

## DUNEDIN.

SIR,—

Magistrates' Office, Dunedin, 28th May, 1913.

As requested by your memorandum of the 15th May, 1913, I have the honour to forward you returns for each of the years 1910, 1911, and 1912, and to report upon the working of the Court during last year.

My report of the 24th March, 1910, shows the manner in which cases were then dealt with. The same course has been continued except that the Court has for some time past been held in the Magistrates' Court room or in my own private room. The Court is also held at such a time that the children cannot come into contact with the public in any way.

The Juvenile Court continues to be a great success, the results, through the co-operation of the Rev. Axelsen and of the Press (in not publishing names), being eminently satisfactory and encouraging. If the recent proposal to give Magistrates power to make orders attaching children to an industrial school in certain cases be given effect to, I am convinced that it will be of material assistance to the further successful working of the Courts.

I have, &amp;c.,

H. Y. WIDDOWSON,  
Stipendiary Magistrate.

The Hon. the Minister of Justice, Wellington.

Offence.	Summoned or apprehended.		Admonished and discharged.		Ordered to come up for sentence if called upon.		Fined.		Whipping.		Sent to Industrial School.		Dismissed.		Withdrawn.		Convicted and discharged.		Committed to Supreme Court for Trial (t) or Sentence (s).	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1910.																				
Child : Parent in indigent circumstances	14	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	12	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Child not under proper control	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Child living with drunkard	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Child absconding from school	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Theft	42	..	25	..	8	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	5(s)	..	..
Mischief	15	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Receiving stolen goods	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Discharging firearms	5	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stone-throwing	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Having possession of firearms	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Indecent assault	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Housebreaking	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6(s)	..	..
Gaming ("two-up")	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Bicycling on footpath	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Bicycling without lights	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Football on street	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Smoking in railway-carriage	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	96	15	45	..	8	2	2	..	2	..	18	13	6	..	3	..	1	..	11	..
1911.																				
Child : Parent in indigent circumstances	9	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Child not under proper control	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Theft	26	1	8	1	7	..	..	..	7	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mischief	7	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Attempted suicide	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stone-throwing	6	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Under fifteen smoking	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Housebreaking	5	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bicycling on footpath	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bicycling without lights	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	59	12	21	1	11	..	1	..	7	..	14	11	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1912.																				
Child : Parent in indigent circumstances	4	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Child not under proper control	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Child living with drunkard	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Theft	26	6	3	6	17	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Mischief	8	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Stone-throwing	9	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Having possession of firearms	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Rogue and vagabond (illegally on premises)	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Indecent act—insulting person (girl)	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1(t)	..	..
Housebreaking	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Unregistered dog	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bicycling on footpath	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bicycling without light	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	60	16	17	8	19	..	2	..	..	..	12	9	5	1	2	..	2	..	1	..