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sible for the Society to function during the year; to Guy T. Justis and others of the Denver Community Chest and to all attorneys, social workers and others who have cooperated with the Society in the past. We bespeak the same hearty cooperation for the future.

HARRY C. GREEN, *Secretary and Gen'l Atty.*

SUMMARY OF LEGAL AID SOCIETY'S STATISTICS FOR FOUR YEARS

<i>Nationalities Served during the four years.....</i>	32			
	1st year	2nd year	3rd year	4th year
American	473	435	645	717
British	14	14	18	19
Germans	12	13	15	18
Italians	5	9	14	13
Spanish-Mexican	11	12	14	39
Colored	10	17	20	29
Jewish	12	14	13	21
25 Other Nations	50	24	57	36
Totals	587	538	796	892
<i>Source of Cases Referred. Number of Sources.....</i>	52			
Courts	142	111	154	122
City, County and State Officials.....	60	98	131	152
Lawyers	58	48	44	59
Other Professions	3	10	14	22
Chest and Agencies	65	68	83	76
City Charities	20	21	38	42
Other Welfare Soc.	10	9	17	15
Business & Industrial	7	8	14	17
Previously Served	34	40	73	107
By Another Client	37	54	98	115
General Publicity	152	71	130	165
Totals	587	538	796	892
<i>Nature of Cases:</i>	1st year	2nd year	3rd year	4th year
Contractual Relations	175	200	299	357
Torts	56	55	52	60
Property	82	86	122	113
Estates	21	24	34	28
Domestic Relations*	208	152	249	258
Criminal Matters	14	8	19	20
Various, War Claims etc.	14	2	11	19
Miscellaneous	18	11	10	37
	588	538	796	892

*NOTE: Domestic Relations includes Juvenile Court cases on Non-Support of Wife, Children and Parents; desertion; guardianship; divorce and annulment.

Disposition of Cases:

The status of a case may change after once being tabulated. The majority of the people first seek advice, then if conditions warrant they file suit. For example a case listed as "Investigated and Advice Given" later may be filed in Court or "Partially or Satisfactorily Settled" etc. Also cases now listed as pending eventually will be disposed of as "Won" or "Lost" or "Settled after Litigation".

"Investigated and Advice Given" covers a majority of the cases. This is the disposition of the cases wherein the Society finds the party has no cause of action, where the costs would exceed the returns, etc. In many of these cases the parties get together and effect a settlement without further notice to the Society. Cases under this heading usually take up more time and work than those which the Society takes into Court.

	1st year	2nd year	3rd year	4th year
Investigated and Advice Given.....	331	285	392	551
Investigated and Referred to Social Agency	12	6	6	1
Investigated and Referred to Private Atty.	40	20	61	31
Lapsed or Terminated by Client.....	3	7	9	6
Adjusted by Settlement or Conciliation.....	55	70	134	106
Legal Documents Drawn, (No. Lit.).....	6	8	14	29
<i>Pending Cases at Close of Reports:</i>				
In Justice Courts	3	1	0	1
In Higher Courts	48	21	30	9
<i>Litigated Cases:</i>				
Settled after Litig. in J. P. Court.....	17	26	38	21
Won in J. P. Courts	19	19	18	29
Lost in J. P. Courts (Pl. & Def.).....	12	7	5	3
Settled after Litig. (Higher Cts.).....	7	11	21	16
Won in Higher Courts (Pl. & Def.).....	26	50	91	82
Lost in Higher Court (Pl. & Def.).....	8	6	7	3
	<u>588</u>	<u>538</u>	<u>796</u>	<u>892</u>

For the first five months of the current year, (Dec. 1, 1928 to April 30, 1929, incl.) the Society has docketed 418 cases, as compared to 421 cases for the corresponding period of last year. The Nationalities, Sources, Nature and Disposition compare about the same as for the same period last year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT LEGAL AID SOCIETY

Receipts for the Year

Community Chest	\$4,500.00
Voluntary fees from Clients (few) after services rendered; 10% collection fee; and from Adverse Parties by agreement or Court Order.....	450.45
	<u>\$4,950.45</u>

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Expenditures for the Year

Salary, General Attorney	\$3,000.00
Salary, Assistant Attorney	960.00
Office Supplies	124.83
Letter Heads	10.00
Postage	46.00
Telephone	157.91
Rent	360.00
Filing Cabinets	51.00
Typewriter	15.00
Typewriter Repairs	5.00
Auditing	15.00
Expressage	1.25
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Paid to General Attorney from Deposits by Voucher on old salary deficit.....	\$4,765.99
	150.00
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Total.....	\$4,915.99
Balance applied on Salary Deficit.....	34.46

There is outstanding a note for \$400.00, which amount was loaned to the Society in 1926 for office expenses by a member of the Denver Bar Association, which we hope to reduce materially during this year.