detention prisoners have been discharged on probationary license, leaving in these classes at the end of the year 2 and 2 respectively.

The health of the prisoners was good, there being only 4 cases of sickness during the year, and one of these was of a trivial nature; 2 cases were sent to the Christchurch Hospital, where 1 died.

The daily average on the sick-list was 0·04.

Rations supplied were of good quality, and no complaints have been made.

The prisoners were employed in cleaning, sewing, knitting, washing, and repairing the clothing for the Lyttelton Prison, and keeping the grounds in order.

Divine service was held every Sunday, and thanks are due to the Rev. Canon Bean, Mr. Smail, the Salvation Army, and others for attending to the spiritual needs of the prisoners; and also to the donors of books and magazines for the prison library.

I regret to record the death by accident of Warder C. F. Morgan, gate officer; also the retirement of Assistant Matron Miss Evans, owing to ill health.

The Gaoler, Mr. Pointon, visits frequently, inspecting, advising, and directing work, &c., in and about the prison.

The Gaoler, Addington Prison.

I have, &c.,

F. MAHER, Matron.

LYTTELTON PRISON.

SIR,—

H.M. Prison, Lyttelton, 20th January, 1914.

I have the honour to submit to you the annual report upon this prison, together with returns of expenditure, &c., for the year just ended.

There were in confinement on the 1st January, 1913, 139 males and 15 females; the numbers admitted during the year were 555 males and 17 females: making a total of 694 males and 32 females dealt with.

Discharges during the twelve months numbered 571 males and 32 females; of the latter, 15, the total number in custody on the 17th April ultimo, were on that date transferred to the prison for females at Addington. There were in custody on the 31st December last—Males, 123; females, nil.