

Children in Mental Hospitals.—During the year ended 31st March, 1946, 28 State wards were admitted to mental hospitals. At that date there were a total of 161 State wards in these institutions, as against 147 at 31st March, 1945. In accordance with an arrangement with the Mental Hospitals Department, these children are not discharged from our legal 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)

—							1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
Complaints under Child Welfare Act—									
Indigent	..	..	..	..	..	..	145	168	165
Not under proper control	..	..	..	..	..	..	280	238	172
Living in a detrimental environment	..	..	..	..	..	..	106	52	76
Neglected	..	..	..	..	..	..	52	59	41
							583	517	454
Offences—									
(1) Against morality	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	9	6
(2) Against the person	..	..	..	..	..	..	61	69	56
(3) Theft	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,132	993	847
(4) Conversion of motor-vehicles	..	..	..	..	..	..	65	49	48
(5) Other conversions	..	..	..	..	..	..	79	48	55
(6) Delinquent	..	..	..	..	..	..	267	234	231
(7) Miscellaneous (chiefly mischief)	..	..	..	..	..	..	449	316	296
(8) Breaches of Court supervision order	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	13	10
(9) Breaches of special Acts and regulations—									
(a) Railways	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	14	5
(b) Fire brigade	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	4	7
(c) Acclimatization	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	9	2
(d) Licensing	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	12	20
(e) Arms	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	37	41
(f) Post and Telegraph	..	..	..	..	..	..	122	67	18
(g) Shipping	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	6	2
(h) Emergency War Regulations	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1
(i) Man-power Regulations	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..
(j) Venereal Disease Regulations	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..
(k) Immigration	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
(10) Breaches of Traffic Regulations—									
(a) Cycles	..	..	..	..	..	..	47	49	71
(b) Motor-vehicles	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	12	5
(c) Other	..	..	..	..	..	..	52	15	34
(11) Breaches of city or borough by-laws—									
(a) Cycle	..	..	..	..	..	..	69	46	16
(b) Other than cycling	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	8	14
							2,493	2,012	1,786
							3,076	2,529	2,240