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SECTION XXIV.

PUBLIC BENEVOLENCE.

§ 1. Introductory.

1. **General.**—Charity and charitable effort in Australia may be classified under three headings, viz.:—(1) State; (2) public; (3) private. To the first belong all institutions wholly provided for by the State, *quâ* State; examples are the lunatic asylums in the various States, the Government hospitals in Western Australia, and the Government asylums for infirm in New South Wales. The second class includes public institutions of two kinds, viz.:—(i.) Institutions partially subsidised by the State or State-endowed, but receiving also private aid, and (ii.) those wholly dependent upon private aid. To the former division belong such institutions as the Melbourne and other large metropolitan hospitals. Of the latter examples are institutions established and endowed by individuals for the benefit of the needy generally. To the third class belong all charitable movements of a private or special character.

A more or less accurate statistical account is possible in classes (i.) and (ii.), but in regard to (iii.) it may be said that, for obvious reasons, no tabulation is possible. Public response to special appeals and summary relief in kind, often considerable, is nevertheless not statistically recorded. Hospitals, orphanages, homes, benevolent asylums, etc., form, of course, the main channels in which the current of charity flows. There are, nevertheless, numerous other and minor charities, perhaps less definitely established and less frequently noticed, which mark the course and measure the amount of a considerable volume of private beneficence. In institutions which receive Government aid management and finance are usually relegated to executive bodies, ordinarily elected on a democratic basis.

The distribution of wealth in the Australian Commonwealth, and the elasticity, economically, of its general condition as regards scope for the exercise of natural ability, operate to prevent the development of a permanent pauper class, and at the same time lessen in a dual way the burden of charity. It does this latter by increasing, on the one hand, the number of people whose prosperity enables them to relieve the indigent and unfortunate, and by reducing, on the other, the number who need assistance. No poor-rate is levied in Australia, and Government aid without return is required only for the aged and disabled. The only States which have an old-age pension system are New South Wales and Victoria.

To meet temporary conditions, or rather what ought to be temporary conditions, various relief works have been started from time to time, in which the able-bodied who may be forced to seek official relief are required to make some return for the assistance afforded. In the past attempts to relieve the unemployed have led to large expenditures, but at the present time the entire scheme of such relief is on an altogether more satisfactory footing.

In each of the States the care of the insane is undertaken by the Government. Their condition has been steadily ameliorated by progress in psychiatry.

Young children deprived of parental training and control are cared for and educated in "orphanages" and "industrial schools," and those who have been guilty of some specific offence, or who are beyond adequate parental control, are committed to "reformatories."

In common with other civilised communities, relief funds have from time to time been organised for famine-stricken territories (*e.g.*, China, India, etc.), or for places where

plague, flood, or fire has shewn the need of urgent relief. Proper statistical records of these, however, are not available.

Not uncommonly the Daily Press accepts the duties of collectorship in charity appeals.

2. **Difficulties of General Tabulation.**—State differences in the organisation of charities necessitate the separate treatment of each State, but certain of the larger features of the statistics of benevolence may be combined for the whole Commonwealth. Combinations for the whole of Australia for the six years ended 1906 are given for hospitals, benevolent asylums, orphanages, and hospitals for the insane. Satisfactory tabulation for other charities is not yet possible. Where the combination has been for dissimilar periods the nearest years have been taken.

§ 2. The Larger Charities of Australia.

1. **Hospitals.**—Most of the State capitals have several large and well-equipped hospitals, and there is at least one in every important town. In large centres there are hospitals for "specials"—consumptives, women, children, infectious diseases, incurables, etc. The hospitals in Australia, with the admissions, patients treated, deaths, and expenditure, are shewn in the following table; but the figures include (except number of hospitals) for 1901, 1902, 1903, and 1904, only the Adelaide Hospital among South Australian institutions:—

AUSTRALIAN HOSPITALS, 1901 TO 1906.

Particulars.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Number of institutions	285	293	302	304	308	313
Number of beds ...	10,526	10,808	11,084	11,884	11,778	12,108
Admissions during year	84,993	87,449	89,991	89,650	94,117	99,308
Indoor patients treated	91,147	98,412	96,608	96,748	101,200	106,488
Deaths ...	7,114	7,489	7,581	6,967	7,476	7,627
Expenditure ... £	538,920	571,167	595,689	582,761	602,394	612,628

In addition to those admitted to the institutions there are large numbers of out-patients. The exact number of these cannot be given, but 217,000 would be a rough estimate of distinct cases for 1906.

The leading facts regarding hospitals in the States are summarised in the tables which follow:—

HOSPITALS IN NEW SOUTH WALES, 1901 TO 1906.

Particulars.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Number of institutions ...	118	119	128	130	132	134
Number of beds ...	3,391	3,523	3,744	3,935	4,088	4,252
Number admitted ...	30,943	32,181	34,704	35,916	36,187	39,012
Total number under treatment	33,012	34,426	37,011	38,430	38,646	41,552
Deaths ...	2,477	2,594	2,660	2,431	2,529	2,576
OUTDOOR RELIEF: Distinct Cases Treated—						
Ordinary ...	80,259	63,606	68,146	77,039	78,002	83,390
Dental Hospital ...	—	1,228	8,335	12,266	12,395	6,181
EXPENDITURE—						
Buildings and repairs ... £	17,354	25,896	23,749	32,366	34,541	26,815
Maintenance (incl'd salaries and wages & outdoor relief) £	141,399	152,316	172,692	168,557	167,815	179,431
Miscellaneous ... £	17,365	15,971	14,674	17,575	22,808	18,666
Total ...	£ 176,118	194,183	211,115	218,498	225,164	224,912

HOSPITALS IN VICTORIA. 1901 TO 1906.

Particulars.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Number of institutions ...	51*	51*	51*	51*	52*	53*
Number of beds ...	3,234	3,310	3,336	3,395	3,458	3,627
Number admitted { Male	13,351	13,170	12,992	13,320	13,711	14,163
{ Female	10,241	10,274	11,073	11,507	11,620	12,457
Total number under treatment ... { Male	14,732	14,518	14,377	14,801	15,191	15,603
{ Female	11,047	11,076	11,914	12,412	12,565	13,407
Deaths ... { Male	1,549	1,634	1,642	1,526	1,619	1,663
{ Female	823	785	844	859	806	936
OUTDOOR RELIEF—						
Distinct cases treated ...	63,161	60,905	58,381	64,470	63,277	61,403
Total attendances ...	300,037	212,094	208,761	226,300	217,286	222,144
EXPENDITURE—						
Buildings & extraordinary repairs £	15,306	12,253	21,936	12,783	21,170	19,851
Maintenance { Ordinary repairs £	3,493	3,427	2,273	2,225	2,108	2,274
{ All other £	124,901	136,064	137,101	133,427	136,950	143,932
Miscellaneous (including interest) £	1,206	891	1,216	1,915	2,109	1,226
Total ...	£144,906	152,635	162,526	150,350	162,337	167,283

* Nine of the general hospitals included here are also benevolent asylums.

HOSPITALS IN QUEENSLAND, 1901 TO 1906.

Particulars.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Number of institutions...	71	72	75	77	75	76
Number of beds ...	2,349	2,425	2,467	2,512	2,517	2,499
Number admitted { Male	12,779	12,533	12,365	11,831	12,190	12,335
{ Female	5,828	6,445	6,526	6,426	6,653	6,630
Total number under treatment ... { Male	13,627	13,152	13,240	12,753	13,031	13,205
{ Female	6,161	6,803	6,961	6,920	7,092	7,053
Deaths ... { Male	942	1,039	980	859	981	920
{ Female	337	398	433	366	375	349
EXPENDITURE—						
Maintenance ... £	111,958	110,916	114,294	104,913	100,670	106,679
Administration ... £		6,671	6,179	6,082	6,173	4,961
Extraordinary (chiefly for buildings) ... £	12,339	7,541	5,480	17,412	6,655	3,223
Total ...	£ 124,297	125,128	125,953	128,407	113,498	114,863

HOSPITALS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1901 TO 1906.

Particulars.	1901.*	1902.*	1903.*	1904.*	1905.	1906.
Number of institutions ...	1	1	1	1	9	9
Number of beds ...	320	320	284	284	481	501
Number of admissions { Male	1,992	1,786	1,666	1,421	2,350	2,448
{ Female	1,379	1,407	1,389	1,303	1,644	1,756
Total number under treatment ... { Male	3554	1,905	1,774	1,529	2,504	2,609
{ Female		1,497	1,463	1,380	1,761	1,867
Deaths... { Male	282	264	291	265	361	330
Out-patients (attendances) ...	17,233	20,233	20,059	20,818	26,404	26,111
Expenditure ... £	20,104	19,065	17,542	15,491	24,071	24,826

* Adelaide Hospital only; particulars of other hospitals not being available.

HOSPITALS* IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1901 TO 1906.

Particulars.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Number of institutions ...	24	29	27	25	27	28
Admissions ... { Male	5,066	4,621	4,584	4,344	4,778	4,773
{ Female		1,284	1,438	1,499	1,611	1,931
Total number under treatment { Male	4,124	5,905	4,872	4,649	5,091	5,101
{ Female	1,266	4,864	1,536	1,601	1,734	2,024
Deaths ... { Male	383	422	373	381	400	423
{ Female	91	102	103	121	130	161
EXPENDITURE—						
Salaries ...	£ 20,764	22,685	23,589	22,405	23,570	23,268
Other ...	£ 29,877	31,828	31,432	30,341	29,906	31,028
Total ...	£ 50,641	54,513	55,021	52,746	53,476	54,296

* Government, Perth and Fremantle hospitals only; particulars of other hospitals not being available.

HOSPITALS IN TASMANIA, 1901 TO 1906.

Particulars.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Number of institutions ...	13	14	13	13	13	13
Number of beds ...	465	437	453	458	432	429
Admissions... { Male	1,985	2,149	1,900	1,216	1,965	2,225
{ Female	1,429	1,599	1,354	867	1,408	1,578
Total number under treatment { Male	2,099	2,258	2,021	1,332	2,084	2,374
{ Female	1,525	1,708	1,439	941	1,501	1,693
Deaths ... { Male	147	142	150	92	182	157
{ Female	83	109	105	67	93	112
Out-patients ... Cases	3,687	4,566	3,467	2,711	4,265	5,297
EXPENDITURE—						
Buildings and repairs	£ 1,304	889	598	783	902	1,451
Maintenance ...	£ 17,660	23,642	19,243	12,881	18,464	17,831
Miscellaneous ...	£ 3,790	1,112	3,691	3,605	4,482	7,166
Total ...	£ 22,754	25,643	23,532	17,269	23,848	26,448

2. **Benevolent and Destitute Asylums.**—In some of the institutions for the relief of the destitute, persons of all ages are admitted, as in the case of the Adelaide Destitute Asylum, but there is in general a well-marked division, orphanages being provided for the young, and benevolent asylums for the aged. In the summaries which follow only the larger institutions which come wholly or chiefly under one or other of these heads are included:—

BENEVOLENT AND DESTITUTE ASYLUMS, COMMONWEALTH, 1901 TO 1906.

Particulars.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Number of institutions ...	19	19	20	22	22	22
Number of beds ...	8,102	7,707	8,004	8,341	8,689	8,678
Admissions ...	7,389	7,824	8,307	8,142	7,560	8,030
Total inmates during year	16,298	15,481	15,956	16,420	16,085	16,571
Deaths ...	1,412	1,339	1,432	1,520	1,441	1,486
Expenditure ...	£ 146,900	154,699	174,316	171,080	164,908	176,823

GOVERNMENT ASYLUMS FOR INFIRM IN NEW SOUTH WALES,
1901 TO 1906.

Particulars.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Number of institutions	6	6	6	6	6	6
Number of beds	4,093	3,521	3,730	3,948	4,079	4,088
Number admitted ... { Male	4,075	3,964	4,903	4,480	4,265	4,616
... { Female	621	622	556	738	524	542
Inmates at end of year ... { Male	3,330	2,870	3,329	3,529	3,490	3,309
... { Female	768	640	731	768	758	722
Deaths	768	697	722	868	726	805
EXPENDITURE—						
Buildings and repairs ...	£ 2,166	2,008	3,075	2,566	2,272	1,946
Maintenance	£ 63,751	65,664	68,265	81,044	64,137	71,345
Miscellaneous	£ 2,541	2,404	12,354	251	7,708	6,727
Total	£ 68,458	70,076	83,694	83,861	74,117	80,018

BENEVOLENT ASYLUMS,* VICTORIA, 1901 TO 1906.

Particulars.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Number of institutions	6	6	7	8	8	8
Number of beds	2,435	2,437	2,649	2,741	2,730	2,710
Admissions... { Male	967	1,192	1,078	1,010	912	1,041
... { Female	329	398	374	343	359	319
Total number of in- { Male	2,648	2,641	2,770	2,723	2,638	2,745
mates during year... { Female	1,026	1,029	1,119	1,137	1,136	1,110
Deaths ... { Male	303	279	334	310	333	313
... { Female	94	135	136	123	129	140
OUTDOOR RELIEF—						
Distinct cases	1,229	2,887	2,384	2,330	2,128	1,942
Total attendances	39,824	28,336	28,999	25,408	23,390	21,253
EXPENDITURE—						
Bldgs. & extraord'y repairs £	768	537	601	441	1,556	1,458
Maintenance { Ord'y repairs £	808	742	487	693	545	884
... { All other £	29,512	30,431	30,275	30,571	29,474	29,710
Outdoor relief	£ 4,468	2,988	3,174	3,018	2,658	2,534
Miscellaneous (incl. interest) £	122	90	130	309	479	318
Total	35,678	34,797	34,667	35,032	34,712	34,904

* Nine of the general hospitals are also benevolent asylums, and figures for them are included in the statistics for hospitals.

ADULT INMATES, DESTITUTE ASYLUM,* ADELAIDE, 1901 TO 1906.

Particulars.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Total adult inmates during the year ...	705	686	694	695	655	664
Average number of adult inmates ...	409	431	428	420	402	412
Number of deaths of adults	70	79	76	95	76	80
Total expenditure	£ 18,306	20,450	22,806	22,903	20,483	19,969

* The institution includes lying-in and children's departments; the expenditure is for the institution, that for the various departments not being separately furnished.

BENEVOLENT ASYLUMS, QUEENSLAND, 1901 TO 1906.

Particulars.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Number of institutions ...	4	4	4	4	4	4
Number of beds ...	1,104	1,266	1,109	1,109	1,243	1,243
Number admitted ... { Male	490	628	464	433	448	432
... { Female	151	168	124	100	119	111
Total number of inmates { Male	1,363	1,516	1,500	1,436	1,455	1,482
during year ... { Female	357	366	348	320	319	329
Deaths ... { Male	158	128	151	117	143	119
... { Female	22	19	25	18	18	28
Expenditure—						
Building ... £	1,409	173	296	164	219	243
Furniture ... £	33	25	78	52	32	26
Maintenance ... £	19,960	19,091	22,741	17,689	18,497	18,405
Outdoor relief ... £	13,377	20,056	21,332	21,967	24,774	28,988
Miscellaneous ... £	80	50	76	311	445	1,676
Total ... £	34,859	39,395	44,523	40,183	43,967	49,338

HOMES FOR THE DESTITUTE,* WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1901 TO 1906.

Particulars.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Number of institutions ...	3	3	3	4	4	4
Number of beds ...	470	483	516	543	537	537
Admissions ... { Male	647	719	653	856	811	862
... { Female	109	133	155	182	122	107
Total number of inmates { Male	947	1,059	1,020	1,275	1,256	1,325
during year ... { Female	168	186	224	251	195	174
Deaths ... { Male	56	77	60	74	78	67
... { Female	11	4	4	10	14	14
State expenditure ... £	7,896	10,431	11,432	12,004	12,112	12,563

* One of these institutions includes a lying-in department.

3. Orphanages, Industrial Schools, etc.—The organisation of charitable effort varies greatly in regard to orphans and waifs. In many institutions shelter and some form of industrial training is offered to destitute children of all classes, whether orphans or not, while some of those styled orphanages do not confine their relief to orphans strictly so called. The figures in the next table are those for institutions where, it is believed, the principal effort is on behalf of those who are really orphans:—

ORPHANAGES IN COMMONWEALTH, 1901 TO 1906.

Particulars.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Number of institutions ...	30	30	32	35	35	35
Number of beds ...	*2,853	*2,989	†2,379	†2,732	†2,781	†2,848
Admissions ...	1,207	1,242	1,305	1,328	1,286	1,333
Total number inmates during yr.	3,860	4,074	4,324	4,772	4,887	4,868
Deaths ...	7	5	20	11	17	15
Expenditure ... £	56,178	59,997	60,865	60,295	60,564	61,098

* Beds in institutions in Tasmania not included.

† Beds in institutions in New South Wales and Tasmania not included.

In New South Wales the care of the destitute or neglected children is entrusted to the State Children's Relief Board, whose officers are charged with a strict supervision regarding the welfare of the children and the relation to them of those to whom they are boarded out. Useful trades and profitable occupations are taught, and many of the children become useful members of society.

The number of children received and discharged each year by the State Children's Relief Board, from 1901 to 1907, was as follows:—

CHILDREN'S RELIEF BOARD, NEW SOUTH WALES, 1901 TO 1907.

Year ended 5th April ...	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1907.
Number received ...	596	520	644	614	612	654	696
Discharges and deaths ...	530	710	559	640	591	564	562
Net addition ...	66	—190	85	—26	21	90	134

— Denotes a decrease.

As the table hereunder shews, the number of children under the control of the Board has remained practically constant for the years 1901 to 1907:—

Under Control on 5th April—	Supported by Government.		Adopted with- out Remunera- tion & Boarded without Subsidy.		Apprenticed (not paid for by Govern- ment).		Total under Control.		
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
1901 ...	1,346	1,132	69	74	790	499	2,205	1,705	3,910
1902 ...	1,192	1,016	70	79	811	552	2,073	1,647	3,720
1903 ...	1,288	1,010	84	93	743	587	2,115	1,690	3,805
1904 ...	1,257	1,125	83	101	747	466	2,087	1,692	3,779
1905 ...	1,293	1,094	92	133	692	496	2,077	1,723	3,800
1906 ...	1,276	1,092	105	149	733	535	2,114	1,776	3,890
1907 ...	1,375	1,118	120	167	735	509	2,230	1,794	4,024

The expenditure per child under control has fluctuated somewhat, but the expenditure per inhabitant has remained almost constant at about elevenpence:—

EXPENDITURE BY THE RELIEF BOARD, 1901 TO 1907.

Year ended 5th April—	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1907.
Net expenditure £	61,790	64,720	67,236	69,336	68,897	65,761	67,694
Per child ...	£15 16s.	£17 8s.	£17 13s.	£18 7s.	£18 3s.	£16 18s.	£16 16s.
Per inhabitant ...	11d.	11d.	11d.	11d.	11d.	11d.	11d.

ORPHANAGES, NEW SOUTH WALES, 1901 TO 1906.

Particulars.		1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Number of institutions ...		9	9	10	11	11	11
Admissions ...	Male	58	57	74	83	81	93
	Female	133	161	201	164	172	160
Total number under care	Male	220	238	277	347	351	373
	Female	458	567	651	594	622	636
Deaths ...	Male	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Female	1	...	3	2	...	...
EXPENDITURE—		£ 8,382					
Buildings and repairs ...	£	1,321	2,125	1,211	1,189	1,071	1,007
Maintenance (including salaries and wages) ...	£	6,513	7,033	6,782	7,785	7,046	8,409
Other ...	£	581	623	1,160	428	1,762	659
Total ...	£	8,415	9,781	9,153	9,402	9,879	10,075

There are three reformatory institutions—the Carpenterian State Reformatory and the “Sobraon” State Training Ship for boys, the enrolment for 1906 being 188 and 570 respectively; and the Girls’ State Industrial School, where for the same year the enrolment was 148.

ORPHANAGES, VICTORIA, 1901 TO 1906.

Particulars.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Number of institutions ...	7	7	7	9	9	9
Number of beds ...	996	1,005	1,083	1,338	1,386	1,399
Admissions... { Male	157	181	208	240	250	257
{ Female	98	147	151	176	163	172
Total number under { Male	806	823	873	1,002	1,055	1,070
care ... { Female	581	590	609	775	779	787
Deaths ... { Male	...	1	5	4	6	5
{ Female	2	1	2	2	4	6
EXPENDITURE—						
Bldgs. & extraordinary repairs £	2 077	3,856	2,585	2,711	1,770	1,250
Maintenance { Ord’y repairs £	230	520	412	343	567	642
{ All other £	15,313	15,178	16,464	17,151	17,413	17,728
Miscellaneous (incl. interest) £	52	81	103	303	311	517
Total ... £	17,672	19,635	19,564	20,508	20,061	20,137

NEGLECTED CHILDREN AND REFORMATORY SCHOOLS,* VICTORIA,
1901 TO 1906.

Particulars.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Admissions ...	1,281	981	554	511	589	819
Total number under care ...	6,512	6,636	6,299	5,872	5,765	5,867
Discharges, etc. ...	857	891	938	696	717	741
Inmates—average number ...	3,908	4,113	3,943	3,604	3,425	3,444
Distribution at end of year—						
In Government schools ...	131	151	134	132	135	110
In assisted schools ...	190	200	192	189	151	144
Boarded out ...	3,701	3,753	3,363	3,154	3,044	3,315
At service, etc. ...	1,633	1,641	1,672	1,701	1,718	1,557
Total ...	5,655	5,745	5,361	5,176	5,048	5,126
Government expenditure £	67,332	72,010	67,391	63,130	61,748	61,266
Net cost to State ... £	65,668	70,219	66,111	61,687	60,263	59,623

* In addition, there are a small number of children maintained by the State, who are incapacitated and free from legal control.

ORPHANAGES, QUEENSLAND, 1901 TO 1906.

Particulars.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Number of institutions ...	6	6	6	6	6	6
Number of beds ...	868	897	915	977	972	978
Admissions... { Male	290	276	242	221	182	199
{ Female	354	295	295	300	308	302
Total number under { Male	604	601	586	594	545	539
care ... { Female	692	656	675	771	807	792
Deaths ... { Male	1	1	7	1	3	2
{ Female	2	1	2	2	3	1
EXPENDITURE—						
Building ... £	124	49	100	183	135	288
Furniture ... £	191	111	154	165	299	144
Maintenance ... £	11,790	11,697	11,996	11,476	11,514	11,573
Outdoor relief ... £	7,889	8,063	8,066	7,195	6,623	6,496
Miscellaneous ... £	2,545	2,428	2,614	2,234	2,461	2,503
Total ... £	22,539	22,348	22,930	21,253	21,032	21,004

STATE CHILDREN, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1900-1 TO 1905-6.

Particulars.	1900-1.		1901-2.		1902-3.		1903-4.		1904-5.		1905-6.	
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.
ADMISSIONS—												
Industrial schools ...	65	53	101	72	89	70	94	70	56	61	78	72
Reformatories...	17	30	14	50	22	59	8	51	4	45	9	33
Probationary schools ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	...	4	1
Methodist Home ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1
Total ...	82	85	115	122	111	129	103	121	63	108	91	107
	167		237		240		224		171		198	
NUMBER ON 30TH JUNE—												
Industrial schools ...	16	33	26	44	14	38	20	30	17	29	17	30
Reformatories...	46	89	41	105	46	96	41	76	37	82	38	75
Probationary schools ...	15	26	17	33	19	28	29	28	25	22	31	26
Methodist Home ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Total ...	77	148	84	182	79	162	90	134	79	135	86	131
	225		266		241		224		214		217	
Placed out ...	1,006		1,055		1,114		1,114		1,046		1,052	
Total ...	1,231		1,321		1,355		1,338		1,260		1,269	
DEATHS—												
Industrial schools ...	...	...	3	...	3	...	1	...	1	...	2	...
Reformatories...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
In other institutions and placed out ...	...	14	...	11	...	7	...	11	...	8	...	5
Total ...	14		14		10		13		9		7	

ORPHANAGES, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1901 TO 1906.

Particulars.		1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Number of institutions ...	...	7	7	8	8	8	8
Admissions ...	{ Male	76	82	77	101	84	103
	{ Female	35	42	47	39	39	42
In institution at end of year ...	{ Male	265	287	285	314	331	364
	{ Female	162	186	217	243	248	259
Deaths ...	{ Male	1	1	...	...	...	...
	{ Female	...	...	...	...	...	...
State expenditure ...	£	6,864	7,456	8,292	8,391	8,790	9,080

GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1901 TO 1906.

Particulars.		1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Admissions ...	{ Male	47	74	66	95	87	108
	{ Female	16	39	35	55	36	58
Inmates ...	{ Male	94	105	105	130	133	156
	{ Female	32	49	61	77	60	80
Deaths ...	{ Male	...	...	...	...	1	2
	{ Female	...	...	1	1	...	...
State expenditure ...	£	1,482	1,489	1,826	1,991	1,962	2,048

ORPHANAGE, TASMANIA, 1901 TO 1905.

Particulars.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.
Admissions ...	6	1	10	4	7
Inmates during year ...	52	48	56	47	48
Deaths ...	...	...	1	...	1
Expenditure ...	£ 688	777	926	741	802

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS, UNDER BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS, TASMANIA,
1901 TO 1905.

Particulars.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.
Number of schools ...	3	3	3	3	3
Admissions ...	5	4	8	4	5
In institutions during year ...	4	11	9	9	9
Male ...	28	28	31	29	29
Female ...	63	69	67	65	66
Died ...	...	...	...	...	...
Male ...	...	1	...	...	...
Female ...	23	23	25	24	21
Remaining at end of year ...	58	58	57	57	14
Male ...	...	...	...	...	...
Female ...	...	...	...	...	...
Expenditure ...	£ 1,865	1,958	1,722	1,630	8,169

BOARDING-OUT SYSTEM, TASMANIA, 1901 TO 1905.

Particulars.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904. Half-year.	1904-5.
Number of children ...	221	218	175	145	152
Males ...	120	124	90	78	81
Females ...	101	94	85	67	71
Expenditure ...	£ 2,206	2,086	1,808	861	1,608

4. **Lepers.**—In New South Wales a lazaret is maintained for the isolation and care of lepers, the number of which has not materially changed during recent years :—

NO. OF LEPERS IN THE LAZARET, NEW SOUTH WALES, 1901 TO 1906.

Classification.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.
In lazaret on 1st January ...	11	14	10	17	17	18
Admitted during the year ...	8	1	10	8	7	7
Died during the year ...	5	2	3	1	2	1
Discharged ...	...	2	...	...	1	1
Repatriated ...	...	1	...	7	3	3
Remaining in lazaret on 31st December ...	14	10	17	17	18	20

The numbers of females (included in above) were : one in 1901, one in 1902, two in 1904, two in 1905, two in 1906.

The expenditure in 1906 was £1555, and was provided by Government.

Leprosy has existed also in other States, but details have not been furnished.

5. **Hospitals for the Insane.**—The method of compiling insanity statistics has been fairly uniform throughout the States, but the various methods of observing the early stages of the development of insanity introduce an element of uncertainty which considerably reduces the value of comparison. In the summary given below licensed houses (except as regards expenditure) are included, but not reception houses and observation wards in gaols, figures for which are given under the statistics of the States:—

HOSPITALS FOR INSANE, COMMONWEALTH, 1901 TO 1906.

Particulars.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Number of institutions ...	25	24	25	28	27	27
Number of beds ...	12,189	12,586	12,716	13,109	13,144	13,507
Admissions ...	2,563	2,490	2,616	2,640	2,593	2,839
Total number under treatment...	14,791	15,513	15,876	16,164	16,462	16,803
Discharged as recovered, relieved, or improved ...	1,157	1,190	1,181	1,300	1,183	1,258
Deaths ...	861	899	1,032	986	966	1,003
Expenditure ...	£ 349,730	387,137	392,005	386,534	387,395	404,354

The proportion of insane, as well as the total number under treatment, as returned, is gradually rising. In the next table the number of insane under official care in Australia is compared to the total population:—

PROPORTION OF INSANITY IN HOSPITALS FOR THE INSANE,
COMMONWEALTH, 1901 TO 1906.

	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Lunatics at end of year ...	12,427	12,770	13,142	13,443	13,851	14,349
Per 100,000 of population ...	325	329	334	337	342	348

Increase in the number of recorded cases of insanity does not necessarily imply an actual increase, and does not here imply an equivalent increase. Consequent upon the development of a more rational attitude to the treatment of mental cases there is growing up a greater willingness to submit necessary cases to treatment at an earlier stage than formerly. It is important to bear this in mind, because the small progressive increase in the preceding table is probably to be attributed largely, if not solely, to this circumstance.

GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS FOR INSANE, NEW SOUTH WALES, 1901 TO 1906.

Particulars.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Number of institutions ...	7	7	7	7	7	7
Number admitted { Male	611	576	618	597	607	668
{ Female	413	351	427	385	379	420
Total number { Male	3,109	3,414	3,528	3,575	3,754	3,785
under treatment { Female	2,156	2,247	2,355	2,435	2,457	2,492
DISCHARGED—						
As recovered { Male	198	209	217	246	238	225
{ Female	191	159	158	178	172	192
As relieved ... { Male	28	27	28	31	26	35
{ Female	24	15	31	31	27	20
Deaths ... { Male	191	199	240	242	219	273
{ Female	96	118	108	124	120	112
Inmates at end of { Male	2,660	2,795	2,920	2,997	3,117	3,251
year { Female	1,763	1,823	1,956	2,013	2,076	2,171
Total expenditure	£ 123,531	143,253	151,309	139,974	137,971	151,439

LICENSED HOUSES FOR INSANE, NEW SOUTH WALES, 1901 TO 1906.

Particulars.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Number of institutions ...	3	3	3	3	3	3
Number admitted... (Male)	7	10	7	17	7	9
(Female)	14	10	13	21	16	26
Total number under treat- (Male)	25	27	28	40	33	26
ment ... (Female)	45	45	47	59	59	72
Discharged as recovered (Male)	3	4	1	7	9	3
(Female)	6	6	3	7	11	8
Discharged as relieved (Male)	...	1	3	3	2	...
(Female)	2	3	3	2	1	2
Deaths ... (Male)	3	...	2	1	3	1
(Female)	2	1	1	3	...	3
Inmates at end of year (Male)	17	21	22	24	17	20
(Female)	35	34	37	41	42	55

INSANE PERSONS AND DEATHS, NEW SOUTH WALES, 1901 TO 1906.

Year.	Number of Institutions.	Number of Patients.		Deaths.	
		Total during the Year.	Average at one Time.	Number.	Per Cent. of Patients.
1901 ...	10	5,335	4,272	292	5.5
1902 ...	10	5,733	4,427	318	5.5
1903 ...	10	5,958	4,633	351	5.9
1904 ...	10	6,109	4,808	370	6.1
1905 ...	10	6,303	4,963	342	5.4
1906 ...	10	6,563	5,180	389	5.9

PROPORTION OF INSANE PERSONS; NEW SOUTH WALES, 1901 TO 1906.

Year.	Number of Insane Persons.			Number per One Thousand of Population.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
1901 ...	2,677	1,798	4,475	3.70	2.74	3.24
1902 ...	2,816	1,857	4,673	3.80	2.78	3.32
1903 ...	2,942	1,993	4,935	3.90	2.94	3.45
1904 ...	3,021	2,054	5,075	3.91	2.98	3.46
1905 ...	3,134	2,118	5,252	3.95	3.02	3.51
1906 ...	3,271	2,226	5,497	4.02	3.12	3.60

RECEPTION HOUSE FOR INSANE, NEW SOUTH WALES, 1906.

Inmates.	Number of Admissions.	Total Number under Treatment.	Discharges.	Deaths.	Transfers to Lunatic Asylums.	Inmates at End of Year.
Male ...	622	638	499	2	129	8
Female ...	349	351	273	1	77	...
Total ...	971	989	772	3	206	8

OBSERVATION WARDS IN GAOLS, NEW SOUTH WALES, 1906.

Inmates.	Number of Admissions.	Total Number under Treatment.	Discharges.	Deaths.	Inmates at End of Year.
Male	118	131	114	...	17
Female	14	15	14	...	1
Total	132	146	128	...	18

HOSPITALS FOR INSANE,* VICTORIA, 1901 TO 1906.

Particulars.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Number of institutions ...	7	7	7	10	9	9
Admissions ... { Male	418	457	433	462	438	446
{ Female	351	341	336	388	374	412
Total number under treatment ... { Male	2,794	2,825	2,909	2,916	2,900	2,925
{ Female	2,628	2,707	2,622	2,673	2,700	2,811
DISCHARGED—						
As cured ... { Male	174	176	165	189	160	172
{ Female	125	182	159	151	103	158
As improved ... { Male	11	15	24	29	39	41
{ Female	16	14	24	37	42	43
Deaths ... { Male	202	203	217	203	185	158
{ Female	128	129	145	135	137	137
Inmates at end of year ... { Male	2,307	2,354	2,371	2,395	2,436	2,486
{ Female	2,194	2,193	2,199	2,251	2,332	2,390
Expenditure ...	£ 122,611	133,708	133,163	137,663	138,639	143,902

* The figures include lunacy wards at hospitals.

INSANE PERSONS AND DEATHS, VICTORIA, 1901 TO 1906.

Year.	Number of Institutions.	Number of Patients.		Deaths.	
		Total during the Year.	Average at one time.	Number.	Per cent. of Patients.
1901 ...	7	5,422	4,450	330	6.1
1902 ...	7	5,532	4,524	332	6.0
1903 ...	7	5,531	4,558	362	6.5
1904 ...	10	5,589	4,610	338	6.0
1905 ...	9	5,600	4,707	322	5.7
1906 ...	9	5,736	4,822	295	5.1

PROPORTION OF INSANE PERSONS, VICTORIA, 1901 TO 1906.

Year.	Number of Insane Persons.			Proportion per 1000 of Population.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
1901 ...	2,307	2,194	4,501	3.78	3.65	3.72
1902 ...	2,354	2,193	4,547	3.87	3.63	3.75
1903 ...	2,371	2,199	4,570	3.91	3.64	3.78
1904 ...	2,395	2,251	4,646	3.96	3.72	3.84
1905 ...	2,436	2,332	4,768	3.99	3.83	3.91
1906 ...	2,486	2,390	4,876	4.03	3.88	3.96

HOSPITALS FOR INSANE, QUEENSLAND, 1901 TO 1906.

Particulars.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Number of institutions ...	3	3	3	3	3	3
Number admitted... (Male)	193	204	222	186	205	241
(Female)	142	135	115	103	130	120
Total number under treatment (Male)	1,291	1,295	1,340	1,318	1,352	1,413
(Female)	763	791	805	816	861	886
Discharged—						
As cured ... (Male)	90	74	92	75	71	88
(Female)	56	57	43	50	43	45
As improved ... (Male)	34	39	19	31	19	11
(Female)	14	8	12	5	9	12
Died ... (Male)	76	62	96	64	89	72
(Female)	37	32	37	30	42	40
Inmates at end of year (Male)	1,091	1,118	1,132	1,147	1,172	1,240
(Female)	656	690	713	731	766	789
Expenditure* ...	£ 47,985	51,455	47,372	46,127	48,126	50,268

* The amounts given are for years ended on 30th June following, and include expenditure on reception houses.

INSANE PERSONS AND DEATHS, QUEENSLAND, 1901 TO 1906.

Year.	No. of Institutions.	Number of Patients		Deaths.	
		Total during the Year.	At End of Year.	Number.	Per Cent. of Patients.
1901 ...	3	2,054	1,747	113	5.5
1902 ...	3	2,086	1,808	94	4.5
1903 ...	3	2,145	1,845	133	6.2
1904 ...	3	2,134	1,878	94	4.4
1905 ...	3	2,213	1,938	131	5.9
1906 ...	3	2,299	2,029	112	4.9

PROPORTION OF INSANE PERSONS, QUEENSLAND, 1901 TO 1906.

Year.	Number of Insane Persons.			Proportion per 1000 of Population.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
1901 ...	1,091	656	1,747	3.87	2.92	3.45
1902 ...	1,118	690	1,808	3.95	3.03	3.54
1903 ...	1,132	713	1,845	3.97	3.09	3.58
1904 ...	1,147	731	1,878	3.99	3.12	3.60
1905 ...	1,172	766	1,938	4.04	3.22	3.67
1906 ...	1,240	789	2,029	4.24	3.25	3.79

RECEPTION HOUSES FOR INSANE,* QUEENSLAND, 1901 TO 1906.

Particulars.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Number of institutions ...	4	4	4	3	3	3
Admissions... (Male)	157	166	166	121	145	178
(Female)	102	93	77	64	90	75
Total number under treatment (Male)	163	170	170	125	148	182
(Female)	105	94	78	67	91	75
Discharged as cured... (Male)	31	38	27	28	22	31
(Female)	12	11	8	4	4	3
Discharged as im- (Male)	11	3	5	—	3	2
proved ... (Female)	10	5	3	3	4	3
Removed to Lunatic (Male)	113	123	131	93	118	145
Asylum ... (Female)	81	76	64	59	82	67
Deaths ... (Male)	4	2	3	1	1	2
(Female)	1	1	—	—	1	1

* The expenditure on reception houses is included with that on hospitals for insane, given in table *supra*.

HOSPITALS FOR INSANE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1901 TO 1906.

Particulars.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Number of institutions ...	2	1	1	1	1	1
Admissions ... { Male	116	107	112	145	137	125
{ Female	98	103	99	112	93	106
Total number under { Male	693	683	678	686	691	690
treatment ... { Female	499	515	524	533	514	524
Discharged as recovered { Male	64	47	56	74	67	58
{ Female	45	47	53	56	54	38
Deaths ... { Male	41	64	77	57	52	63
{ Female	41	41	49	50	39	57
Inmates at end of { Male	576	566	541	554	565	566
year ... { Female	412	425	421	421	418	423
Expenditure ... £	27,668	28,181	26,967	27,512	26,266	27,404

INSANE PERSONS AND DEATHS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1901 TO 1906.

Year.	Number of Institutions.	Number of Patients.		Deaths.	
		Total during the Year.	At End of Year.	Number.	Per Cent. of Patients.
1901 ...	2	1,192	988	82	6.9
1902 ...	1	1,198	991	105	8.8
1903 ...	1	1,202	962	126	10.5
1904 ...	1	1,219	975	107	8.8
1905 ...	1	1,205	983	91	7.5
1906 ...	1	1,214	994	120	9.9

PROPORTION OF INSANE PERSONS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1901 TO 1906.

Year.	Number of Insane Persons.			Proportion per 1000 of Population.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
1901 ...	576	412	988	3.10	2.29	2.70
1902 ...	566	425	991	3.04	2.36	2.70
1903 ...	541	421	962	2.89	2.32	2.61
1904 ...	554	421	975	2.89	2.32	2.61
1905 ...	565	418	983	2.86	2.31	2.60
1906 ...	566	428	994	2.78	2.37	2.59

HOSPITALS FOR INSANE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1901 TO 1906.

Particulars.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Number of institutions ...	2	2	3	3	3	3
Number admitted ... { Male	104	85	118	106	97	127
{ Female	37	31	37	36	39	51
Total number under { Male	301	325	381	430	448	484
treatment ... { Female	117	133	139	150	162	191
Discharged as recovered { Male	44	42	37	42	48	48
or improved ... { Female	11	28	17	18	14	25
Deaths ... { Male	17	19	19	33	42	35
{ Female	4	3	8	9	8	17
Inmates at end of year { Male	240	263	324	351	354	398
{ Female	102	102	114	123	140	148
Expenditure... £	13,045	14,983	15,937	19,182	21,605	23,256

INSANE PERSONS AND DEATHS, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1901 TO 1906.

Year.	Number of Institutions.	Number of Patients.		Deaths.	
		Total during the Year.	At End of Year.	Number.	Per Cent. of Patients.
1901	2	418	342	21	5.02
1902	2	458	365	22	4.80
1903	3	520	438	27	5.19
1904	3	580	474	42	7.24
1905	3	610	494	50	8.20
1906	3	675	546	52	7.70

PROPORTION OF INSANE PERSONS, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1901 TO 1906.

Year.	Number of Insane Persons.			Proportion per 1000 of Population.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
1901	240	102	342	2.03	1.34	1.76
1902	263	102	365	2.03	1.22	1.71
1903	324	114	438	2.38	1.25	1.93
1904	351	123	474	2.43	1.25	1.96
1905	354	140	494	2.35	1.34	1.94
1906	398	148	546	2.59	1.37	2.09

HOSPITAL FOR INSANE, NEW NORFOLK, TASMANIA, 1901 TO 1906.

Particulars.		1901.	1902.	1903	1904.	1905.	1906.
Admissions	(Male	39	45	37	38	39	46
	(Female	26	35	42	44	32	42
Total number under treatment	(Male	254	279	280	280	278	288
	(Female	216	227	240	253	253	275
Discharged as cured or relieved	(Male	7	20	19	16	15	23
	(Female	14	17	17	22	11	11
Deaths	(Male	13	16	19	25	21	24
	(Female	10	12	14	10	9	14
Inmates at end of year	(Male	234	243	242	239	242	240
	(Female	192	198	209	221	233	242
Expenditure		£ 14,890	15,557	17,257	16,076	14,788	16,278

INSANE PERSONS AND DEATHS, TASMANIA, 1901 TO 1906.

Year.	Number of Patients.		Deaths.	
	Total during the Year.	At End of Year.	Number.	Per Cent. of Patients.
1901	470	426	23	4.9
1902	506	441	28	5.5
1903	520	451	33	6.3
1904	533	460	35	6.6
1905	531	475	30	5.6
1906	563	482	38	6.7

PROPORTION OF INSANE PERSONS, TASMANIA, 1901 TO 1906.

Year.	Number of Insane Persons.			Proportion per 1000 of Population.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
1901	234	192	426	2.59	2.28	2.44
1902	243	198	441	2.63	2.32	2.48
1903	242	209	451	2.60	2.42	2.51
1904	239	221	460	2.56	2.54	2.55
1905	242	233	475	2.59	2.66	2.62
1906	240	242	482	2.58	2.77	2.67

6. Protection of Aborigines.—For the protection of the aboriginal Australian race there are institutions, under the supervision of Aborigines Boards, where the blacks are housed and encouraged to work, the children receiving elementary education. The work is usually carried on at mission stations, but many of the natives are nomadic in habit of life, and receive food and clothing when they call, whilst others but rarely come under the notice of the boards. The native race is extinct in Tasmania. The expenditure on maintenance, etc., for 1906 was—New South Wales, £13,184; Victoria, £4,325; Queensland, £10,570; South Australia, £12,902; Western Australia, £15,125; total for Commonwealth, £56,106.

7. Other Charitable Institutions.—Owing to variety of name and function of other charitable institutions it has been found impracticable to give detailed results. The aid given in kind—food, clothing, tools of trade, etc.—is considerable, whilst the shelter and treatment afforded ranges from a bed for a night for casual callers in establishments ministering minor charity, to indoor treatment over long periods in those that exist for the relief of the aged and infirm. The institutions not so particularised include asylums for the deaf, dumb, and blind, lock hospitals, maternity institutions and infant homes, homes for the destitute and aged poor, industrial colonies, night shelters, crèches, homes of hope, rescue homes, free kindergarten and ragged schools, auxiliary medical charities, free dispensaries, benevolent societies, charity organisation, ambulance and health societies, boys' brigades, humane and animals' protection societies, prisoners' aid associations, bush fires and mining accidents relief funds.

8. State Expenditure on Charities.—The table below gives the amount expended by Government on charities. In some of the States amounts have been included for minor items, which in other States are charged to other heads. The figures are for financial years in New South Wales, Victoria, and Queensland, for calendar years in South Australia and Western Australia, and in Tasmania for calendar years from 1901 to 1904, and financial years 1905-6 and 1906-7:—

STATE EXPENDITURE ON CHARITIES, 1901 TO 1907.

State.	Year.	Amnt.	Year.	Amnt.	Year.	Amnt.	Year.	Amnt.	Year.	Amnt.	Year.	Amnt.
		£		£		£		£		£		£
N.S. Wales ...	1901-2	504,301	1902-3	572,696	1903-4	515,152	1904-5	494,818	1905-6	523,281	1906-7	493,605
Victoria ...	"	313,735	"	300,821	"	292,914	"	294,483	"	292,454	"	304,151
Queensland ...	"	183,531	"	189,832	"	181,868	"	174,379	"	169,336	"	193,721
South Aust. ...	1901	106,223	1902	105,612	1903	103,425	1904	98,635	1905	99,194	1906	101,023
Western Aust. ...	"	100,647	"	108,605	"	100,992	"	103,891	"	108,122	"	112,376
Tasmania ...	"	50,530	"	51,908	"	66,975	"	46,843	1905-6	44,671	1906-7	48,911

The annual average State expenditure for the six years was—New South Wales, £518,142; Victoria, £299,760; Queensland, £182,112; South Australia, £102,352; Western Australia, £105,772; Tasmania, £51,640; Commonwealth, £1,259,778.

9. Total Charitable Expenditure.—The expenditure in the Commonwealth in money on hospitals, charities, and all forms of relief publicly given, comprising the amounts furnished by Government and those raised by public subscription, etc., but excluding old-age pensions, is estimated at £1,700,000 for the year 1906.