

Most of these men and youths are making very satisfactory efforts to rehabilitate themselves, and we have again to tender our very hearty thanks to those business men of the Discharged Prisoner's Rehabilitation Society who see to it that these men have jobs to go to when they are discharged from prison.

In conclusion, I desire to express my appreciation of Mr. Aitken's work in charge of the office records, &c.

Mr. E. F. MOSLEY, District Probation Officer, Dunedin

*Probationers released under the Offenders Probation Act, 1920.*—At the commencement of the period there were 41 probationers on the register, since when 51 have been released on probation by local Courts, and 13 have been received on transfer, making a total of 105 dealt with during the year. Of these, 23 were discharged after completion of their term, 21 were transferred to other districts, 1 was discharged by the Prisons Board, 1 absconded, 4 were convicted and imprisoned on subsequent charges, and 2 left New Zealand, leaving a balance of 53 on the register.

Restitution-moneys collected amounted to £236 6s. 7d., and costs of prosecution, £24 9s. 3d.

The imposition of a term of imprisonment upon first offenders followed by an order of the Court to make restitution for damage done in the appropriate cases, in respect of charges of unlawful conversion of motor-vehicles, has had a salutary effect, with the result that the incidence of this class of offence has greatly diminished in the community, especially in so far as new offenders are concerned.

*Releases from Borstal Institutions and Prisons.*—Under this heading 20 were reporting at the beginning of the year, 23 were released from institutions, and 4 were received on transfer, making a total of 47 dealt with during the year. Of these, 11 were discharged after completion of the term, 9 were transferred to other districts, 1 was discharged by the Prisons Board, and 10 were sentenced to further terms of imprisonment, leaving 16 on the register.

The percentage of releasees who committed offences while on probation is higher than usual, and the reason for this would seem to be that a number of the recidivist type were released during the period.

*General.*—Work is still plentiful, and it is only when a special class of work is desired that any difficulty is experienced in obtaining employment. There are still a number of the class that may be described as transient probationers who like to travel about the country always seeking new fields. There is great difficulty in finding them a place to board, but the Salvation Army has been very helpful, and a place of some description always turns up eventually. However, there are indications that the unrest following the war period is diminishing and readjustments are taking place. It is hoped that it will have a correspondingly beneficial effect, particularly upon the younger members of society.

I particularly wish to express my gratitude to the helpful co-operation of the police and the Patients' and Prisoners' Aid Society of this city.

Mr. R. WATT, District Probation Officer, Wellington

*Probationers released under the Offenders Probation Act, 1920.*—The year commenced with 192 reporting under this heading. During the year 186 were released on probation by the Courts, and, together with 75 received on transfer, made a total dealt with of 453. During the same period 128 were discharged, 102 were transferred to other districts, 3 are still on active service overseas, 7 left the Dominion with consent, 1 died, 4 were dealt with on the original charges, while 8 were imprisoned for other offences and 5 absconded, leaving 194 reporting at the end of the year.