

The general conduct of the probationers, with the exception of 1, has been good, and all have greatly appreciated the leniency and advice given them by the Courts.

Those released during the year appear to have made good.

The amount of restitution collected during the year was £30 19s.

I wish to record my appreciation of the courteous treatment and helpful advice which has been extended to me by the local Magistrate, and to thank the Court officials, police and the District Employment Officer for their assistance.

Mr. H. ROBINSON, Probation Officer, Wanganui.

I submit my annual report on the working of the probation system for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

*Offenders Probation Act.*—At the commencement of the year the number on the register was 22, new admissions 18, transferred from other districts 8, making a total of 48; transferred to other districts 12, completed probation 41, sent to prison for breaches of probation 4, leaving 21 on the register on 31st December, 1938.

*Crimes Amendment Act.* There were 14 on the register at the commencement of the year, received during year 14, making a total of 28; discharged 5, transferred 4, recommitted 3, and absconded 2, leaving 14 on the register at the end of the year.

Moneys recovered during the year were: Costs of prosecution, £29 12s.; restitution, £45 11s. 4d.; total, £75 3s. 4d.

The conduct of the probationers, on the whole, has been satisfactory. I am very pleased to state that all the probationers are in employment and are making an effort to rehabilitate themselves in the community.

### STATISTICS.

#### OFFENDERS PROBATION ACT, 1920.

AGES AND TERMS OF PROBATION OF THE OFFENDERS ADMITTED TO PROBATION DURING THE YEAR, 1938.

Age, in Years.	Six Months or under.	One Year.	Eighteen Months.	Two Years.	Three Years.	Four Years.	Five Years.	Total.
Under 20 years of age ..	11	68	4	76	26	1	..	186
20 and under 25 ..	18	87	9	91	31	1	..	237
25 „ 30 ..	6	46	2	37	9	..	..	100
30 „ 40 ..	8	54	5	35	7	..	..	109
40 „ 50 ..	3	17	2	24	3	..	..	49
50 „ 60 ..	1	11	1	10	1	..	..	24
60 and over ..	..	6	..	2	2	..	..	10
Totals ..	47	289	23	275	79	2	..	715

#### SUMMARY OF CASES DEALT WITH DURING THE YEAR 1938.

	Admitted to Probation.	Deferred Sentence.	Total.
Number reporting on 1st January, 1938 ..	1,030	213	1,243
Admitted to probation during the year ..	715	199	914
Totals ..	1,745	412	2,157
Completed probation during the year ..	548	210	758
Deceased ..	5	2	7
Discharged by Prison Board ..	17	5	22
Left the Dominion ..	10	..	10
Absconded and not traced (term expired) ..	10	4	14
Resentenced on the original charge ..	29	8	37
Committed further offences ..	21	3	24
Totals ..	640	232	872
Number reporting on 31st December, 1938 ..	1,105	180	1,285

#### BREACHES OF CONDITIONS OF RELEASE COMMITTED DURING 1938.

Failed to report, &c. ..	..	..	..	..	..	80
Committed further offences ..	..	..	..	..	..	104
Absconded (still untraced) ..	..	..	..	..	..	24
Totals ..	..	..	..	..	..	208