

observed that during 1898 and 1899 the Board has had brought before it 726 cases of officers for trial upon charges of dereliction of duty and misconduct, preferred by their superiors in the department and by citizens. In 54 instances the charges were not sustained; in 179 the officers were excused; in 14 they were reprimanded; 2 transferred; 422 officers were fined, and 55 received the extreme penalty of dismissal from the force.

ARRESTS.

The total number of arrests for all offences was :

For 1898	32,096
For 1899	29,335
	61,431

as compared with 65,541 during the years of 1896 and 1897, or a decrease of 4,110, notwithstanding the increase of population.

The number of arrests for offences directly or indirectly attributable to the use of intoxicating liquors was :

In 1898	20,213
In 1899	19,197
	39,410

against 40,561 in the preceding two years, a decrease of 1,151. There were also, in 1898 and 1899, 918 fewer arrests for larceny than during 1896 and 1897.

The report of the Marshal gives fully, statements of arrests, as well as of numerous other duties and services discharged and accomplished by the members of the force in the past two years, to which attention is respectfully invited.

CENSUS OF VOTING POPULATION.

In the month of September, 1898, and again in the same month of 1899, between the first and the opening of the offices of registration, the Board, in accordance with Chapter