

The following table gives the number of persons charged, acquitted, detained for lunacy, and the number and proportion of convictions to charges, in 1897, together with the total for 1884 to 1897:—

INDICTABLE OFFENCES, 1897.

OFFENCES.	NUMBER OF PERSONS.				Proportion of Convictions to Charges.
	Charged.	Acquitted	Detained for Lunacy.	Convicted.	
1. Offences against the persons . . .	1,808	564	5	1,205	p. c. 66·65
2. Offences against property with violence	623	135	..	475	76·24
3. Offences against property without violence	4,832	1,207	6	3,558	73·63
4. Malicious offences against property	164	86	1	74	45·12
5. Forgery and offences against the currency	121	37	..	82	67·77
6. Other offences not included in the above classes	479	143	1	327	68·27
Total	8,027	2,172	13	5,721	71·27

TOTALS FOR 1884-97.

Class I.	19,809	6,314	83	13,171	66·49
“ II.	6,529	2,105	4	4,387	67·19
“ III.	52,900	16,146	36	36,447	68·90
“ IV.	1,563	753	10	767	49·07
“ V.	1,055	363	..	676	64·08
“ VI.	5,749	1,876	21	3,787	65·87
Totals	87,617	27,557	154	59,235	67·61
Average	6,258	1,968	11	4,231	..

The following table gives the sentences passed on persons convicted for indictable offences from 1886 to 1897.