

Children in Mental Hospitals.—During the year ended 31st March, 1947, 38 State wards were admitted to mental hospitals. At that date there were 162 State wards in these institutions, as against 161 at the 31st March, 1946. 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)

	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
Complaints under Child Welfare Act—			
Indigent	168	165	144
Not under proper control	238	172	182
Living in a detrimental environment	52	76	94
Neglected	59	41	38
	517	454	458
Offences—			
(1) Against morality	9	6	6
(2) Against the person	69	56	55
(3) Theft	993	847	703
(4) Conversion of motor-vehicles	49	48	38
(5) Other conversions	48	55	51
(6) Delinquent	234	231	233
(7) Miscellaneous (chiefly mischief)	316	296	263
(8) Breaches of Court supervision order	13	10	9
(9) Breaches of special Acts and regulations—			
(a) Railways	14	5	7
(b) Fire brigade	4	7	4
(c) Acclimatization	9	2	8
(d) Licensing	12	20	17
(e) Arms	37	41	30
(f) Post and Telegraph	67	18	15
(g) Shipping	6	2	4
(h) Emergency War Regulations	..	1	..
(i) Man-power Regulations	1	..	..
(j) Venereal Disease Regulations	1	..	..
(k) Immigration	..	1	..
(10) Breaches of Traffic Regulations—			
(a) Cycles	49	71	58
(b) Motor-vehicles	12	5	3
(c) Other	15	34	27
(11) Breaches of city or borough by-laws—			
(a) Cycle	46	16	22
(b) Other than cycling	8	14	15
	2,012	1,786	1,568
	2,529	2,240	2,026