

Home of the Friendless.

890. The Justices of the Peace for Baltimore City may commit to or the Supervisors of Charities may place in the care and charge of the Home of the Friendless, instead of sending to the almshouse, all children, whether male or female, who are destitute or suffering for want of support, or who may be found begging about the streets of the City, or who are children of beggars.

891. The Home of the Friendless, and the managers thereof, subject to the powers hereinbefore in this Article conferred on the Supervisors of City Charities, may retain the said children under their care until they shall be eighteen years of age, or for any shorter period, and may bind them out for a time not to exceed the age of eighteen years in the case of females, and of twenty-one years in the case of males, as apprentices to learn any trade or business, or in the case of females, also to learn to be useful in housewifery, or may under terms proper, in view of the said managers, and to be stipulated by them, place them for adoption, or as inmates with any families or persons; and the said corporation in the exercise of any of the powers vested in them by this section, of binding or placing out said minors, shall not be limited to places within the State.

892. All instruments binding or placing out said children shall be in writing, signed by the president and at least two managers of said corporation, and by the persons taking the children as apprentices or otherwise, and shall be acknowledged by the person signing the same before a Justice of the Peace for Baltimore City, and within six months from the date thereof recorded in the office of the Register of Wills of said City.

893. If any parent or guardian or any Judge of the Orphans' Court of Baltimore City, or any Justice of the Peace for said City shall place under the care and control of the Home of