years group also has a high rate—603 casualties per 100,000. After thirty-five years is reached the rate is comparatively steady at about 340 casualties per 100,000. The accident rate for children averages 170 per 100,000, or half that of the groups over thirty-five years.

(*f*) *The Types of Road-users killed or injured.*

The numbers of the various types of road-users who were killed or injured each month are set out in the following table:—

TABLE K.—TYPE OF ROAD-USERS KILLED OR INJURED EACH MONTH.

Month.	Number of Persons killed or injured.					
	Occupants of Motor-vehicles.	Motor-cyclists or Pillion-riders.	Bicyclists.	Pedestrians.	Other.	Total.
1938.						
April	325	92	108	112	4	641
May	226	78	117	77	6	504
June	228	67	98	84	4	481
July	200	56	72	106	4	438
August	187	47	70	86	12	402
September	180	64	78	73	5	400
October	277	84	84	72	10	527
November	215	76	95	68	3	457
December	299	102	81	73	3	558
1939.						
January	309	60	54	52	3	478
February	244	79	78	67	5	473
March	284	70	81	82	5	522
Totals	2,974	875	1,016	952	64	5,881

April was the record month last year in respect of the number of all casualties. There were more motor-vehicle-occupant and also more pedestrian casualties that month than during any other. In May there was a greater number of bicyclists injured than in April, and in December there were more motor-cyclists. Generally speaking, the summer months produce the greatest crop of accidents to users of motor-vehicles, but, as indicated earlier in the report, the winter months are the worst for pedestrians and cyclists.

(*g*) *Accident Causes.*

An endeavour has been made to assess the responsibility for the various types of accidents to the different parties involved. Each individual report received indicates the main cause of the accident in the opinion of the reporting officer. In Table L these main causes have been set down against the appropriate party or feature judged to be to blame. There are also, of course, other secondary causes indicated in many accidents, but these have been disregarded for this purpose.

TABLE L.—ASSESSMENT OF MAIN RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACCIDENTS.

Type of Accident.	Number of Accidents.										
	Motorist at Fault.			Bicyclist at Fault.			Pedestrian at Fault.	Road Fault.	Adverse Weather-conditions.	Other.	Total.
	Driving Fault.	Defect of Motor-vehicle.	Total.	Riding Fault.	Cycle Fault.	Total.					
Motor-vehicle and bicyclist	452	9	461	197	23	520	..	8	3	..	992
Motor-vehicle and pedestrian	233	22	255	..	..	..	623	1	..	..	879
Other motor-vehicle accidents	2,146	150	2,296	..	..	..	..	100	26	90	2,512
Total accidents involving a motor-vehicle	2,831	181	3,012	197	23	520	623	109	29	90	4,383