

TABLE I.—TOTAL OF CHILDREN APPEARING BEFORE COURTS.

Charge.	1935- 36.	1936- 37.	Charge.	1935- 36.	1936- 37.
<i>(a) Charged with an Offence, or Delinquent.</i>			<i>(a) Charged with an Offence, or Delinquent</i> —continued.		
Delinquent	134	67	Discharging fireworks .. .. .	..	6
Theft	586	723	Forgery .. .. .	..	4
Wilful damage	76	105	Unnatural offence .. .. .	..	3
Mischief	127	107	Attempted breaking and entering .. .. .	..	3
Breaking, entering, and theft	115	142	Attempted carnal knowledge .. .. .	..	3
Conversion	62	98	Smoking .. .. .	..	2
Throwing stones	19	22	Dangerous riding .. .. .	..	2
Indecent assault	23	38	Killing animals .. .. .	..	2
Disorderly conduct	14	21	Frequenting billiard-rooms .. .. .	..	1
Receiving	31	28	Uttering .. .. .	..	1
Dangerous driving	6	12	Presenting a firearm .. .. .	..	1
Assault	10	24	Attempted breaking and entering with intent .. .. .	..	1
Discharging firearms	3	5	Attempted indecent assault .. .. .	..	1
False pretences	11	12	On licensed premises after hours .. .. .	..	1
Idle and disorderly	1	2	Attempted breaking, entering, and theft .. .. .	..	1
Obscene language	9	5	Insulting behaviour .. .. .	..	1
Attempted theft	9	5	Attempted suicide .. .. .	..	1
Breach of supervision	1	5	Breach of agreement under C.W. Act .. .. .	..	4
Carnal knowledge	7	7	Breach of Acts—		
Unlawfully on premises	8	7	Motor-vehicles	16	28
Cruelty to animals	6	8	Harbour Boards	1	..
Obscene writing	5	..	Post and Telegraph	4	2
Breaking and entering	10	4	Railways	3	7
Rape	3	..	Fire Brigades	11	5
Forgery	4	..	Acclimatization	6	1
Vagrancy	2	1	Licensing	4	..
Negligent riding	4	2	Arms	50	82
Driving without license	16	26	Impounding .. .. .	..	2
Aiding and abetting	1	2	Breach of city by-laws	265	317
Drunkenness	1	2			
Fraud	2	1	Total children charged with offences	1,786	2,134
Attempted murder	1	..			
Incest	1	..	<i>(b) Appearances for other Causes.</i>		
Indecent exposure	3	6	Indigency	203	191
Negligent driving	5	10	Not under proper control	189	163
Breaking and entering with intent	6	3	Detrimental environments	67	65
Breaking insulators	80	122	Neglected	28	31
False information	2	1			
Indecency	4	2	Total Court appearances	2,273	2,584
Burglary	1	..			
Absconding	2	4			
Trespass	8	3			
Obstruction on railway-line	7	..			
Throwing missiles .. .. .	..	15			
Found on enclosed premises .. .. .	..	5			

The records show that of the numbers dealt with 220 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 7 cases dealt with by the Magistrates under the provisions of section 17 of the Amendment Act, 1927, and the informations dismissed as trivial; while there were also 61 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.

PREVENTIVE WORK.

An important part of the work of the Child Welfare Officers is that of adjusting conditions in homes and in connection with families in order to prevent the committal of children to the care of the State, or of coming before the Courts at all.