

that shall come before your honorable bodies. In the natural growth of affairs the State has been compelled to meet those necessities and we are recognizing more and more the duty the State owes to its dependent insane, feeble-minded, the poor and unfortunate in our hospitals and asylums, as well as the education of our boys and girls. We are erecting fine buildings for their care, but that is done from money arising from bond issues, while the maintenance of those institutions, necessarily much more expensive as their usefulness and capacity expands, must be borne from the general Treasury. Consider the increased appropriations to the State Board of Health with those of a few years ago, the Public Service Commission, the appropriation of \$300,000 per annum to State-aided roads, and the many other appropriations. I am not uttering one word of negation thereto, for I fully recognize the importance of them all, but how will the State maintain the pace it is going upon the present revenues? It cannot be done.

The question naturally arises as to the proper solution of the problem. If our revenues increased in the ratio of our expenditures, of course the question would be easily answered, or if our appropriations could be diminished or maintained at the present level without impairment to the best interest of the State, the problem would likewise be readily solved. To levy a tax for maintenance, other than road maintenance, I conceive, will never be seriously considered. That class of property upon which such a tax would fall is now already overburdened. Hence, the State must look for increased revenue from some indirect source, or sources, which is now escaping its fair and just proportion. It will be my pleasure to submit later on in these remarks some measures from which, in my judgment, additional revenues could be obtained that would more equitably distribute the burden of taxation.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Your attention is invited to Statement "B," exhibiting in detail the expenses of the State government, in which will be found the character of disbursements, the Acts of Assembly authorizing the same, together with amounts so paid, ag-