

a year for prizes. At the present time two boys who learned wool-classing at the institution are taking further courses at Lincoln and Massey Colleges and intend to follow the occupation of wool-classing.

*The Evening School.*—During this year the inmates were divided into four groups for the evening school, which met two nights a week for two hours a night. The classes were conducted by four professional teachers from the Invercargill schools. As in the past, the main emphasis was placed on the three R's, the object being to ensure that inmates are taught the art of letter-writing, can read intelligently, and become familiar enough with figures to be able to meet the requirements of every-day living. Geography and history have also been included in the curriculum in an attempt to broaden and deepen the inmate's knowledge of the world. Much use has been made of the *Student's Digest*, and the strip-film projector has also proved useful as a visual aid to learning. The high-school group, under the leadership of a teacher from the Southland Technical High School, has developed skill in public speaking, debating, and play-reading, as well as giving attention to the usual curriculum subjects.

*W.E.A. Classes.*—This year the Otago and Southland W.E.A. conducted classes under two tutors for two periods each of twelve weeks. The classes were instructive and popular with the inmates, the weekly reviews of world events being specially appreciated. The class was run as a club, the boys appointing their own chairman and secretary and committee. Our thanks are due to the organizer of the Southland W.E.A., Mr. J. Brailsford, for making these classes possible.

*Borstal Choir.*—The Borstal Choir of approximately 50 voices, under the direction of Mr. Kennedy Black, again had a very successful year. Throughout the year great interest was shown by the boys, and the same high standard of previous years was maintained. The choir sang twice over the air from Station 4YZ, in February and August. Many letters of appreciation were received from various parts of New Zealand. Public concerts were given at the Civic Theatre and the Orphans Club, and the choir sang at the institution for the benefit of the delegates to the Presbyterian General Assembly. The singing of the choir received high praise from Mr. Eric Moss, one of the judges at the music festival held at Invercargill last year.

*Other Evening Classes.*—During the year instructional classes in life-saving and swimming have been conducted by one of the members of our own staff. Classes in signwriting and painting have also been carried on under the direction of a tradesman warder-instructor. It is to be hoped that in the near future the scope and effectiveness of these classes may be greatly developed. Training in handwork and hobbies is an important part of our programme which we cannot afford to neglect.

*Social Life and Entertainments.*—In the life of an institution social activities and entertainments are a very important and necessary part of the programme. They help to build up morale and assist the inmates to maintain a cheerful outlook. We are greatly indebted to many Invercargill citizens for their fine contribution in this respect.

Talks and addresses were given on such subjects as follows: "Life on the Gold Coast"; "Experiences in the West Indies"; "Life in Rural America"; "The Significance of Empire Day"; "With the Royal Air Force in Europe"; "Experiences on the Stage"; "Printing a Newspaper"; "Four Years with the Army Forestry Service"; "Life of a Missionary in China"; "How the Indians of the Punjab live"; "Fighting the Japs in the Pacific"; "The Eglinton Valley"; a lantern talk on China; "Fighting with the 'Ramillies'"; "Vocational Guidance, or Finding a Job."