

these decisions disposed of more than the particular case; one for instance, disposed of thirteen cases then on the calendar. In addition to the 487 decisions just mentioned, there were 92 on motions called non-enumerated. The whole number of decisions during 1884 appears thus to have been 505, leaving a calendar constantly increasing. The number of appeals in 1884—that is, of returns filed in that year—was 670; the number in the first half of 1885 has been 358.

In respect of delays in the other courts of the country, it is difficult to obtain statistics sufficiently comprehensive and at the same time sufficiently minute to form the basis of an exact report. In the City of New York we have however the means of ascertaining with considerable exactness the number of cases brought into the courts and the number decided within a definite period. It is to be regretted that it is not made the duty of some public officer in every State to furnish the statistics of litigation. The laws provide for statistics of many branches of business and many transactions of government; and it is remarkable that provision has not been made for the operations of that department of the government which most affects the security and well-being of the people. In the city of New York, as has been said, we are able to give details of judicial administration, from which some lessons at least may be drawn for the whole country.

There is in this city a Supreme Court of general jurisdiction throughout the State, with seven judges, a Superior Court of general jurisdiction within the city, with six judges, a Court of Common Pleas having also general jurisdiction within the city, and six judges; there is a City Court having jurisdiction of civil actions for money demands to \$2,000, eleven District Courts with jurisdiction of money demands to \$250, and one surrogate, besides three judges of the Court of Sessions and eleven police justices—the last fourteen being exclusively occupied with criminal business—making fifty-one judges in all for a population of a million and a half on Manhattan Island. The business waiting and the business done in these civil courts is reported as follows: On the Supreme Court Special Term calendars from the 1st of Octo-

ber, 1883, to the end of June, 1885, there were placed 1,295 issues of fact and 273 demurrers, the oldest issue being 1st February, 1873, and the latest 16th June, 1885; 612 of these issues and 162 demurrers were tried, dismissed or submitted. Every case was called in its order, and if ready, tried. On the jury (circuit) calendars, from 1st October, 1883, to the end of June, 1885, there were placed 4,518 causes, excluding 228 run down on the first call, and added to the calendar a second time with new numbers. The oldest issue was dated 18th January, 1860, and the latest 22nd June, 1885. Of all these causes, 742 only were tried and 1,123 were dismissed, referred, discontinued, settled or abated. All the causes on these jury calendars were called down to and including 4,003.

From the 1st of October, 1883, to the end of June, 1885, the courts were in session eighteen months, of twenty days for each month, making 360 court days in two years, during which time five causes were daily disposed of, on the average, in the several jury terms, and two causes daily, on the average, in the Special terms.

The business done at the chambers, during this period, resulted in the making of more than 30,000 orders after hearing argument.

In the Superior Court during 1884, the General Term disposed of 192 appeals, the Special Term tried 249 causes, the Jury Terms 689. There are now 1,746 cases awaiting trial, of which 86 are at the Special Term and 1,660 at the Jury Terms. There are no arrears at the General Term. The orders made at chambers numbered 11,983.

In the Common Pleas, during 1884, 372 appeals out of a calendar of 577 cases were decided at the General Term, including 179 appeals from the District Courts; 36 cases out of a calendar of 131 were tried at the Special Term. 229 were tried at the Jury Terms between October, 1883, and June, 1885, out of a calendar of 1,892 cases. 17,870 orders were made at chambers.

In the City Court, 2,257 cases were placed on the calendar, between July, 1884, and July, 1885, of which 1,608 were tried or otherwise disposed of. It takes five months to reach a case in its regular order.

In the eleven District Courts 12,170 civil