From the 1930 register where the former school, if any, of the pupil is given, it is clear that there was a much larger floating population than in 1864. Of 100 children forty-five moved to other suburbs and five to the country. Was it the effect of the Depression? There were by now several high and technical schools in Melbourne; fifteen of the hundred went on to them. And a glance at some of the later registers shows how the population later became stabilized. Up to 1959 many children came from other schools, after 1960 very few. This was probably the result of the disappearance of the rented house; people were building their own homes in Bentleigh and staying in them.

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Some fifty or sixty years ago there stood on the corner of Charman Road and Coape Street, Cheltenham a house called "Ulupna" which was known as "Miss Harcourt's Lunatic Asylum." Its patients were probably all women. They would sometimes be seen in the street, one or two at a time and always handcuffed to a nurse. The house contained some padded cells with heavily barred windows from which sometimes fearful sounds came. And there were some escapes. Once a patient who got away climbed hopefully on to a drayload of cabbages going to market but was discovered by the driver and returned to 'Ulupna." Another hid in an empty tank beside a cottage at the corner of Charman and Balcombe Roads. Mr. Geum, the owner of the cottage heard a banging in the night, took a lantern and investigated and was greeted by a cry of "Peepoh!" from the occupant of the tank. Another escape was more tragic. A woman got away, ran down to the cliff at the end of Charman Road and threw herself on to the beach. Though badly injured she staggered back to "Ulupna" where it seemed that shock had restored her sanity. However, she died that night.

And to prove once more that there's nothing new under the sun. Here's a quotation from "Victoria and its Metropolis," published in 1888, and referring to the outer Melbourne suburbs, including Moorabbin - "These regions have formed the principal hunting grounds for the army of land speculators, whose operations have made this year notable for an enormous inflation of land values, to the enrichment of the fortunate owners of property in the districts under notice."