

practically complete, since the State will then have one hospital bed for every death. This is the standard and means that ample hospital facilities are available for all cases of tuberculosis. The number of cases and the death rate from tuberculosis are both declining which will, it is believed by the authorities, offset the tendency toward a large number of cases due to an increase in the population.

Plans for the future contemplate the construction of a fireproof hospital building at the Sanatorium at Sabillasville. The beginning of this project I will recommend in the budget and it is highly gratifying that during this administration our State approaches the culmination of a project started many years ago to give adequate hospital care to tubercular patients, not only saving the lives of many who have been treated in these institutions, but removing from families and immediate contacts foci of infection which, in all likelihood, would increase the spread of the disease.

Your body at the 1939 session gave full recognition to the needs of those among our citizens who are mentally afflicted, by appropriating a total of \$1,463,000 to provide housing for 500 additional patients at Spring Grove Hospital, Eastern Shore State Hospital, and Crownsville State Hospital. These buildings have either been completed, or are now under construction, and will be a tremendously helpful addition to our facilities for the care of mentally diseased patients.

There are four mental disease hospitals and one training school for the feeble-minded. The present populations of these institutions are as follows:

Springfield State Hospital	2,900 patients
Spring Grove State Hospital	2,030 patients
Eastern Shore State Hospital.....	450 patients
Crownsville State Hospital.....	1,423 patients
Rosewood State Training School	1,189 patients

It has been the policy for many years, in accordance with the resolution passed by the Legislature, to care for indigent insane in State hospitals. Records for some years past have demonstrated the need for providing for 200 additional white cases each year and 100 additional colored cases. These figures represent the net increases in the populations of the institutions. Further recommendations which will be made in the budget will place the physical plants of the hospitals in a condition to receive the necessary number of patients and to give them adequate treatment.

The following improvements have been made at the various institutions in the past two years:

Springfield State Hospital—A new building for the treatment of tuberculosis was placed in operation, so that all white tubercular insane are now cared for in this special hospital. Hydro and physio-therapy facilities were installed. Additional quarters for employees were constructed. Power plant facilities were extended to assure adequate service to all the buildings. An affiliate school of nursing for student nurses of general hospitals was established. The entire farm of the institution was set up as a non-erosion project in cooperation with the Federal Government.

Spring Grove State Hospital—Two cottages for female patients were completed, with a capacity of 100 beds. The hospital now has its full quota of physicians, all of whom are well-trained psychiatrists.