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FIVE FOR THOUGHT

After five years as an Officer in the New Zealand Prison Service and two years in the clerical department of the Head Office of that same service Mr. Michael Burgess has recently written a series of five articles on PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF PENOLOGY appearing in the *Solicitors' Journal*.

The "Judiciary's Blind Spot" suggests that penologists are not in touch with modern problems and Mr. Burgess has some fairly harsh things to say about prison officers. On "Prisons", despite what he terms 'idealistic press releases' many are "far from being the reformatory institutions that many people would like to think". Prison officers, in New Zealand at any rate, appear to be subject to a fairly high divorce rate; the resignation rate during the first twelve months of service is as high as 60 per cent.

The 'prisoner'—Mr. Burgess makes the suggestion that perhaps brain washing might be given a chance, particularly on recidivists. Concerning the attitude of the general public, the author considers that apart from some misplaced sympathy there is very little idea about what is going on and he makes the claim that his own book *Mister* is as far as he knows the only book giving the prison officers' point of view.

Among the more interesting suggestions made is one that there should be produced a "Z Car" type of programme based on prisons and, like many other critics, he is much concerned that industry must be improved.

The five articles may be obtained from Oyez House, Bream Buildings, Fetter Lane, E.C.4, at 1/9d. per copy.