

APPENDIX A—PRISONS AND BORSTAL INSTITUTIONS: EPITOME OF REPORTS OF CONTROLLING OFFICERS

[NOTE.—Each Controlling Officer has expressed full appreciation of the good work done by their officers and of their loyalty and co-operation throughout the year. As it has been necessary to condense a number of reports the separate references to staff have been omitted.]

ADDINGTON REFORMATORY INSTITUTION (WOMEN)

(Acting Superintendent: Miss M. KENNEDY)

At the beginning of the year 7 inmates were held in custody. During the year 26 were admitted, and 26 were discharged or otherwise disposed of, leaving 7 inmates in custody at the end of the year.

The health of the inmates has been consistently good. Treatment for venereal disease was necessary for 3 inmates—who have since been discharged—and 2 had dental treatment.

The general behaviour has been very good, and there were no breaches of discipline to report.

During the last few months of the year approximately 4,000 blankets were put through the laundry for the Army Department. This provided employment when the general work of the institution was finished. Inmates received training in domestic work, cooking, and gardening and all responded by taking a genuine interest in their work. A plentiful and varied supply of vegetables has been provided by the institution garden. The flower-garden afforded a pleasant recreation. The girls most interested in gardening have had their own plots.

Sewing, needlework, and knitting have always been the chief pastimes and some really beautiful work has been done. The girls have taken every advantage of the regulation allowing them to receive payment for work done during this time.

Miss Mason, who had been Superintendent of the institution from November, 1945, resigned her position in April. Before this she had planned—and the Department had approved—of some very necessary alterations, repairs, and painting for the building. These were carried out by the staff of Paparua Prison and have effected a great improvement.

Religious services have been held every Sunday morning by the various denominations.

Miss Nicholls and the W.C.T.U. continued to provide excellent concert programmes at regular intervals and the Salvation Army held a social hour once a month. Pictures both educational and entertaining, are screened at intervals, and all entertainments have been warmly appreciated by the inmates.

The Salvation Army and the W.C.T.U. provided Christmas and New Year parties, and we are grateful to many friends for donations towards Christmas funds.

AROHATA BORSTAL (AND REFORMATORY) INSTITUTION

(Superintendent: Miss F. FAIRWEATHER)

On 1st January, 1949, there were 10 Borstal inmates in custody in the institution. During the year 15 were received and 15 discharged or otherwise dealt with, leaving 10 in custody at the close of the year. The greatest number in custody was 15 and the least 10 with a daily average of 12·1.

In the reformatory section 2 inmates were in custody at the beginning of the year. There were 36 admissions; 34 were discharged or otherwise dealt with during the year, leaving 4 in custody on 31st December, 1949. The greatest number in custody was 8, with a daily average of 3·9.