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General.—During the year under report the fall in original litigation was checked and institutions increased. The cadre which had been greatly reduced in the preceding year was not sufficient to cope with the increase: congestion resulted in a number of Courts. Apart from this, congestion must occur in outlying Courts where the work is excessive for one Judge but not sufficient for two. It was found necessary to inform Judges that they were expected to do full day's work but not to injure their health in an attempt to prevent arrears from increasing. As had been anticipated, appellate institutions decreased for the first time for many years: disposals in the Judicial Commissioner's Court exceeded institutions and the steady increase in pending files was checked.

A.—TRIBUNALS

2. **Judicial Commissioner's Court.**—The number of Judges of this Court continued to be five. The retirement of Sir Charles Findlay, Kt., I.C.S., Judicial Commissioner, who was on leave from the 21st June 1930 took place on the 13th January 1932, and with effect from the same date Sir Robert Macnair, Kt., I.C.S., was confirmed as Judicial Commissioner and Mr. F. H. Staples, I.C.S., as Additional Judicial Commissioner. Mr. Staples proceeded on leave from the 20th June 1932 and Mr. R. E. Pollock, I.C.S., was appointed to officiate in his place. During the absence on leave of Mr. G. L. Subhedar, Mr. Vivian Bose, Government Advocate, officiated for one month, from the 20th June 1932 as Additional Judicial Commissioner. Sir Robert Macnair, Judicial Commissioner, Mr. M. B. Niyogi, Additional Judicial Commissioner, and Mr. F. L. Grille, I.C.S., officiating Additional Judicial Commissioner, were on duty throughout the year.

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3. **District Courts.**—Three posts of District and Sessions Judges which were held in abeyance because of the abolition of the three civil districts of Bhandara, Saugor and Buldana were abolished with effect from the 7th December 1932. The number of these officers was thereby permanently reduced to nine.

4. **Courts of First Class Subordinate Judges.**—In last year's report the temporary closure of 10 courts of