

The following table gives the religions of persons convicted for indictable offences in 1897, and the totals for 1884 to 1897:—

RELIGIONS OF PERSONS CONVICTED FOR INDICTABLE OFFENCES IN 1897

OFFENCES.	RELIGIONS.							
	Bap- tists.	Roman Catho- lics.	Church of England	Method- ists.	Presby- terians.	Protest- ant.	Other Denomi- nations.	Not given.
Class 1.....	28	494	136	103	70	94	47	243
" 2.....	11	187	101	34	26	58	17	41
" 3.....	64	1,547	665	348	247	215	175	297
" 4.....	2	21	14	4	4	12	8	9
" 5.....	10	12	30	12	8	4	3	3
" 6.....	14	123	34	27	11	12	66	40
Total.....	129	2,374	980	528	366	395	316	633

1884-97.

Class 1.....	293	6,235	1,705	1,129	864	1,031	475	1,439
" 2.....	126	2,018	847	446	335	248	151	216
" 3.....	973	16,661	6,537	3,770	2,729	2,133	1,549	2,065
" 4.....	18	256	140	85	65	66	61	76
" 5.....	31	205	157	93	76	41	36	37
" 6.....	128	1,573	567	440	257	273	203	346
Total.....	1,569	26,948	9,953	5,963	4,326	3,792	2,475	4,209
Average.....	112	1,924	711	426	309	271	177	300

PROPORTION OF CONVICTIONS BY RELIGIONS TO THE TOTAL NUMBER FOR THE YEAR 1897 AND THE PERIOD 1884-97.

1897.....	2.26	41.50	17.13	9.23	6.40	6.90	5.52	11.06
1884 to 1897.....	2.65	45.49	16.80	10.07	7.30	6.40	4.18	7.11