

machinery, &c. I had hoped to introduce a course of instruction in farm-management, the keeping of farm records, &c., but time did not permit.

"Instruction in wool-classing was carried on as heretofore, and very pleasing progress was made by practically every student. This year more time was devoted to the practical side of the course, and the results justified this change, although it is felt that the senior students require more thorough instruction in the theoretical side of the work. Time, however, is once again the controlling factor. Several suggestions have been made for the improvement of the equipment in the wool-room, and when carried out will greatly assist in the conduct of these practical classes.

"Once again we are indebted to the trustee of the Reginald Mackinnon Trust for providing funds (£4) for the purchase of prizes for the agriculture and wool classes. Suitable books relative to the subject were bought and presented to the winners, three in each section.

"For the benefit of those inmates who are housed at the farm ranch a class in general education is held daily by an officer of the staff.

"During the year we were fortunate in receiving about two hundred books for the institution library. The library now contains over one thousand five hundred books covering many subjects of literary, technical, and sporting nature. Fiction, of course, predominates, and the books donated during the year are of a good type and in excellent condition. An endeavour is made to train a boy as librarian and to repair damaged volumes. The inmates receive from parents and friends a good supply of illustrated papers and other reading matter. The periodicals obtained for the use of the inmates include *Illustrated London News*, *Pearson's Monthly*, *Windsor Magazine*, *Strand Magazine*, *Popular Mechanics*, *Popular Science*, *Review of Reviews*, *Life Aust.*, *Storyteller*, *National Geographic*, and the *Auckland Weekly News*. As an aid to students in the music class, *Etude*, a rather good American publication, is now received. Gratuitous issues include the *Children's Newspaper* and the *Christian Herald*."

The spiritual needs of inmates are fully catered for. A minister of one or other of the various denominations visits the institution each Sunday to hold Divine service. This service is held on the Sunday morning. In the evening there is the "Pleasant Sunday Hour" from 6.30 to 7.30, when there are hymns, music, and, as a rule, a talk on some interesting subject. The Ministers' Association arranges for Bible Classes—the Anglican and certain others on Thursday nights, the Salvation Army on Wednesday evenings. A Roman Catholic service is conducted on Tuesday nights. The Salvation Army Band visits the institution on one Sunday afternoon a month and gives a selection of music.

On 22nd January, 1936, a special memorial service in connection with the death of King George V was conducted by Archdeacon Lush (Anglican) and Rev. Mackintosh-Carter (First Church), with opening remarks by the Superintendent. On the Sunday morning of that week a further special service was held by the Rev. John Chisholm (Knox Church).

On Good Friday and on Anzac Day special services were held, and on Sunday, 12th April, a service was conducted by Pastor Moore, of Dunedin, known in radio circles as "Big Brother Bill."

Every effort is made to see that spare time in the evenings when there are no classes does not hang heavily on the hands of the boys. We were indebted throughout the past year for a plentitude of entertainment provided by local musical, elocutionary, and other artists. Visitors from elsewhere also were always willing to oblige in this direction. As something in return, the boys themselves under the guidance of the social officer put on an annual "Visitors' Concert," which requires much work in preparation, evening practices, the painting of appropriate scenery, the making of costumes, apparatus, &c. It may be claimed that such work helps the boys to develop their powers of concentration, while the experience of entertaining others enlarges confidence and self-reliance.

There is no doubt that some are gifted musically and vocally. The many visitors at the 1936 concert were well pleased with the result. Another occasion when the boys can try themselves out is on school break-up night, when a private House Competitive Entertainment is held, each house having to entertain the others for ten minutes. The Battalion Band, which provided music for us on many occasions during the year, requested the assistance of some inmates at a Christmas concert in the Town Hall. This request was acceded to and the selected boys acquitted themselves very well with the singing of Christmas Carols.

There were numerous visiting concert parties throughout the year. The Invercargill Male Choir with over forty members attended on one occasion. Several Church choirs gave us the benefit of their ability. In addition, there were many wireless concerts, community sings, picture-shows, &c., and band programmes. Talks, lectures, and addresses covered the following subjects: Early Invercargill; The Royal House of Windsor; A Trip to the United States of America; India (by a visiting missionary); The European Situation; The Dunedin Air Pageant; Samoa—history, life, customs, and legends, with exhibits; The White Cavalry of Bethune; Prominent Cricketers; Native Life and Customs in Nigeria (lantern slides); Invercargill Estuary Flats before Reclamation; South Africa (with slides); The League of Nations; Travel Talks, by "The Girl in Red" (Miss Nita Rosslyn); Palestine (lantern); Life on Shipboard; Sport in Germany; Geneva; The Spanish Crisis; Travels in India, Canada, &c.; Life on a Troop-ship; Origin and Humour of the Maori Race; Riverton Centenary; Alpine Climbing (slides); The British Army; New Zealand Life and Scenes (moving pictures).

For the undernoted addresses we are indebted to the local members of Toc H: Lawrence of Arabia; Arms, Past and Present; Oceans; Thibet; Health and Diet; The Prince of Wales; Italy; History of New Zealand; The Salvaging of the German Fleet at Scarpa Flow.

The Toc H group meets on the last Sunday evening in each month. On Thursday nights members of the Invercargill Rotary Club visit the Association Class which, in connection with Rotary,