

Wednesday evening, and its band gives a programme once a month. The Roman Catholic service is conducted on Tuesday evenings by the visiting priest. It will thus be seen that every attention is given to the spiritual needs of the boys.

A special service was conducted on Anzac Day by the Rev. J. Chisholm, the address being given by the Rev. D. C. Herron, M.A., M.C., of Dunedin. We were fortunate in securing the services of Commissioner F. H. Adams, of the Salvation Army, during his visit to Invercargill in April last. He delivered what was a very inspiring and much-appreciated address. Rev. J. N. Thompson conducted the Easter service—on Good Friday.

Regular visits were made throughout the year by the chairman of the Visiting Committee. Mr. E. C. Levvey, S.M., was chairman from January to April, and was succeeded by Mr. W. H. Freeman, S.M., who visited the institution from then onwards.

With regard to the social life of the institution, the lads at Invercargill Borstal Institution are probably better catered for in this direction than would be the case in many other parts of the Dominion, and we were indebted, throughout 1935, for a wealth of entertainment supplied by the musical, elocutionary, dancing, and other artists of the city and beyond. There were many moving-picture entertainments, concerts, band programmes, radio evenings, community "sings," lectures, addresses, play-readings, &c.

To show the wide and interesting range covered by the addresses and lectures, the list of subjects dealt with is given hereunder, as they occurred during the year: Army Experiences in France; Steel and its Uses; Are modern Transport and Machinery beneficial to New Zealand? (this was a debate—*Toc H* v. the boys); Trip to Tasmania and the Mount Zeehan Mines; Clouds (lantern slides); Missionary Work in the Islands; Trip to Rarotonga; Life of Bronte; Chatham Islands; Jubilee Celebrations; Modern and Present-day Whaling; Abyssinia (two lectures); Medical Officer's addresses; The Crowned Heads of England; The League of Nations and its Activities; Solomon Islands; Trip through Russia, Germany, and Italy; Early Flying; Food and its Uses; The Telephone System (two addresses); Trip to San Francisco; Plant Life (lantern slides); Great Men; Canada; The All Blacks; and New Guinea (lantern slides).

The Maori Borstal party, composed of Maori lads from the institution, which was so successful in 1934, again appeared in the Civic Theatre in June last, in connection with a concert organized in aid of the funds of the Southland Cricket Association. To quote the press: "The party was accorded the sort of reception that belongs to old favourites." Songs and hakas were presented in national costumes, with picturesque lighting effects.

For many years past, the Invercargill Rotary Club has taken a keen interest in the welfare of the boys. During 1935 members continued the usual visits on Thursday nights in connection with the "Kiwi Club," which comprises boys of the association class. In all, the club met on thirty-three occasions, commencing on 11th April and holding the final meeting for the year on 12th December. A Rotarian takes the chair, and at the gatherings lectures are given on educational subjects and current events, pictures also being shown and song evenings conducted on occasions.

The last Sunday evening in each month is taken charge of by the members of the Invercargill Group of *Toc H*, when lectures and addresses are given, or other entertainments arranged. The subjects dealt with are included in the list given above. In April last, *Toc H* presented a radio set to the Farm Ranch. As quite a number of the lads are accommodated there, the gift proved a real blessing during the long winter evenings. On Sunday evenings, between 6.30 and 7.30, what is called the "Pleasant Sunday Hour" is held.

On the occasion of the Winter Show held in Invercargill, the institution entered an exhibit prepared by the boys, under supervision. The press report may aptly be quoted:—

"The exhibit was an eye-opener to many as regards the handicrafts taught the boys. A model dairy, a model glass-house complete with ventilation and a tiny heating-system, a model sailing-ship made with a pen-knife and awl, were some of the high-lights; but no less praiseworthy were the cricket-pads, the examples of book-binding, the carving, and the boots. Artistry of a high order was also displayed in the section devoted to freehand and geometrical drawing, poster-work, granite-work, and arts and crafts generally. There were also a model of the gate leading to the farm, an expansion ladder, and a billiard-cue. As regards husbandry, a comprehensive display of well-grown vegetables was made."

Regarding sports and general recreation, as is usual, the institution entered a first fifteen in the local third-grade competition, but it gained only sixth place. This low position may be attributed to lack of practice by reason of—firstly, very bad weather during the season, and, secondly, the frequent postponement of matches owing to representative fixtures. On 6th May, a seven-a-side tournament was held at Rugby Park. The institution entered two teams, and the A team won the competition. On 5th October, a Borstal team played a team from H.M.S. "Dunedin," on the recreation-ground. It was a friendly and spirited game, resulting in a win for Borstal by 9 to 3. Two of the officers from the ship played for their side, and interested the boys in their coaching tactics.

We record appreciation of the continued interest taken by Mr. E. C. Kelly in the training of the teams, and acknowledge the donation of jerseys, boots, &c., made by the New Zealand Rugby Union towards our football equipment. The Southland Rugby Union displayed a considerate spirit in inviting the boys to play on Rugby Park, the "Mecca of Southland rugby."

Within recent years cricket has gained a great degree of popularity with the inmates. The association with outside teams creates a new and beneficial interest for the lads. At the end of the 1934-35 season, the institution finished up winners of the Junior B local