

The following table gives the ages of juvenile criminals convicted for indictable offences, by classes, in 1898, and the totals for 1884-98 :—

AGES OF JUVENILE CRIMINALS CONVICTED FOR INDICTABLE OFFENCES IN 1898.

OFFENCES.	UNDER 16 YEARS.		16 YEARS AND UNDER 21.	
	Males.	Females	Males.	Females
1. Offences against the person . . . . .	26	3	131	7
2. Offences against property with violence. . . . .	87	.....	176	.....
3. Offences against property without violence. . . . .	664	32	607	49
4. Malicious offences against property . . . . .	14	.....	17	.....
5. Forgery and offences against the currency . . . . .	5	.....	11	1
6. Other offences not included in the above classes. . . . .	4	1	20	3
Totals . . . . .	800	36	962	60

TOTALS FOR 1884-98.

1. Offences against the person . . . . .	337	16	1,524	64
2. Offences against property with violence. . . . .	738	5	1,389	3
3. Offences against property without violence. . . . .	7,178	370	6,975	660
4. Malicious offences against property . . . . .	147	10	129	4
5. Forgery and offences against the currency . . . . .	16	2	92	3
6. Other offences not included in the above classes. . . . .	156	53	336	181
Totals . . . . .	8,572	456	10,445	915
Average . . . . .	571	30	696	61