

Three asphalt tennis-courts provide ample scope for those wanting to play that game. Swimming is encouraged, and our heated pool lends itself to swimming and life-saving activities all the year round. A drill squad which meets twice a week throughout the year under a trained gymnast is popular with the inmates.

*Library Facilities.*—During the past few years we have relied mainly upon the Country Library Service for our supply of books, but now that books are more readily available we are building up a good library of our own. Arrangements have also been made for an increased supply of suitable magazines.

*Religious Activities.*—Regular services are provided at the institution every Sunday by members of the Invercargill Ministers' Association. Instruction classes are held weekly by a representative of the Roman Catholic Church. There is also a weekly service by a representative of the Salvation Army, and weekly Bible classes conducted by local ministers representing different denominations.

*Other Activities.*—The members of the Hon. Ladies' Borstal Committee, Mrs. R. Henderson, and Mrs. J. D. Campbell continued to interest themselves in the welfare of the boys. They have been especially helpful in making available a supply of sweets from time to time. It is with regret we report the death of Mrs. Campbell after a short illness about the middle of the year. We place on record our appreciation of her many years of service to the institution.

The Borstal Visiting Committee attended the institution to hold meetings as required in order to make special recommendations to the Parole Board concerning the release of boys deserving special consideration. The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. R. C. Abernethy, S.M., has been helpful at all times, and our special thanks are due to him for the keen interest he has taken in the welfare of the institution.

*New Buildings and Equipment.*—Our work is still hampered by a lack of suitable buildings and equipment. During the year provision was made for a central store and an adequate staff room. Better facilities were also provided for the boot shop, and new machinery was procured for the carpenter's shop. During the coming year it is hoped that the plans for the renovation and rebuilding of the kitchen block and the building of new lavatory blocks will be carried out and the buildings completed. When these have been provided they will be important additions to our plant.

*Rehabilitation of Inmates.*—When inmates are released the Department makes provision for clothing and footwear for those whose clothes are not in good order. It is our desire that inmates should not only be a credit to the institution, but that they should also feel themselves to be self-respecting citizens. A minimum amount of ready cash has also been made available to all inmates on release, and in cases of hardship provision has been made for board and lodging during the first few weeks after discharge. Probation Officers in the various centres are primarily responsible for the welfare of inmates after discharge from the institution, but there is room for more interest in these boys by responsible organizations and citizens. The first few months after release are often difficult, and a wise counsellor and friend would often be able to save a lad from a further downfall.

*Other Matters.*—Two members of our staff are set aside more particularly to deal with the lads on an individual basis. The Matron is in charge of the sick, and gives particular attention to matters of hygiene and health. By taking a personal interest in the welfare of the boys she is able to bring to bear on the life of the institution a very helpful influence. Mr. R. C. Sandford, the newly appointed Housemaster, comes to us from a wide activity in the Scouting movement. He interests himself in all evening educational, recreational, and religious activities in the institution, and as well makes many valuable personal contacts with individual boys and with the community.

In the past it has been felt that parents and guardians of lads admitted to the institution were at some loss in that they had little idea of the kind of institution to which the lads had been sent, and knew even less about the aims and administration of the