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The vegetable garden, under the supervision of an Assistant Matron, is worked by the inmates, and a good supply of vegetables is maintained.

Our school work, games, and physical exercises have gone on steadily throughout the year.

The inter-house games shield is always keenly competed for at the end of each year.

Our thanks are due to the various clergymen who come out regularly on Sundays in order that services of the different denominations might be held for the inmates; owing to their visits the inmates get the opportunity of attending the service of their own denomination at least once a month.

Our grateful thanks are due to the members of the Visiting Committee and to the ladies of the Borstal Association not only for the help given the girls during the time they are in the institution, but for the interest taken after they are released. Although the past year has been a particularly trying one through lack of employment and scarcity of funds, not one girl has left the Institution without having a good outfit of clothing, and either a position or friends to go to.

The after-care of these girls has developed into a quite a responsibility, therefore the ladies of the association have to give up a great deal of their time in trying to place the girls in the right

environment, and then keeping in touch with them for a considerable time afterwards.

We also wish to thank the association for providing weekly entertainments and for parcels of clothing including material for underclothing. The making of these garments gives the girls an interest, and provides them with an outfit after they are released.

The inmates were not forgotten during the Christmas and New Year holidays. Two beautiful cakes were received from Her Excellency the Lady Bledisloe, the Borstal Association gave each girl a little gift, and also provided fruit and cakes for tea on Christmas Day.

At the New Year Mrs. Sprott arranged the party given by the women's organizations of the

Church of England, and our girls had a happy afternoon.

The two Official Visitors to the reformatory section (Mrs. R. Glover and Mrs. P. Yeates) have visited the Institution regularly during the year, and their kindly advice to the inmates is always greatly appreciated.