

SOCIO-ECONOMICAL STATE OF «MENTALLY DEFFICIENT» IN RUSSIA (THE END OF XVIII CENTURY– 1917)

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The decree of Katherine II «The approval of the orders of public care»

- has legalized the work of the following institutions: public schools, orphanages, hospitals, hospices, asylums and houses for terminally ill
- in reality – only a few houses for mentally disabled were opened

Russian Revolutionary Democratic Movement of the 40s– 60s

- Was headed by: Gercen, Belinsky, Chernyshevsky, Dobrolyubov and others.
- Has determined a new progressive direction in all public views
- Dobrolyubov's article «Students with slow understanding» (one of the first in Russian history of oligophrenopedagogy)

Dobrolyubov «Students with slow understanding»

- «Slow learners» (cannot keep up with the rest of the class):
 - analytical and synthetical brain disorders are discovered
 - educational inactivity
 - slow perception
 - dispersed understandings
 - difficulties in summarizing
 - inability to reasoning
- For such children special institutions should be established.

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