

Mr. H. N. RICHARDSON, Probation Officer, Gisborne.

I beg to forward annual report on probationers dealt with here during the year 1927.

Offenders Probation Act.—On the register, 1st January, 1927, 25; placed on probation during the year, 29; received from other districts, 5: total, 59. Transferred to other districts, 22; completed probation and discharged, 14; leaving 23 on the register at the end of the year.

Crimes Amendment Act.—On the register, 1st January, 1927, 1; received from other districts, 2; transferred to other districts, 1; discharged, 1; leaving 1 reporting at the end of the year. With one exception those discharged from probation during 1927 are doing well.

STATISTICS.

OFFENDERS PROBATION ACT, 1920.

AGES AND TERMS OF PROBATION OF THE OFFENDERS ADMITTED TO PROBATION DURING THE YEAR 1927.

Age, in Years.	Six Months or under.	One Year.	Eighteen Months.	Two Years.	Three Years.	Four Years.	Five Years.	Total.	
10 and under 15	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	4
15 „ 20	..	73	5	94	15	2	..	200	
20 „ 25	..	63	2	57	20	..	1	154	
25 „ 30	..	33	..	29	10	..	..	75
30 „ 40	..	34	2	39	10	..	..	89
40 „ 50	..	13	..	19	8	..	..	43
50 „ 60	..	7	..	5	2	1	..	17	
60 „ 70	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	4
Totals	..	35	228	9	245	65	3	1	586

SUMMARY OF CASES DEALT WITH DURING THE YEAR 1927.

	Admitted to Probation.	Deferred Sentence.	Total.
Number reporting on 1st January, 1927	.. .. 1,131	99	1,230
Admitted to probation during 1927	.. .. 586	134	720
Totals	.. .. 1,717	233	1,950
Completed probation during the year	.. .. 527	97	624
Discharged by Prisons Board	.. .. 13	..	13
Deceased	.. .. 9	..	9
Left the Dominion	.. .. 15	2	17
Absconded and not traced (term expired)	.. .. 35	4	39
Resentenced on original charge	.. .. 18	4	22
Committed further offences	.. .. 63	5	68
Totals	.. .. 680	112	792
Number reporting on 31st December, 1927	.. .. 1,037	121	1,158

BREACHES OF CONDITIONS OF RELEASE COMMITTED DURING 1927.

Failed to report, &c.	.. ..	39
Committed further offences	.. ..	91
Absconded (still untraced)	.. ..	39
		169

COST OF PROSECUTION AND RESTITUTION-MONEYS COLLECTED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1928.

	£	s.	d.
Amount of costs of prosecution-moneys collected by Probation Officers	725	7	6
Amount of restitution-moneys collected	2,191	9	5
Total	£2,916	16	11