

care for these unfortunates involves large sums of money. On my recommendation to provide for this care, the 1939 Legislature appropriated \$1,463,000 for construction at the four hospitals for the mentally ill and the school for the feeble-minded. This was an increase of \$813,000 over the amount appropriated for this purpose by the 1937 Legislature during the previous administration.

The maintenance budgets to these institutions were also increased from \$1,900, 838 to \$1,939,895 in 1940, or \$39,057 and to \$1,991,842 in 1941, or a total increase of \$91,004. These appropriations for construction and additional maintenance provided 300 additional beds for white patients, 200 additional beds for colored patients, and 100 additional beds for the feeble-minded. In addition to this hospital construction, funds were provided for necessary heat, light, water and sewerage services, of which the institutions were sorely in need, and without an extension of which it would have been impossible to care for the additional patients. At the Spring Grove and Crownsville State Hospitals, new units have been started which are the first steps in a planned and orderly development of these institutions to meet future needs.

We feel that a step forward has been accomplished in the treatment of mentally ill patients by making available funds to board in private homes certain patients who can be released from the hospitals. These hospitals have been operated economically, but the standard of medical and nursing care is uniformly good. The latest discoveries in the treatment of mental diseases are being used when experience has demonstrated their value. Generally speaking, the salaries paid employees in these institutions are not too high, and some turnover in employment has resulted. With the Salary Standards Board, I am making a study of this situation with the view to determining what adjustments are or may be necessary.

The hospitals for the care of those suffering from tuberculosis are, as you know, in charge of Dr. Victor F. Cullen, one of the ablest administrators in the entire Country. Dr. Cullen has achieved the very difficult result of economical administration and excellent care for the patients. On my recommendation, the 1931 Legislature appropriated \$15,000 for the construction and equipment of a surgical unit at the Mt. Wilson Sanatorium. Twenty-six beds were provided for in this project, which will enable the latest surgical procedures to be administered to those patients who will benefit from this form of treatment. The results indicate that more prompt recoveries can be effected by the use of lung surgery in these cases.

The accepted standard for adequate hospital care is based on the availability of one bed for every death from tuberculosis occurring in the State. On this basis, we have now a complete hospitalization program for white patients. Formerly, the situation was not so favorable with respect to the colored population. We lacked sufficient hospital beds. Fortunately the 1939 Legislature appropriated money for the construction of an additional hospital with a capacity of 100 beds at Henryton. Facilities at this institution will then permit care of 546 patients and will give for the State as a whole one bed for each death from tuberculosis in the colored population. It can properly be stated that with this construction the building program for the care of the tuberculars is completed.