

showing signs of mental disorder, as well as in specific cases where an expert opinion would serve as a guide in following a special method of treatment in certain individual cases. The help and advice given has been most useful.

A number of staple items of food included in the dietary scale were produced on the prison property, and these include beef, milk, potatoes, and vegetables, while eggs for those prisoners requiring a special diet under medical orders were available from the poultry-run. Bread of first-grade quality was manufactured on the premises. Supplies of mutton, to vary the beef ration, were obtained from a local freezing-works, and a satisfactory service was maintained.

The conduct of prisoners throughout the past year has been generally satisfactory, and a good standard of discipline was maintained. Offences against the disciplinary regulations totalled 39, in which 35 individuals were concerned. Eighteen of these cases were dealt with by Visiting Justices, and the remainder by myself. There were no incidents involving anything in the nature of an organized disturbance. One case of escaping from legal custody, involving two prisoners, occurred during the year, but they were recaptured after a brief period of liberty.

The spiritual requirements of the prisoners have been adequately catered for, and the representatives of the various religious denominations visit the prison at regular intervals. The help and assistance received both from local organizations and individuals in providing entertainments and comforts for the prisoners, particularly during the Christmas and New Year period, is greatly appreciated. Special mention is made of the efforts of the Salvation Army, the Richmond Mission, Mr. A. Paynter, and the Rev. J. M. Fisher, Anglican Chaplain, in this direction.

Work in connection with the institution school was carried out under the direction of Mr. P. Schroeder. As an adjunct to this work, the voluntary effort which continues to be maintained by the local Workers' Educational Association in delivering a series of lectures during the winter months has been of great assistance. The programme for the 1945 season comprised a total of thirteen lectures, and the average attendance of prisoners at these lectures was very satisfactory. Mr. Schroeder reports as follows regarding the year's work:—

*General.*—The work, as in former years, has been mainly confined to the subjects arithmetic and English (with its associates, writing, spelling, composition, and letter-writing). Interest has also been widely aroused in history, geography, and nature study.

*English.*—This includes (1) study of words, phrases, and clauses leading to the study of sentences, and sentence building; (2) grammar as an aid to written and spoken English; (3) spelling as aid to letter-writing and composition.

*Arithmetic.*—This course included work in mental and mechanical; also problems useful in daily life; addition, subtraction, multiplication, division of numbers, fractions, and decimals. Various problems in weights, measures, &c., were dealt with. Practical examples were included where possible.

*History, Geography, and Nature Study* were correlated to centre round nations, countries, people, productions, government, and commerce. Talks on the progress of the World War and peace problems were included. That great interest was taken was shown by the attention given and discussions arising therefrom. The men were encouraged to give talks on industries in which they have had experience, much to their benefit and good generally. Attendance, interest, and attention were quite satisfactory, and discipline was very good.

In regard to measures taken for the care and guidance of prisoners on their release, the Salvation Army, the Richmond Mission, and the St. Martin's House of Help are giving excellent service. The Prisoners' Rehabilitation Committee, formed in 1944, is carrying out its functions very well and maintaining an active interest in those prisoners requiring guidance and advice, particularly in the important matter of obtaining suitable employment.