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PERTINENT POINTS

University of Illinois and State Normal School enrollments between 1917 and 1924 outran appropriation increases, while the penal and charitable institutions showed increases in appropriations unaccompanied by corresponding increases in institutional population.

Maintenance appropriations to penal and charitable institutions increased almost five times as fast as the increase in the number of inmates during the period.

Maintenance appropriations to penal institutions increased forty percent during the same period, while the number of inmates decreased.

Maintenance appropriations to charitable institutions increased sixty percent, or twenty percent more than the penal appropriations. Accompanying this increase, however, was a twenty percent increase in number of inmates.

The Public School Fund (Distributive Fund) increased five times as fast as the enrollment of pupils in the elementary and secondary schools.

In the Normal Schools, the increase in maintenance appropriations was much slower than the increase in enrollment of students.

Maintenance appropriations for the University increased less rapidly than the increase in enrollment of students in that institution.

For each \$100 of maintenance appropriations in 1917-18 for—

Penal Institutions.....	there were \$137 in 1925-26
Charitable Institutions.....	" " 185 in 1925-26
The School Distributive Fund.....	" " 199 in 1925-26
Normal Schools.....	" " 155 in 1925-26
University of Illinois.....	" " 189 in 1925-26

For each 100 of population or enrollment in 1917 in—

Penal Institutions.....	there were 91 in 1925
Charitable Institutions.....	" " 122 in 1925
Public Schools.....	" " 121 in 1925
Normal Schools.....	" " 147 in 1925
University of Illinois.....	" " 240 in 1925

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PREFACE

One of the purposes of the organization of the Bureau of Business Research was to study, among other things, economic conditions as they exist within this State. The present study of the appropriations made for the principal social service activities of the State since the adoption of the Administrative Code in 1917 is undertaken in pursuance of this purpose. It presents a comparison of the population of the State penal and charitable institutions, and of the enrollment in the school system, together with a comparison of the maintenance appropriations by the State of Illinois for these institutions. Four similar studies of related subjects have already been issued by the Bureau.

The data on which the tables and charts of this study are based come from official reports, and it is hoped that the study may prove more readable to most people than the voluminous official departmental reports are likely to be. For this reason, it may not be too much to expect that such tables, as are here given, may be the means of awakening here and there a greater interest in the social work this State is doing and of leading to a broader understanding of the nature and growth of the demands upon public funds.

Acknowledgment is made of the Bureau's indebtedness to the public officials of the State for their ready response to requests for information and for guidance through the published reports.

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