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## STATE BOARD OF INSANITY.

To His Excellency the Governor and the Honorable Council.

The State Board of Insanity respectfully submits its eighth annual report, for the year ending Sept. 30, 1906, relative to general matters, but for the period beginning Oct. 1, 1905, and ending Nov. 30, 1906, relative to financial operations.

The special classes under its supervision are the insane, the feeble-minded, the epileptic, and, in part, the inebriate.

The whole number of persons under supervision Oct. 1, 1906, was 12,388, being 274 more than the previous year, distributed in classes as follows:—

TABLE 1. — *Classes of Persons under Supervision.*

	NUMBER OCT. 1, 1906.			INCREASE OVER PREVIOUS YEAR.					Average Increase, Five Years.
	Males.	Females.	Totals.	1906.	1905.	1904.	1903.	1902.	
Insane, . . . . .	4,940	5,431	10,371	219	217 <sup>1</sup>	362 <sup>1</sup>	352 <sup>1</sup>	484 <sup>1</sup>	327 <sup>1</sup>
Feeble-minded, . . . . .	819	568	1,387	66	177	95 <sup>2</sup>	86	97	64
Epileptic (sane), . . . . .	197	162	359	37	33	25	34	32	32
Inebriate, . . . . .	113	23	136	84 <sup>2</sup>	11 <sup>2</sup>	4	35 <sup>2</sup>	21 <sup>2</sup>	19 <sup>2</sup>
Totals, . . . . .	6,069	6,184	12,253	378	416	296	487	592	404
Other classes, . . . . .	49	80	129	4 <sup>2</sup>	5	2	82	174 <sup>2</sup>	18 <sup>2</sup>
Aggregates, . . . . .	6,121	6,267	12,388	274	421	298	519	418	398

<sup>1</sup> Exclusive of almshouse cases.

<sup>2</sup> Decrease.

### THE INSANE UNDER CARE

Oct. 1, 1906, numbered 10,371, being 1 insane patient to every 295 persons of the estimated population of the State. In addition, there were 640 unrecovered insane who were temporarily