

has largely been one of minor cases. Statistics show a decrease in the total number of complaints over the previous year and the arrests in the cases show an increase. The Department has made arrests during 1928, in all cases reported to it, of 39.6 thus exceeding the high average made in 1926.

During the year 1928, fifty-six murders occurred in Baltimore City in the following described manner:—

32 resulted from shooting—12 of which were domestic cases—16 white—16 colored.

10 resulted from stabbing—1 of which was a domestic case—4 white—6 colored.

14 resulted from assault (bricks, etc.)—2 of which were domestic—4 white—10 colored.

It is pleasing to note that in these fifty-six cases the Department arrested and sent to trial forty-seven cases,—the perpetrators have been apprehended in four other cases,—thus you will note the Department has cleaned 91 per cent of total cases. While there are five cases in which no arrests have been made, the Department knows who the guilty parties are and is endeavoring to apprehend them.

The summary of the Court action in the above cases show that—

3 were convicted of first degree murder

8 were convicted of second degree murder

22 were convicted of manslaughter

7 were found not guilty

1 case was dismissed by the Grand Jury

2 cases were abated by death

4 of the accused committed suicide at the time of the crime

Operation of vehicles over the streets and highways of the City during the year 1928 caused the death of one hundred and sixty-two persons and the injury of four thousand nine hundred and eighty. There were nine thousand one hundred and twenty-five vehicular accidents without injury to persons.

It is gratifying to be able to report that there were fewer accidents during 1928, on the public streets, caused by vehicular traffic.