

to population in the two years was 1 in 1,498 persons and one in 1,327 persons respectively. The total number of indictable offences charged in 1887 was 4,770, resulting in 3,253 convictions, or 68·2 per cent., and in 1888, out of 5,867 charges there were 3,747 convictions, or 63·8 per cent.

669. The number of individual criminals cannot be ascertained from the statistics, and, therefore, in the following tables the number of convictions only are given, and are treated as individuals. The statistics give only the number of those convicted twice or more than twice, and assuming that no one was convicted more than three times, the number of criminals in 1887 would have been 2,421, and in 1888, 3,089, as compared with 2,820 in 1886. It is probable that the number would be smaller in each year if the exact figures were obtainable.

670. The following table gives the sex and residence of persons convicted for indictable offences in the years 1887 and 1888:—

SEX AND RESIDENCE OF PERSONS CONVICTED FOR INDICTABLE OFFENCES, 1887.

OFFENCES.	SEX.		RESIDENCE.		
	Male.	Female.	Cities and Towns.	Rural Districts.	Not Given.
Class I.....	713	29	539	194	9
“ II.....	203	5	160	42	6
“ III.....	1,813	171	1,641	323	20
“ IV.....	51	2	32	21	..
“ V.....	43	..	30	12	1
“ VI.....	160	63	179	43	1
Total.....	2,983	270	2,581	635	37

1888.

Class I.....	772	50	634	180	8
“ II.....	223	2	184	39	2
“ III.....	2,099	198	1,963	287	47
“ IV.....	67	6	46	25	2
“ V.....	42	3	31	13	1
“ VI.....	159	126	229	45	11
Total.....	3,362	385	3,087	589	71