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The number of probationers on the register at the beginning of the year was 23. During the year 19 were received from the Courts and were placed on probation and 3 were received on transfer from other districts, making a total of 45 dealt with. There was also 1 received on licence from Addington, making the total 46 dealt with. Of this number, 19 have finalized their terms of probation satisfactorily and 5 have been transferred to other districts, leaving a total of 22 on the register.

It is pleasing to note that the majority of the probationers appreciate the opportunity afforded them to prove themselves and are making good, most of them being in constant employment.

The total amount of restitution collected during the twelve months ended the 31st March, 1947, amounted to the sum of £73 1s. 4d.

I would desire to express my thanks and appreciation to the Magistrates, the Court officials, and the Police Department, also the men's Probation Officer, Mr. Mosley, for their courtesy and assistance from time to time.

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

The following statistics covering the year ended 31st December, 1946, are submitted:—

Offenders Probation Act—

Probationers reporting at 1st January, 1946	..	..	..	35	
Probationers received from Courts	23	
Probationers transferred from other districts	21	
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Probationers completed probation	26	
Probationers transferred to other districts	14	
Probationers committed fresh offences	..	..	..	3	
Probationers left the Dominion without consent	..	..	..	1	
Probationers left Dominion with consent	..	..	..	1	
				—	45
Probationers reporting at 31st December, 1946	..	..	..	34	

Crimes Amendment Act—

Probationers reporting at 31st January, 1946	..	..	..	2	
Probationers received from institutions	..	..	..	2	
				—	4
Probationers completed period of probation	..	..	..	2	
Probationers absconded	..	..	..	1	
				—	3
Probationers reporting at 31st December, 1946	..	..	..	1	

The amount of restitution received during the year, 1st April, 1946, to 31st March, 1947, amounted to £65 3s. and costs of prosecution £3 3s., making a total of £68 6s.

All probationers were in employment at the end of the year, the majority of them being employed as waitresses and domestics. Restitution has been paid regularly by the single girls, but I am finding it extremely difficult to receive payments from married women, especially those with young families.

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