

becomes the "Kiwi Club." Addresses covered the following topics: Rotorua and National Park; Zane Grey and New Zealand Fishing; Refrigeration; Klondyke Gold Rush; Reporting and Newspaper Work; Knots and Their Uses; Construction of Concrete Buildings; Gliders; Whaling; "On Leaving School" (a book); Functions of the Eye; American Motor-cars; A Trip to America; The "Queen Mary"; Coal-mines; Motor-car Engines; Motor Racing; Feats of Suspended Animation by Yogis; Oyster Canning; Flax Industry; The West Coast—Products, &c.; Manufacture of Clothing; Rules of Rugby; Transport by Air; Diesel Engines; Manufacture of Bread; Gas in Warfare; Submarines; All Blacks Tour, by a Member; Model Aeroplanes; Colonel T. E. Lawrence; Count Von Luckner; History of Southland; Southland's Lakes; A Trip Abroad, with Pictures; Oil and its Uses; Gold and How it Circulates; Insurance Companies; Activities of Rotary; Boilers; Wireless; Music, Ancient and Modern.

Periodical lectures were delivered by the Institution Medical Officer.

The institution usually enters a team in the local Rugby third-grade competition. In 1936 eleven games were played, of which seven were won and four lost. Various inter-institutional matches were played. This year, however, the weather seriously interfered with play; there was a succession of wet Saturdays.

A Junior B team played in the competition run by the Southland Cricket Association. At the end of the 1935-36 season the team retained the *Times* Cup, winning four out of six matches played in the New Year.

The 1936-37 season was opened with the annual fixture, Officers *v.* Boys. As has been the position for some years past, the latter won. His Worship the Mayor spoke on this occasion and bowled the first ball. The Battalion Band was in attendance, and also numbers of well-wishers. In the competition, so far eight matches have been played, our team winning seven and losing only one.

Tennis is indulged in, and a game is secured now and again with an outside team. Fives gives exercise to many of the boys on the three courts available. It is likely that the game of badminton will take on very well. A swimming competition was held in January, and an exhibition of life-saving by members of the Oreti Surf Life-saving Club. This club kindly conducted a class, and at an examination held in April seven medals, eight intermediate certificates, and two elementary certificates were secured by the boys.

Physical drill is part of the curriculum of the institution, being conducted by the instructor from the Southland Boys' High School. As it is not affected by seasons or weather conditions, a marked improvement in the physique of the inmates results.

A general gathering for all classes of sport, for those not at the Summer Camp, was held on the 1st and 2nd January. Another meeting was held on Labour Day, in October. The meeting usually fixed for the King's Birthday (June) had to be postponed owing to the inclemency of the weather. A general sports meeting was held on Boxing Day, when eatables and prizes were distributed.

During the year a class in first-aid work was introduced for the first time, thanks to the assistance of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. Examinations for certificates from St. John Ambulance Association will not, however, be conducted. Selected inmates took an interest in this class, and the knowledge gained should prove useful to them.

The eleventh annual summer camp for members of the Association Class was held at Otatara from 23rd December, 1936, to 4th January, 1937. The weather was excellent for practically the whole of the time, an occasion when Southland excelled the rest of the Dominion. Activities for the boys included swimming, boating, fishing, eeling, rabbiting, cricket, tennis, volley-ball, treasure-hunts, bush-walks, and in the evenings there were sing-songs, moving-pictures, lectures, and concerts.

Competition for the best-kept kits and tents was very keen, the standard set this year being probably higher than heretofore. Assistance rendered by the office staff in connection with camp was appreciated.

Visitors' Day was 2nd January. There was a full programme of field events, in which all boys took part. Prizes were distributed by Mr. W. M. C. Denham, M.P. for Invercargill.

Towards the success of the annual camp we are always indebted to business firms for donations for prizes, &c. Cash donations were received from the following: Rotary Club, Prisoners' Aid Societies of Dunedin and Invercargill, Southland Justices of the Peace Association, members of Invercargill Borstal Society (Sir Robert Anderson and Messrs. Pickard and Marshall), Dr. J. G. Crawford, Mr. J. G. Wade, and Mr. Baxter. A picture machine, films, and a marquee were lent by the National Y.M.C.A.

In connection with the welfare of inmates while in the institution and rehabilitation after discharge, there exist here the Invercargill Borstal Society, the Invercargill Borstal Visiting Committee, the Invercargill Voluntary Probation Committee, and the Invercargill Honorary Ladies' Borstal Committee.

The Borstal Society, approved by the Minister of Justice in terms of section 18, Prevention of Crime (Borstal Institutions Establishment) Act, 1924, consists of Sir Robert Anderson, C.M.G., Patron, and Messrs. Pickard (Chairman), Miller, Watts, and Marshall, local business men. It is regretted to record the death on 26th July, 1936, of the Chairman, Mr. Wm. Macalister, who for years had been interested in Borstal work and was also a member of the Visiting Committee. A new member was appointed in the person of Mr. Jas. Ward, J.P.

The Visiting Committee, appointed pursuant to regulations made on 20th July, 1925, under the above-mentioned Act, is composed of Mr. W. H. Freeman, S.M., Chairman, and Messrs. Ott, Ward, Hyndman, and Strang. The members consider individual cases and make recommendations to the Parole Board.

The Voluntary Probation Committee consists of Messrs. Chas. Gilbertson, J. D. Gilmore, D. J. Wesney, and Dr. Burns-Watson. Comprising the Ladies' Borstal Committee are Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Campbell, and Mrs. Pryde, who interest themselves in visiting the sick, giving advice to the boys, and in other ways. They help considerably in collecting for the Christmas Cheer Fund.