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In conclusion, I desire again to place on record the Department's appreciation of the help given by the Prisoners' Aid Societies, Voluntary Probation Committees, Borstal Association, and others who have assisted in after-care work. The Department is also indebted to the many voluntary helpers who have given assistance in connection with the education and moral training of persons committed to its care. To the elergymen of the various denominations, the Salvation Army, and others who have regularly visited the institutions, and striven, through the moral precepts of religious teaching, to stimulate higher ideals of citizenship and duty, the Department expresses its gratitude. Thanks are also extended to the Workers' Educational Association, members of the Howard League, and others who have given of their time in providing lectures and entertainments.

The regular visits of the Visiting Justices and Official Visitors have contributed materially in maintaining contentment and discipline. These gentlemen take a keen interest in the proper care and welfare of the prisoners and make frequent inspections of all equipment, clothing, and rationing arrangements. The Honorary Justices' Association has contributed liberally in necessitous cases to the aid of dependants of prisoners, and the Department has found this organization ever ready to help in genuine cases of need.

The Inspector of Prisons (Mr. D. A. Mackintosh) reports that on his round of inspections of the various institutions, which also includes an examination of accommodation, clothing, bedding, and rations, he has found the discipline good, the standard of industry high, the general conduct of the institutions satisfactory, and the number of complaints from prisoners comparatively few.

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