

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD.

GENERAL ORDER: Amended Regulations (Consolidated):—

THE METROPOLITAN ASYLUM DISTRICT.

FEVER AND SMALL POX ASYLUMS.

To the Board of Management of the Metropolitan
To the Guardians of the Poor of the several unions
and parishes comprised in the said district;
Asylum District;

And to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS the Poor Law Board, by two Orders under their seal, dated the 23rd day of December, 1870, taken in connexion with another Order of the said Board dated the 18th day of June, 1867, prescribed certain Rules and Regulations to be observed by the Board of Management of the Metropolitan Asylum District in regard to the government of the asylums provided by the said Board of Management, situated at Homerton, in the parish of Hackney, in the county of Middlesex, and at Stockwell, in the county of Surrey, for the reception of poor persons infected with or suffering from fever or small pox, and also in regard to the appointment and duties of the officers of such asylums, and the admission and treatment of poor persons therein;

And whereas by an Order dated the 17th day of June, 1871, the Poor Law Board prescribed further Rules and Regulations with regard to officers of the said asylums, and also ordered that the provisions of the two first above-recited Orders and of that Order, as well as the provisions of an Order of the Poor Law Board dated the 28th day of November, 1870, in regard to accounts, should, as far as they were applicable, apply to the officers or other persons appointed for temporary asylums provided by the said Board of Management for poor persons infected with or suffering from fever or small pox;

And whereas it is expedient that the said Rules and Regulations should be rescinded as herein-after mentioned, and others issued in their stead:

Now therefore, we, the Local Government Board, in pursuance of the powers given by the statutes in that behalf, hereby rescind the under-mentioned Orders to the extent herein-after specified; provided that any appointment made or other act done under those Orders shall not be thereby affected:—

The whole of the two Orders above recited, dated the 23rd day of December, 1870:

The under-mentioned articles in the above-recited Order dated the 18th day of June, 1867—namely, Arts. 27, 31, 32, 33, 34, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 46, 47, 48, 53, and 56, so far as they apply to officers of asylums provided or appropriated by the said Board of Management for the reception of poor persons infected with or suffering from fever or small pox:

The sections numbered 1, 2, 3, and 5, in the above-recited Order dated the 17th day of June, 1871, so far as they apply to the asylums last mentioned, and the section numbered 4 in the same Order, so far as it applies to temporary asylums provided or appropriated for the same classes of persons.

And we hereby order that the following Rules and Regulations shall henceforth be observed in regard to each of the said asylums, and all other asylums provided or appropriated, either permanently or temporarily, for the same classes of persons.

Section I.—*Explanation of Terms.*

Art. 1. In this Order all words importing the masculine gender shall be deemed and taken to include females, and the singular to include the plural and the plural the singular, unless the contrary as to gender or number is expressly provided.

The term "Steward" in this Order shall be deemed to apply to and include the person now holding the office of House Superintendent at the Asylum.

Section II.—*Admission.*

Art. 2. The paupers to be admitted into any asylum provided or appropriated for fever patients shall be such only as are infected with or suffering from fever, and the paupers to be admitted into any asylum provided or appropriated for small pox patients shall be such only as are infected with or suffering from small pox.

Art. 3. Every pauper, whether upon his first or any subsequent admission into an asylum, shall, subject to the provisions of Art. 4, be admitted upon an order, filled up and signed by a relieving officer or a master of a workhouse of the union or parish from which he is sent to the asylum, according to the Form (A.) in the Schedule to this Order.

The order of admission shall be accompanied by a certificate in the Form (B.) in the Schedule to this Order, signed by the medical officer (either of the workhouse or district, as the case may be) of the union or parish to which the pauper is chargeable; which certificate such medical officer is hereby required to give, upon the request of the master of the workhouse or of the relieving officer, in every case in which after due examination he may find that the pauper is a fit person for admission to the asylum.

Art. 4. If any person present himself at an asylum without the order and certificate required by Art. 3, and the Medical Superintendent be satisfied that the person is suffering from fever or small pox, and is in such a condition that a refusal to admit him without such order and certificate might be attended with dangerous results, the Medical Superintendent may admit such person, and the Steward shall thereupon give notice in writing of such admission, accompanied by a written statement of the circumstances of the case, to the Guardians of the union or parish in which the person last passed the night, if such union or parish be included in the Metropolitan, or if it be not included in the Metropolitan, then to the Guardians of the union or parish in which the asylum is locally situated.

Art. 5. Any person admitted into an asylum under Art. 4 shall be treated as sent from the union or parish in which he last passed the night, if such union or parish be included in the Metropolitan, or if it be not included in the Metropolitan, then from the union or parish in which the asylum is locally situated; and every such person shall be subject in all respects to the regulations of the asylum as if he had been in the first place admitted with the usual order.

Art. 6. No pauper shall be admitted under any order if the same bear date more than two days before the pauper, or some one acting on his behalf and in his company, presents it at the asylum.

Art. 7. Immediately on admission, the pauper shall be placed in the ward appropriated to the reception of paupers, and shall, as soon as possible, be examined by the Medical Superintendent of the asylum.

Art. 8. After examining the pauper, the Medical Superintendent shall give whatever directions he may deem proper as to the cleansing and clothing of the pauper, and shall specify the particular part of the asylum to which he is to be removed; and such directions shall be promptly and strictly carried into effect.

Art. 9. The clothes worn by the pauper at the time of his admission shall be forthwith disinfected or otherwise dealt with as may be directed by the