

Major H. HART, Probation Officer for Women, Auckland.

I am pleased to submit my annual report as Probation Officer for Women.

Probationers on register 1st April, 1935, 26, admissions during the year totalled 28, and transfers 6—the total dealt with being 60. During the year completions totalled 22, and transfers 2, leaving at 31st March, 1936, 36.

Moneys recovered: Restitution, £54 1s. 11d.; costs, £5 2s. 6d.: Total, £59 4s. 5d.

Very few of the probationers have given any trouble, the majority have done well, and have appreciated the help and advice given them.

Work has not been so difficult to obtain, and wages are better.

I desire to express my appreciation of the kindness and sympathetic understanding shown by Magistrates, Court officials, and Police Department.

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

I have pleasure in submitting my annual report for the year ending 31st March, 1936.

The number on the register at 1st April, 1935, was 18, admissions during the year totalled 29, giving a total of 47 dealt with. During the period completions totalled 15, transfers 1, recommitments 2, leaving 29 on the register at 31st March, 1936.

Restitution amounting to £32 5s. 5d. was recovered.

The results of the year are very gratifying. A small number of probationers have failed to respond to the benefits afforded them from the system. With a tactful and sympathetic understanding of human nature much can be accomplished.

The amounts collected for restitution have meant a real sacrifice on the part of the probationers and speaks well of their determined efforts to re-establish themselves in a creditable way.

Miss A. J. SIMPSON, Probation Officer for Women, Wellington.

I beg to submit my eighth annual report as Probation Officer for the city of Wellington and district for the year ended 31st March, 1936.

The number of probationers reporting on 1st April, 1935, was 32, 21 were admitted to probation, 8 were received on transfer from other districts, 2 were received from Borstal and 2 from reformatories, making a total of 65 dealt with. Of these, 26 completed probation, 8 were transferred to other districts, 2 were reconvicted, and 1 absconded, leaving 28 reporting at 31st March, 1936. A total of £21 6s. 4d. was collected by way of costs of prosecution and restitution.

It is exceedingly difficult to collect restitution from married women in charge of a home—it seems hopeless to expect it. The question of unemployment and small wages is ever with us, but as I am able to send girls to the Women's Unemployment Bureau there is no question of any probationer being without food or accommodation. Any girl who reported there last year received 10s. per week and meals.

I am very grateful to the Justices of the Peace Association for a grant of money to help necessitous cases, also my thanks are due to the police and Magistrates' Court staff for their ready help.

Mr. H. N. RICHARDSON, Probation Officer, Gisborne.

I beg to submit my annual report as Probation Officer for year ending 31st December, 1935.

Received during year under the Offenders Probation Act, 33, and under the Crimes Amendment Act, 8. The costs of prosecution and restitution-moneys collected during the year amounted to £48 10s. 5d. Three probationers were dealt with during the year under Offenders Probation Act. One probationer had his license cancelled under Crimes Amendment Act, and was returned to prison.

I wish to thank the Probation Committee, also the Secretary, Y.M.C.A., for their kindness and help during 1935.

Employment seems easier to find, especially on farms and stations.

I had 36 on the register at close of the year.

Mr. H. ROBINSON, Probation Officer, Greymouth.

I respectfully present hereon the annual report on the working of the probation system under the Offenders Probation Act, 1920, together with the Crimes Amendment Act, for the year ended 31st December, 1935.

*Offenders Probation Act.*—Total dealt with, 8. Costs of prosecution and restitution-money collected was £38 5s. 6d.

I am pleased to state that all probationers have found employment in this district.

*Crimes Amendment Act.*—The number dealt with was 3.

The conduct of all probationers has been satisfactory.

Mr. M. McCORMACK, Probation Officer, Hamilton.

At the commencement of the year there were 28 probationers reporting, 6 were admitted to probation by the local Court, and 17 were transferred from other districts, making 51 dealt with. Costs of prosecution and restitution-moneys collected totalled £71 13s. 6d.

The conduct of all probationers has been very satisfactory, and the majority are in steady work. I appreciate the co-operation of the Voluntary Probation Committee, especially Mr. Findlay, who spares no effort to find employment for any probationer out of work.