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THE SIXTH REPORT

(WITH APPENDICES)

OF THE

INSPECTOR FOR IRELAND

UNDER

THE INEBRIATES ACTS, 1879 TO 1900,

For the Year 1909.

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DUBLIN CASTLE,

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SIR,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th instant, forwarding, for submission to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, the Sixth Report under the Inebriates Acts, 1879-1900, for the year 1909.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

L. C. DOWDALL,

The Inspector for Ireland

under the Inebriates Acts,

Dublin Castle.

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INEBRIATES ACTS, IRELAND.

Report for the year 1909 on the Certified Reformatories and the
Retreat established under the Inebriates Acts, 1879-1900.

DUBLIN CASTLE,

28th July, 1910.

To

HIS EXCELLENCY JOHN CAMPBELL, EARL OF ABERDEEN.

LORD LIEUTENANT-GENERAL AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to submit this, my Sixth Annual Report, in pursuance of the provisions of the Habitual Drunkards Act, 1879, and the Inebriates Act, 1898.

CERTIFIED INEBRIATE REFORMATORIES.

In my last Report I referred to the establishment of a certified Inebriate Reformatory for Roman Catholic females at Wexford, in the disused prison there. Unfortunately some delay took place in completing the necessary alterations and repairs, with the result that no patients were actually admitted to the institution until the present year, and therefore, so far as it is concerned, the statistics given in the Appendices to this Report are *nil*. The building is now admirably adapted to its purpose, and the Religious Community who have taken over the management of the institution have made excellent arrangements, in every detail, for its successful administration.

No change has taken place in the accommodation at St. Patrick's Certified Reformatory, Waterford, which, as pointed out in my last Report, is handicapped by the want of ground for the recreation and employment of the inmates, and, up to the present, it has not been found possible to obtain more suitable premises.

At the beginning of the year, there were 39 patients on the Register of this institution, of whom 7 were out on licence. During the year, 34 were admitted; 13 were discharged; 2 died while out on licence; and 2 were transferred to Ennis State Reformatory—leaving 56 on the Register—of whom 17 were out on licence, so that 39 were resident on the 31st December.

During the year, 7 patients who were out on licence had their licences revoked for breaches of the conditions under which they were granted, and these cases were taken back to the Reformatory.

The statistics relative to the Reformatory will be found in Appendix A, and the average cost of maintenance per patient during the year is shown in Appendix B.

INEBRIATE RETREAT.

In my last Report I called attention to the fact that the admirable Inebriate Retreat known as "The Lodge," which was founded in a suburb of Belfast by the Irish Women's Temperance Union, was not being as fully availed of as it should be, in consequence of the difficulty of inducing persons needing treatment to enter it voluntarily. This condition of affairs still exists, although the statistics for 1909 show a slight improvement on those for 1908.

At the end of the latter year, there were only 7 patients in residence. During 1909, 9 were admitted and 5 were discharged, leaving 11 resident at the end of the year.

All the discharges took place in the ordinary course, on the expiration of the terms for which the patients had agreed to remain.

The condition of the institution continues to be, as in the past, most satisfactory in every respect, and the Honorary Secretary and the Matron are indefatigable in their efforts to render the sojourn of each patient in the institution of lasting benefit to her.

Particulars relative to the Retreat and its inmates are given in tabular form in Appendix C.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's Obedient Servant,

GEO. PLUNKETT O'FARRELL, M.D. (Knt.).

APPENDIX A.

Containing Tables relative to Certified Inebriate Reformatories.

TABLE I.

List of Certified Reformatories.

Name and situation of Reformatory.	Date of Certificate.	Superintendent.	Medical Officer.	Person to whom Correspondence should be addressed.	Certified for the reception of	
					Number.	Sex.
St. Patrick's, Waterford.	23rd June, 1908.	Rev. Edward M'Guinness.	Alex. Ford, F.R.C.S., EDIN., L.R.C.P., EDIN.	The Superintendent, St. Patrick's Inebriate Reformatory, Hennessy's-road, Waterford.	40	Male.
St. Brigid's, Wexford.	31st December, 1908.	The Superioress, Sisters of St. John of God, Wexford.	A. M. J. Halligan, L.R.C.P. & S.I.	The Superintendent, St. Brigid's Inebriate Reformatory, Wexford.	66	Female

TABLE II.

A List showing the County Authorities which have made arrangements with existing Institutions for the reception of cases sent from Courts within their districts.

County Authorities.	Institution.	County Authorities.	Institution.
*Carlow County Council. Cork County Borough Council. Cork County Council. Dublin County Borough Council. Dublin County Council. Kerry do. Kildare do. Meath do. Roscommon do. Tyrone do. Waterford County Borough Council. Waterford County Council. *Westmeath do. Wexford do.	St. Patrick's Reformatory, Waterford.	Antrim County Council. *Belfast County Borough Council. Cavan County Council. Cork do. Cork County Borough Council. Dublin County Council. Galway do. Kerry do. Kildare do. King's do. Limerick do. Meath do. Roscommon do. Tipperary (North Riding) do. Tyrone County Council. Waterford do. *Waterford County Borough Council. Westmeath County Council. Wexford do. Wicklow do.	St. Brigid's Reformatory, Wexford.

* The numbers in these cases are limited.

TABLE III.

Showing the number of Persons admitted to St. Patrick's Reformatory each year since it was opened.

Reformatory.	Under Section I.								Under Section II.								Totals.
	1906.		1907.		1908.		1909.		1906.		1907.		1908.		1909.		
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
St. Patrick's, Waterford.	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	18	—	25	—	34	—	87

APPENDIX A.

TABLE IV.

Showing particulars of sentences and the number of cases committed from each County since the opening of St. Patrick's Reformatory.

PLACE OF CONVICTION.			SENTENCES PASSED.							County Totals
County.	Assizes, County and Borough Quarter Sessions.	Summary Jurisdiction Courts.	3 years	2½ years.	2 years.	1½ years.	1½ years.	1 year.	6 months.	
Cavan, ...	—	Belturbet, ...	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Do., ...	—	Swanlinbar, ...	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
Clare, ...	—	Ennis, ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Do., ...	—	Ennistymon, ...	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Do., ...	—	Kildysart, ...	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Do., ...	—	Killaloe, ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Cork, ...	—	Clonakilty, ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Do., ...	—	Mallow, ...	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Do., ...	—	Timoleague, ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Donegal, ...	—	Moville, ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Do., ...	—	Strabane and Lifford, ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Down, ...	—	Portaferry, ...	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	3
Dublin City, ...	Commission of Oyer and Terminer.	—	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Dublin, ...	County Quarter Sessions,	—	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Do., ...	—	Dundrum, ...	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Do., ...	—	Howth, ...	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Do., ...	—	Rathfarnham, ...	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	4
Fermanagh, ...	—	Letterbreen, ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Galway, ...	Loughrea Quarter Sessions	—	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Kerry, ...	—	Dingle, ...	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Do., ...	Killarney Quarter Sessions	—	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Do., ...	—	Killarney, ...	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Do., ...	—	Killorglin, ...	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Do., ...	—	Tarbert, ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Do., ...	—	Tralee, ...	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	7
Kilkenny, ...	—	Graiguen, ...	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Do., ...	—	Kilkenny, ...	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	4
Limerick, ...	—	Kilfinane, ...	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Do., ...	—	Limerick, ...	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Do., ...	—	New Palles, ...	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	7
Louth, ...	—	Dundalk, ...	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	3
Meath, ...	—	Navan, ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Monaghan, ...	Assizes, ...	—	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Do., ...	—	Clones, ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Queen's, ...	—	Abbeyleix, ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Do., ...	—	Mountmellick, ...	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Do., ...	—	Mountrath, ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Roscommon, ...	—	Ballaghaderreen, ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Do., ...	—	Boyle, ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Do., ...	—	Castlereagh, ...	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Do., ...	—	Roscommon, ...	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Do., ...	—	Strokestown, ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Tipperary, ...	—	Borrisoleigh, ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Do., ...	—	Carrick-on-Suir, ...	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Do., ...	—	Cashel, ...	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Do., ...	Clonmel Quarter Sessions,	—	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Do., ...	—	Fethard, ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Do., ...	—	Newport, ...	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	10
Do., ...	—	Tipperary, ...	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Tyrone, ...	—	Castlederg, ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Do., ...	—	Fintona, ...	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Do., ...	—	Omagh, ...	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Waterford, ...	Quarter Sessions, ...	—	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Do., ...	—	Callahane, ...	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Do., ...	—	Tramore, ...	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	6
Do., ...	—	Waterford City, ...	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Wexford, ...	—	Enniscorthy, ...	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Do., ...	—	Gorey, ...	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	5
Do., ...	—	Wexford, ...	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
TOTALS, ...			39	-	20	1	-	26	1	87

APPENDIX A.

TABLE V.

Details of Committals under Section I. of the Inebriates Act, 1898, during the year 1909.

Number on Register.	Court.	Offence (in addition to Offence of Habitual Drunkenness).	Sentence.	
			Prison.	Reformatory.
—	—	—	—	—

TABLE VI.

Details of Convictions under Section II. of the Inebriates Act, 1898, each year since St. Patrick's Reformatory was opened.

Year.	Found guilty of being a Habitual Drunkard, of having been at least three times convicted of drunkenness during the previous 12 months, and on a subsequent offence of being				
	While drunk guilty of disorderly behaviour.	Found drunk in a public place.	Found drunk on licensed premises.	Found drunk in charge of a vehicle.	Total.
1906, ...	1	8	—	—	9
1907, ...	5	12	1	—	18
1908, ...	5	20	—	—	25
1909, ...	6	25	1	2	34
Totals, ...	17	65	2	2	86

TABLE VII.

Details of the Ages of all Cases admitted to St. Patrick's Reformatory each year.

Year.	Sex.	16 Years and under 21.	21 Years and under 30.	30 Years and under 40.	40 Years and under 50.	50 Years and under 60.	60 Years and upwards.	Total.
1906,	Males, ...	—	2	3	3	1	—	9
	Females,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1907,	Males, ...	—	1	6	6	6	—	19
	Females,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1908,	Males, ...	1	5	8	3	6	2	25
	Females,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1909,	Males, ...	1	7	9	10	6	1	34
	Females,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals,		2	15	26	22	19	3	87

TABLE VIII.

General Conduct of the Committals each year.

Year.	Number of persons who could be described as—				
	Well-behaved.	Manageable.	Troublesome.	Very troublesome.	Total.
1906, ...	8	—	1	—	9
1907, ...	15	1	3	—	19
1908, ...	23	1	1	—	25
1909, ...	23	4	3	4	34
Totals, ...	69	6	8	4	87

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APPENDIX A.

TABLE IX.

Details as to Marriage of Patients committed each year.

Year.				Married.	Single.	Widowed.	Total.
1906,	...	...	...	2	7	—	9
1907,	...	...	...	6	11	2	19
1908,	...	...	...	5	18	2	25
1909,	...	...	...	4	27	3	34
Totals,				17	63	7	87

TABLE X.

DETAILS AS TO EDUCATION.

Number of cases amongst Admissions each year who could—

Year.				Neither Read nor write.	Read and Write imperfectly.	Read and Write well.	Superior Education.	Total.
1906,	...	...	...	2	5	2	—	9
1907,	...	...	...	3	7	6	3	19
1908,	...	...	...	10	5	9	1	25
1909,	...	...	...	8	17	8	1	34
Totals,				23	34	25	5	87

TABLE XI.

Showing the number of Inmates sent each year from the Certified to the State Inebriate Reformatory, Lunatic Asylums, and Prisons.

Reformatory.	Transferred to State Inebriate Reformatory.					Sent to Lunatic Asylums.					Committed to Prison for serious breach of Regulations.				
	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.	Total.	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.	Total.	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.	Total.
St. Patrick's, Waterford, ...	—	1	3	2	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2

TABLE XII.

Showing the disposal on 31st December, 1909, of all Persons who had been committed to St. Patrick's Certified Reformatory previous to that date.

Discharge.		Out on Licence.	Absconded and not Recovered, December 31st, 1909.	In Lunatic Asylums.	In Prison.	Died during Sentence.	Remaining under detention, 31st December, 1909.		Total.
Expiry of Sentence.	By order of Lord Lieutenant.						In State Reformatory.	In Certified Reformatory.	
28*	—	17	—	—	—	2†	1	39	87

* Including two cases discharged owing to their Committal Warrants having been invalid.

† Died while out on Licence.

Daily average number of inmates under detention,	35
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APPENDIX C.

Tables relative to Retreat established and licensed under the Inebriates Acts, 1879-1900.

TABLE I.

Particulars of Retreat, and Patients admitted thereto, during each Year since 1903.

Year.	Number of Retreats Licensed.	Number of Beds available for Patients under the Act.	Number of Patients admitted under the Act.			Number of Patients admitted privately (not under the Act).			Total number of Patients treated in Licensed Institution during each year.
			M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	
1903, ...	1	14*	—	6	6	—	—	—	6
1904, ...	1	14*	—	19	19	—	—	—	19
1905, ...	1	14	—	15	15	—	—	—	15
1906, ...	1	14	—	12	12	—	—	—	12
1907, ...	1	16	—	13	13	—	—	—	13
1908, ...	1	16	—	8	8	—	—	—	8
1909, ...	1	16	—	9	9	—	—	—	9

* Licensed for 15.

TABLE II.

Particulars of Retreat under Licence, and Patients admitted thereto, during the Year, 1909.

Name and situation.	Name of Licensee.	Date of Licence or Renewal of Licence.	Patients under the Act.							Total accommodation provided under the Act and otherwise.
			Number for which licensed.	Sex.	Number remaining on 31st December, 1908.	Number admitted during the year 1909.	Number discharged during the year 1909.	Deaths during the year 1909.	Number remaining on 31st December, 1909.	
The Lodge, Irwin Avenue, Strandtown, Belfast.	Miss Rachel Clarke,	6th August, 1907.	16	Female	7	9	5	—	11	16

TABLE III.

Number of "Private Patients" admitted to Licensed Retreat during the Year 1909.

NAME OF RETREAT.	Number under Treatment 31st December, 1908.	Number Admitted during the year 1909.	Number Discharged during the year 1909.	Deaths during the year 1909.	Number Remaining 31st December, 1909.	Average Term of Residence of all Private Patients.
The Lodge, Irwin Avenue, Strandtown, Belfast.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

APPENDIX C.

TABLE IV.

Showing an Analysis of the Periods for which Patients entered Retreat under the Act each year since 1903.

Year.	2 Years.	21 Months.	18 Months.	15 Months.	12 Months.	10 Months.	9 Months.	6 Months.	5 Months.	4 Months.	3 Months and less.	Total.
1903, ...	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	3	—	—	*1	6
1904, ...	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	16	—	—	—	19
1905, ...	1	—	—	—	7	—	—	7	—	—	—	15
1906, ...	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	9	—	—	—	12
1907, ...	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	8	—	—	—	13
1908, ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	7	—	—	—	8
1909, ...	2	—	—	—	4	—	—	3	—	—	—	9
Total, ...	3	—	—	—	25	—	—	53	—	—	1	82

* Exceptional case.

TABLE V.

Particulars concerning Patients under the Act Discharged from Retreat during the Year 1909.

How Discharged.	Remarks.	Number.	Total.
Efflux of Time, ...	—	—	5
Under Section 15, ...	(By order of the Lord Lieutenant). ...	—	—
Do. 18, ...	(By order of a Judge in Chambers), ...	—	—
Do. 12, ...	(By order of a Justice on the request of the Licensee of the Retreat).	—	—
	Urgent private affairs requiring patient's presence elsewhere ...	—	—
	Refractory conduct, rendering continued residence detrimental to the interest of other patients and to the general welfare of the Retreat, ...	—	—
	Ill health rendering further detention inadvisable, ...	—	—
	Total discharged, ...	—	5

