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‘A distinct advance on anything yet  
done for the feeble-minded children  
of Australia’?

Kew Children’s Cottages, 1887-  
1907

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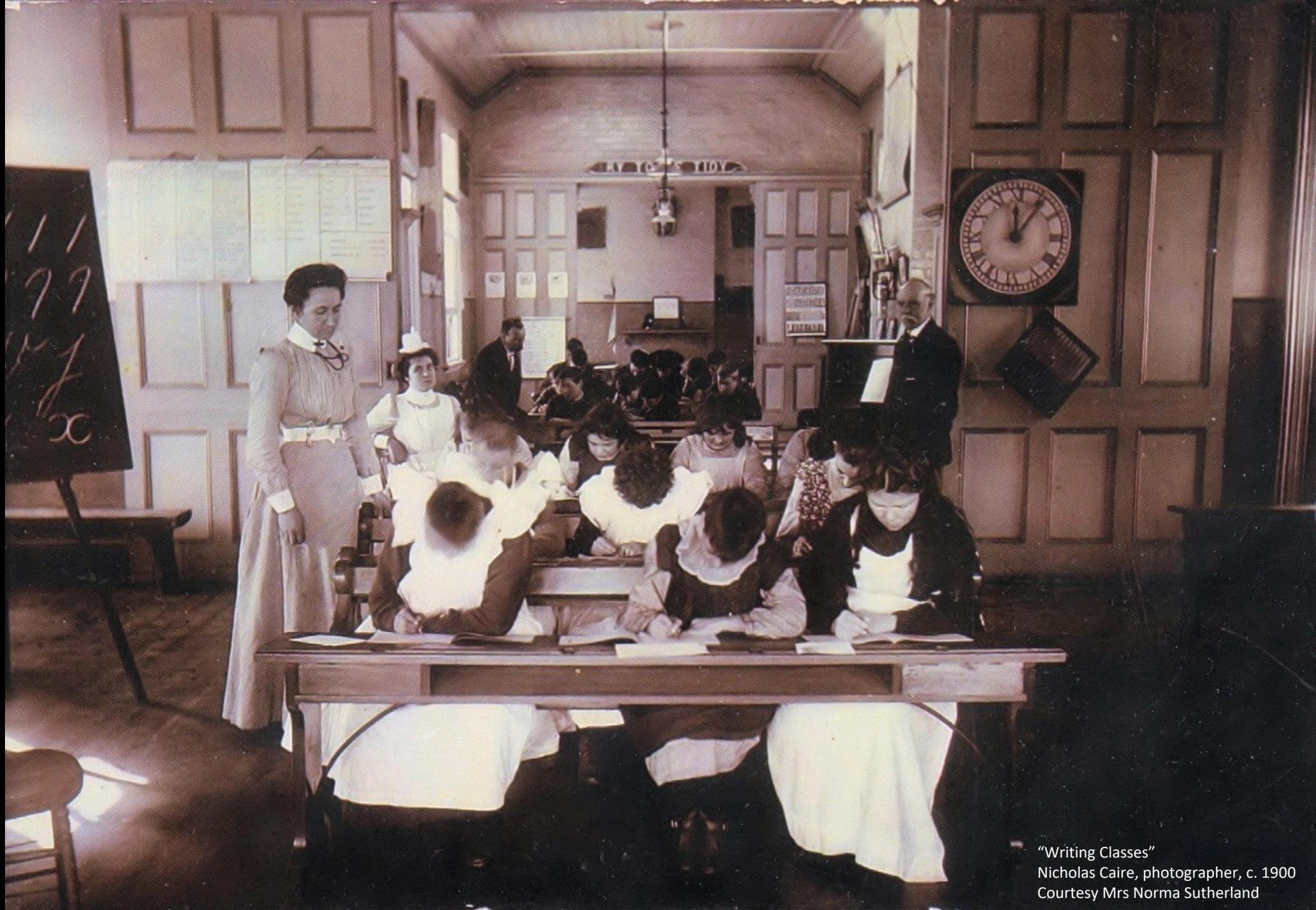
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"Idiot Asylum, Kew"

Nicholas Caire, photographer, c. 1900

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the Victorian Mental Health Library and Photograph Collection



"Writing Classes"  
Nicholas Caire, photographer, c. 1900  
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"At Drill between Cottage and School Room"  
Nicholas Caire, photographer, c. 1900  
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"Drill room"  
Nicholas Caire, photographer, c. 1900  
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"Mat making Class"  
Nicholas Caire, photographer, c. 1900  
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"Tailoring Class"  
Nicholas Caire, photographer, c. 1900  
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"Boot repairers at work"  
Nicholas Caire, photographer, c. 1900  
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"Collective singing: two hours entertainment given by the patients before many leading men of Melbourne"  
Nicholas Caire, photographer, c. 1900  
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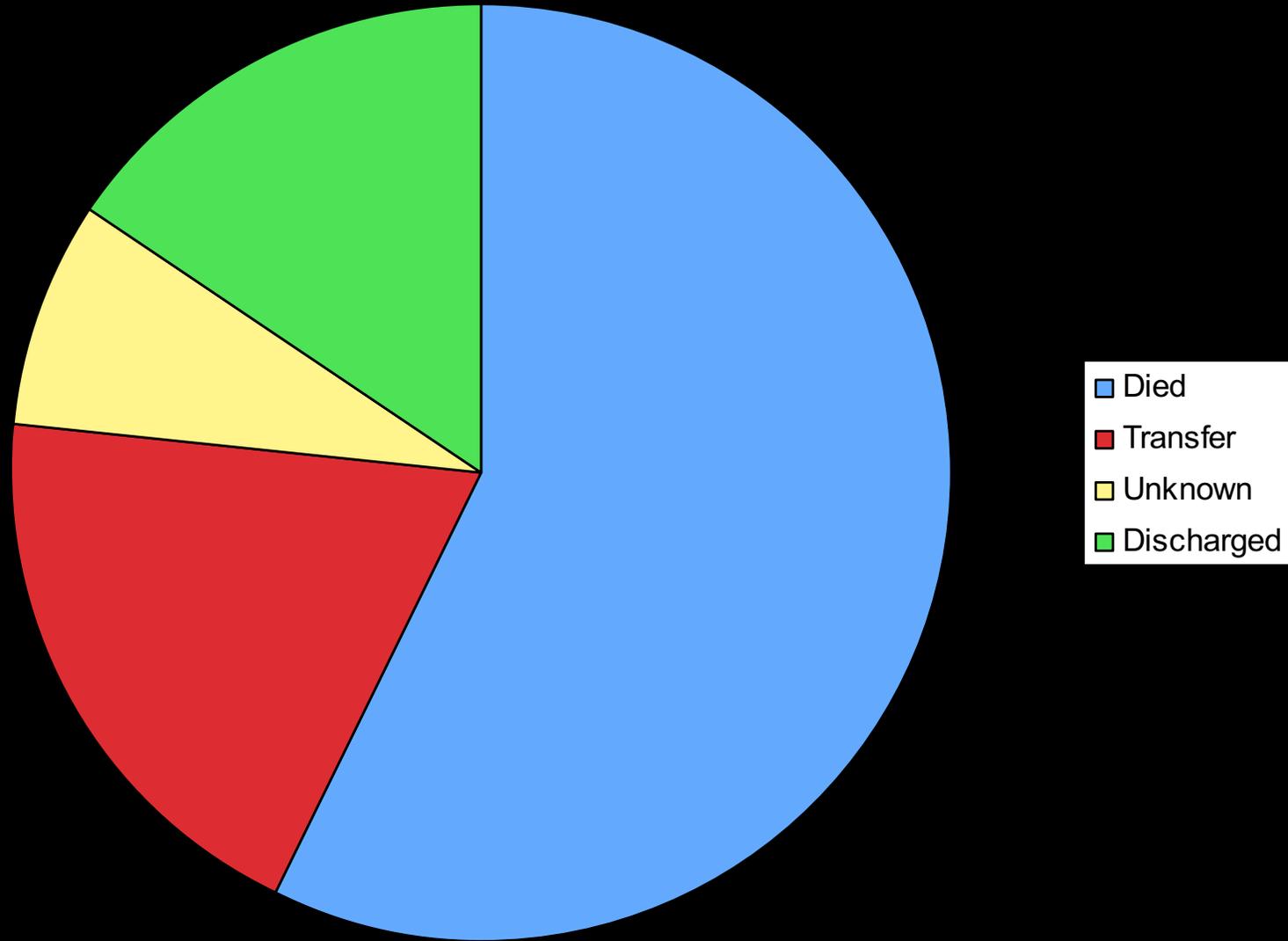
"Group of infants"  
Nicholas Caire, photographer, c. 1900  
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"Dining room"

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Showing the 'destination' of patients admitted between 1887-1907