

TABLE 4. TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN APPEARING BEFORE CHILDREN'S COURTS.
(Classified according to reason for appearance.)

	1937 38.	1938- 39.		1937- 38.	1938- 39.
<i>(a) Charged with an Offence, or delinquent.</i>			<i>(a) Charged with an Offence, or delinquent</i> —continued.		
Delinquent	150	203	Conspiring to defraud	3	..
Theft	825	650	Arson	2	7
Wilful damage	79	81	Unlawful Sunday trading	4	1
Mischief	183	118	Attempted theft	1	..
Breaking, entering, and theft	130	168	Breach of Telephone Regulations	2	..
Conversion	125	128	Indecent writing	2	3
Throwing stones	46	31	Offensive behaviour	7	..
Indecent assault	49	24	Breach of Traffic Regulations	17	85
Disorderly conduct	25	41	Keeping dangerous animal	1	..
Receiving	19	18	Casting offensive matter	4	3
Dangerous driving	13	5	Hunting game in a State forest	1	..
Assault	16	16	Attempted arson	4	..
Discharging firearms	7	7	Escaping from lawful custody .. .. .	..	4
False pretences	8	12	Attempted conversion .. .. .	..	4
Idle and disorderly	1	1	Breaking windows .. .. .	..	1
Obscene language	9	5	Deserting ship .. .. .	..	4
Attempted theft	1	..	Destroying Native bush .. .. .	..	1
Breach of supervision order	6	9	Drunk in charge .. .. .	..	4
Carnal knowledge	9	4	Attempted breaking and entering .. .. .	..	5
Unlawfully on premises	14	23	Attempted indecent assault .. .. .	..	2
Cruelty to animals	5	2	Stowaway .. .. .	..	5
Breaking and entering	8	9	Attempted assault .. .. .	..	1
Vagrancy	1	1	Deserted by father .. .. .	..	2
Negligent riding	13	1	Obstruction on railway-line .. .. .	..	10
Driving without license	28	33	Breach of Acts—		
Aiding and abetting	2	5	Motor-vehicles	22	11
Drunkenness	3	1	Railways	12	20
Fraud	2	..	Fire Brigades	5	4
Indecent exposure	2	5	Acclimatization	2	1
Negligent driving	15	10	Licensing	1	6
Breaking and entering with intent	12	13	Arms	67	65
Breaking insulators	120	60	Animal Protection and Game	4	..
Indecency	3	1	Post and Telegraph .. .. .	..	5
Trespass	9	..	Breach of city by-laws	361	297
Throwing missiles	2	..			
Discharging fireworks	3	2	Total children charged with offences	2,447	2,250
Forgery	1	5			
Unnatural offence	1	6	<i>(b) Appearances for other Causes.</i>		
Attempted carnal knowledge	1	1	Indigency	211	165
Killing animals	1	..	Not under proper control	233	210
Frequenting billiard-rooms	2	..	Detrimental environments	51	81
Uttering	5	..	Neglected	40	95
Breach of agreement under Child Welfare Amendment Act	1	..	Total Court appearances	2,982	2,801

The records show that, of the numbers dealt with, 261 had been before the Courts for previous offences, but many of these were of a minor nature, and there is every reason to hope that these children will make good with a little friendly supervision.

In addition to the above, there were 28 cases dealt with by the Magistrates under the provisions of section 17 of the Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1927, and the informations dismissed as trivial; while there were also 85 cases in which, as a result of consultation between the Child Welfare Officer and the police, the informations were regarded as of insufficient importance to warrant Court action, the children concerned being adequately dealt with otherwise, usually as preventive cases under the supervision of a Child Welfare Officer for a period.