

Letters received from "old pupils" of the school who have managed to rehabilitate themselves show that the school has contributed to this happy state of affairs. Others, who are in the Force, have written good, informative letters expressing appreciation for what the school has been able to do for them.

I believe that, despite some failures, the school has done, and will continue to do, a real service to those who desire to get the most out of what is an "extended schooling service."

I should like to place on record the fine spirit of co-operation that marks all those in authority as far as the school is concerned. The men preserve a very "socially acceptable" pattern of behaviour without harsh disciplinary measures, and the officers responsible help to maintain this in an excellent fashion. So far as I am aware, nothing has marred this fine spirit during the year.

My thanks are due to the Superintendent, who has made it possible to break new ground during the year, and who has always shown his interest in what has passed in the school-room. Mr. Warner, the Assistant Schoolmaster, has done invaluable work, and quite up to the standard required. He has shown tact and skill, and a fund of patience in doing a difficult job.

The physical-drill class for the benefit of the younger prisoners has been continued under the direction of a member of the disciplinary staff.

Christmas cheer of very ample proportions was again provided from various social organizations and was much appreciated.

The spiritual welfare of the prisoners has been fully looked after by the various denominations by holding Sunday services and individual visits.

The conduct of the staff generally has been very satisfactory, and a good standard of discipline has been maintained under trying conditions.

The officers responsible for the industrial activities of the prison have maintained a very satisfactory standard of industry in their respective departments.

The clerical and stores staff have dealt with their phase of institutional matters efficiently.

HAUTU PRISON

(Officer in Charge: Mr. T. BANKS)

At the beginning of the year there were 47 male prisoners in custody. During the year 47 were received, 39 discharged, and 11 transferred to other prisons, leaving 44 men in custody at the end of the year.

The health of the men was good, and their conduct and industry generally satisfactory. Four men escaped during the year, but were recaptured within a few days.

The Medical Officer carried out regular inspections as usual, and men requiring dental treatment were taken to the dentist's surgery at Raetihi.

Divine services were held by Rev. Salt (Church of England), Taupo; Rev. J. L. Smith, Presbyterian Minister, Taupo; and Mr. Forlong, of Piriaka.

On Christmas Day a service was conducted by Rev. J. L. Smith, and gifts from the Presbyterian congregation at Taupo were distributed to the men. The Church of Christ (Scientist), Wellington, and the Auckland Mayoress Memorial League continued to send regular supplies of reading-matter. We have also to thank the Christchurch branch of the Howard League for Christmas cake supplied.

The prison garden was a success, yielding a good supply of green and root vegetables throughout the year. Garden produce in excess of ration requirements was sold.

The prison and Hautu Defaulters' Detention Camp were supplied with bread from the prison bakery, 37,411½ lb. being the total weight of bread baked during the year.

During the year 264 weaner pigs were transferred to other institutions. Two young boars were purchased.