

Children in Mental Hospitals.--During the year ended 31st March, 1948, 36 State wards were admitted to mental hospitals. At that date there were 170 State wards in these institutions, as against 162 at the 31st March, 1947. In accordance with an arrangement with the Mental Hygiene Division of the Health Department, these children are not discharged from our control, as in the event of their return to the community the Department is enabled to resume control and assist where required.

TABLE 2.—NUMBER OF CHILDREN APPEARING BEFORE CHILDREN'S COURTS
(Classified according to Complaints or Charges Laid)

	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.
Complaints under Child Welfare Act—			
Indigent	165	144	99
Not under proper control	172	182	197
Living in a detrimental environment	76	94	79
Neglected	41	38	68
	454	458	443
Offences—			
(1) Against morality	6	6	9
(2) Against the person	56	55	56
(3) Theft	847	703	782
(4) Conversion of motor-vehicles	48	38	50
(5) Other conversions	55	51	46
(6) Delinquent	231	233	231
(7) Miscellaneous (chiefly mischief)	296	263	181
(8) Breaches of Court supervision order	10	9	9
(9) Breaches of special Acts and regulations—			
(a) Railways	5	7	1
(b) Fire brigade	7	4	11
(c) Acclimatization	2	8	17
(d) Licensing	20	17	11
(e) Arms	41	30	40
(f) Post and Telegraph	18	15	20
(g) Shipping	2	4	5
(h) Immigration	1
(10) Breaches of Traffic Regulations—			
(a) Cycles	71	58	68
(b) Motor-vehicles	5	3	8
(c) Other	34	27	31
(11) Breaches of city or borough by-laws—			
(a) Cycle	16	22	13
(b) Other than cycling	14	15	..
	1,786	1,568	1,589
	2,240	2,026	2,032