

POINT HALSWELL BORSTAL INSTITUTION.

(Superintendent, Miss A. ESCOTT.)

On the 1st January, 1934, there were 34 inmates in the Borstal institution and 5 in the reformatory. During the year 19 young women were received into the former institution and 29 released on license or otherwise disposed of, leaving 24 in the Borstal at the end of the year.

In the reformatory section 48 older women were received during the year and 48 discharged or transferred elsewhere, leaving 5 in custody at the end of 1934.

The conduct and industry of the inmates have been very satisfactory. One young Maori girl was admitted to hospital, and she passed away after being there for a short period. The case was diagnosed as tubercular meningitis. The health of the inmates was otherwise exceptionally good.

During the year we were honoured by a visit from Her Excellency Lady Bledisloe. Her Excellency has always shown an interest in our work, and on this occasion, her farewell visit, she left a donation for a supply of books for the institution library. Every encouragement is given the inmates to make full use of the library, which now contains a good supply of books.

The girls are employed regularly at the various industries, all taking their turn in assisting with laundry, sewing, cooking, housework, gardening, &c. A good supply of vegetables has been maintained from the garden throughout the year.

Our school, drill, and games are still carried on. The girls have physical exercises every morning, and attend school on four afternoons and evenings during the week. Saturday afternoon is taken up with games, mainly basketball and tennis. Swimming gets its turn as a regular part of physical training—the outing to Shelly Bay is always looked upon as a great privilege. During the winter the members of the Wesley Bible Class have come out to play basketball and indoor games with the girls. These breaks in the general routine are eagerly looked forward to and thoroughly enjoyed by all. We hope that these kind people will repeat their visits next year.

We are again indebted to the ladies of the Borstal Association for the interest in the after-care of the girls, for providing coats and other articles of clothing for needy cases, also for entertainments and personal visits.

Religious services are held regularly by members of the different denominations, so that every inmate is given the opportunity of attending her own church.

We were not forgotten by kind friends during the festive seasons. The Borstal Association provided cake, fruit, and a gift for each girl on Christmas Day, and other friends sent gifts of good cheer, notable among them being Her Excellency's two beautiful Christmas cakes.

On New Year's Day Mrs. Sprott gave her usual delightful concert and tea party, and a little later Mrs. Glover and other officers of the Salvation Army provided an evening entertainment, including supper, for the inmates.

The Visiting Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. G. C. Edwards, meets regularly and takes an active interest in the welfare of the inmates.

VISITING JUSTICES TO PRISON.

Addington Women's Reformatory: H. A. Young, S.M.; E. C. Levvey, S.M.

Auckland Prison: Wyvern Wilson, S.M.; F. K. Hunt, S.M.; W. R. McKean, S.M.;

J. H. Hannan, J.P.; J. H. Bradney, J.P.

Hautu Farm Camp: John Cullen, J.P.; Alex. S. Laird, J.P.; Walter H. Swanger, J.P.

Napier Prison: A. M. Mowlem, S.M.; James P. Thomson, J.P.; A. E. Bedford, J.P.

New Plymouth Prison: W. H. Woodward, S.M.; C. E. Bellringer, J.P.; Walter C. Weston, J.P.; Charles H. Burgess, J.P.

Paparua Prison: H. A. Young, S.M.; E. C. Levvey, S.M.; J. Leslie, J.P.; George Maginness, J.P.; William T. Franks, J.P.

Rangipo Farm Camp: John Cullen, J.P.; John J. Ross, J.P.; Alex. S. Laird, J.P.; Walter H. Swanger, J.P.

Waikune Prison Camp: John Cullen, J.P.; W. H. Sandford, J.P.

Wanganui Prison: J. H. Salmon, S.M.; J. Driver, J.P.

Wellington Prison: A. Longmore, J.P.; D. H. Edgar, J.P.; W. G. Riddell, J.P.

Wi Tako Prison: Peter Robertson, J.P.; W. Greig, J.P.; J. A. Strang, J.P.; A. Longmore, J.P.; D. H. Edgar, J.P.

BORSTAL VISITING COMMITTEES.

Invercargill: W. H. Freeman, S.M. (Chairman); W. Macalister; W. A. Ott, J.P.; R. M. Strang, J.P.; M. N. Hyndman; James Ward, J.P.

Point Halswell: George C. Edwards, J.P. (Chairman); Mrs. R. Glover; Mrs. M. H. Chatfield, J.P.

Waikeria: Francis Quin, J.P. (Chairman); G. Empson, J.P.; Fred J. Gilbert; William Jeffrey, J.P.; F. W. Bevin.