

the Friendless, any child, whether male or female, under the age of eighteen years, of the description of children hereinbefore mentioned, or as suffering through the extreme indigence or vagrancy or bad habits or neglect of parents, or from cruelty of intemperate parents, or as being illegitimate, or children of persons out of the State without sufficient sustenance, the said corporation and the managers thereof shall hold and control such children, with power to bind or place them out as hereinbefore provided, subject, however, to the powers hereinbefore in this Article conferred on the Supervisors of City Charities.

894. Any constable or police officer of said City, upon application of any manager of the Home of the Friendless, or of his own accord, may carry before any Judge of the Orphans' Court for said City, or any Justice of the Peace, any child of the description mentioned in the preceding section, to be dealt with as therein provided.

Protestant Infant Asylum.

895. The Protestant Infant Asylum of Baltimore City, a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of this State, subject to the powers as hereinbefore in this Article conferred upon the Supervisors of City Charities, is authorized and empowered to receive into its custody, care and control, all such foundlings and orphans and other destitute infants under the age of four years as shall be committed, by instrument of writing, under the hand of the party so committing to its keeping, by the parents, guardians or others having the right of disposition, or by any Orphans' Court or Justice of the Peace of this State (if of the class of children whom such Court or Justice could lawfully bind out as apprentices, which commitment to the said Protestant Infant Asylum of Baltimore City such Orphans' Courts and Justices are hereby empowered to make), and retain under its care, charge and restraint each of such foundlings and infant children so committed to its keeping until he or she shall have attained the full