

vely. Out of 418 young criminals under 16 years convicted of indictable offences, 329, or 78 per cent., were charged with larceny.

Religions
of criminals,
1887
1888

675. The next table gives the religions of those convicted of indictable offences in 1887 and 1888 :

RELIGIONS OF PERSONS CONVICTED FOR INDICTABLE
OFFENCES, 1887 AND 1888.

1887.

OFFENCES.	Baptists	Roman Catholics.	Church of England.	Methodists.	Presbyterians.	Protestants.	Other Denominations.	Not Given.
Class I.....	17	376	104	88	58	49	29	22
“ II.....	4	82	44	35	17	10	5	11
“ III.....	50	955	331	224	131	122	112	59
“ IV.....	2	18	6	9	9	4	2	3
“ V.....	2	11	12	5	6	1	4	2
“ VI.....	7	88	25	36	11	15	18	23
Total.....	82	1,529	522	397	232	201	170	120

1888.

Class I.....	18	418	123	79	58	62	29	35
“ II.....	10	116	37	26	17	7	5	7
“ III.....	70	1,136	394	219	171	117	102	88
“ IV.....	3	20	8	16	8	7	8	3
“ V.....	2	17	14	3	5	1	2	1
“ VI.....	7	100	61	34	32	15	10	26
Total.....	110	1,807	637	377	291	209	156	160

Proportions
of principal
religions.

676. The following were the proportions of those convicted belonging to the four leading religious denominations in 1886, 1887 and 1888 :—

	1886. Per cent.	1887. Per cent.	1888. Per cent.
Roman Catholic.....	44·17	47·00	48·22
Church of England.....	15·81	16·05	17·00
Methodist.....	9·88	12·20	10·06
Presbyterian.....	8·00	7·13	7·76