

Circle Trust

A CENTRE for discharged prisoners has been set up at 16, Moreton Street, London, S.W.1. It is a new venture in after-care based on the needs which a two-year survey of the long-term prisoner has revealed.

Habitual offenders and society are 'incompatible.' The chairman, Mr. D. C. Gibson, writes: - "We intend, therefore, setting up a 'society in miniature' where the men will feel that the standards are not too high and where they will understand the rules and regulations which they themselves have helped to formulate. We are convinced that the rehabilitation of the long-term prisoner, if at all possible, depends on a settled and secure background. We expect the club to provide this."

Aims of the Club

To awaken in the men an awareness of their responsibilities towards society and through voluntary work integrate them slowly into the community. To ask the men to make some restitution to society by helping others.

To interest and educate members of society in the problems of these men through the formation of an active group of sympathetic landlords and landladies.

We hope that a sufficient number of men will attend the club to allow specialists an opportunity in free surroundings to help and support them in their needs. We are persuaded that this kind of help is best conducted in the atmosphere of a voluntary club rather than in a clinic

Words, *plain* Words, Please

Sir,

In the April issue of the Journal under the heading 'What is a Housemaster' there was an interesting and entertaining article. As a Prison Officer who has had no dealings with Housemasters it was enlightening to find just how much there is in common between the Modern Prison Officer and Housemasters.

However this is not my main point in this little note. I wish to make a heartfelt, spontaneous appeal to B.A.M. and any other contributor to the Journal. Please when writing an article which will be read by others, not specialists in your job, do not use words, compound words or words not in general use. I spent a considerable time, as did some of my fellow Officers, in tracking down words like 'mesomorphic' 'ectomorphic' and 'encopresis'.

Had I felt that B.A.M. was attempting to baffle me with science my comments would have been much more to the point and couched in stronger language.

I am, etc.,

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