

Major J. M. HANNAFORD, Probation Officer for Women, Dunedin

I respectfully submit the annual report as Probation Officer for Women for the Dunedin district for the year ending 31st December, 1945.

The number of probationers on the register at the beginning of the year was 21, the number admitted during the year being 19, making a total of 40 being dealt with. Of this number, 17 have finished their term of probation and 1 was transferred, also 1 was received on release from the Addington Reformatory.

The majority of probationers are in steady employment and appear to appreciate the liberty given them, many having responded really well.

The total restitution moneys collected during the year amounted to £66 8s. 1d.

On behalf of the late Major May Dickinson, I would desire to express our gratitude and appreciation to the Magistrates, the Court officials, members of the Police Force, and social workers for their courtesy; also to Mr. Mosley, the men's Probation Officer, for his assistance during the year. This has been of inestimable value to me in this very important work.

Miss E. H. MERRIN, Probation Officer for Women, Wellington

I wish to submit my annual report as Probation Officer for Women for the city of Wellington and suburbs for the year ended 31st December, 1945.

Offenders Probation Act :—

Probationers reporting at 1st January, 1945	..	..	..	48	
Probationers received from Courts	..	..	..	30	
Probationers transferred from other districts	..	..	..	17	
				—	95
Probationers completed probation	..	..	..	33	
Probationers transferred to other districts	..	..	..	27	
				—	60
Probationers reporting at 31st December, 1945	..	..	..	35	

Crimes Amendment Act :—

Probationers reporting at 1st January, 1945	..	..	..	3	
Probationers received from institutions	..	..	..	6	
Probationers transferred from other districts	..	..	..	2	
				—	11
Probationers completed period of probationary license	..	..	..	6	
Probationer committed fresh offences	..	..	..	1	
Probationer recalled to prison	..	..	..	1	
Probationer discharged by Prisons Board	..	..	..	1	
				—	9
Probationers reporting at 31st December, 1945	..	..	..	2	

The amount of restitution received during the year 1st April, 1945, to 31st March, 1946, amounted to £88 3s. 5d., and costs of prosecution £5 3s., making a total of £93 6s. 5d.

At the end of the year all probationers were in employment, the majority of them being employed as waitresses, domestics, and in private hotels, where in most cases accommodation is provided for them. The wages are still good and every girl has ample opportunity of being able to save a little each week from her wages.

Thanks are due to the Honorary Justices' Association, Salvation Army, Maori welfare authorities, Court officials, and police for their courtesy and help throughout the year.