

so received for board and tuition shall be applied in the maintenance of said institution; and all such idiotic, imbecile or feeble-minded persons who have been, or who shall hereafter be received into said institution free of charge, upon the presentation of a certificate of the orphans' court or county commissioners shall be taken and regarded as wards of the State of Maryland, and all such persons shall remain in the care, custody and control of the visitors of said institution, and the visitors of said institution are hereby authorized to retain all such persons in their care, custody and control at said institution, until such time as in the judgment of said visitors, or a majority of them, the welfare of such persons and the public interest shall justify or call for their release or discharge therefrom, unless otherwise discharged by due process of law.

As to the Maryland and Springfield Hospitals, see art. 44.

1904, art. 59, sec. 40. 1894, ch. 562, sec. 5.

47. It shall be the duty of said visitors when they have the means and facilities at command for so doing to divide said asylum and training school into two distinct departments, one educational, the other custodial. All feeble-minded persons in said institution who are capable of improvement shall be placed in the educational department and shall be taught the rudiments of a common school education, as far as practicable, in connection with culture in manual and industrial occupations, with a view to secure future usefulness and self-support. The custodial department shall be an asylum for such feeble-minded persons in said institution as shall not be capable of improvement by school instruction and who shall require extraordinary surveillance and care.

Ibid. sec. 41. 1894, ch. 562, sec. 6.

48. Said board of visitors when they shall have sufficient funds at their disposal to provide a proper building or buildings and suitably equip the same for the purpose shall establish a department for the care and treatment of epileptic children, and shall be authorized to receive the same upon the same terms and conditions they receive other feeble-minded children, and the said visitors shall have full power and authority to make all necessary rules and regulations to govern the admission of epileptic children and for the control and management of such epileptic department as they shall deem for the best interest of the institution and the welfare of its inmates.

Ibid. sec. 42. 1894, ch. 562, sec. 7.

49. The sum of thirteen thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be required, is appropriated per annum to be paid to the said board of visitors for the use of the said asylum and training school and for the support and maintenance thereof.*

*For special appropriations for the Maryland School for the Feeble-Minded, see acts 1908, ch. 89, and 1910, ch. 7 (p. 1410).