

convictions was 34,223 as compared with 33,902 in 1888, an increase of 321, and in proportion to population was one in 148 persons. The following were the number of persons charged, and the number and proportions of convictions to charges, according to the several classes of offences :—

OFFENCES.	Number of Persons Charged.	Number of Convictions.	Proportion of Convictions to Charges.
I. Offences against the person.....	1,497	997	66·6
II. “ the property with violence	473	283	59·8
III. “ “ without “	3,870	2,640	68·2
IV. Malicious offences against property.....	82	41	50·0
V. Forgery and offences against the currency	90	41	45·5
VI. Other offences not included in the above classes.....	302	206	68·2
Total.....	6,314	4,208	66·6

706. As the returns concerning indictable offences may fairly be considered correct, it will be seen that there was an increase of 12·3 per cent. in the number of convictions, but only of 7·6 per cent. in the number of persons charged, so that the actual increase of crime may not be so large as it appears to be, but the higher figures may be caused by a larger amount of success in bringing criminals to justice.

707. The number of individuals convicted was 3,673 as compared with 3,266 in 1888 an increase of 407 or 12·4 per cent; the increase in 1888 over 1887 was 22·6 per cent., so that there was a decrease of 10 per cent., which it is hoped will continue. In the following tables the number of convictions only are given, the convictions being treated as individuals.

708. The following table gives the sex and residence of persons convicted for indictable offences in the year 1889 :—