

GENERAL ORDER of the Local Government Board:—

Regulations for the Metropolitan Infirmary for Children, Margate.

To John Weekly, the Proprietor of the Institution known as the Metropolitan Infirmary for Children, situate at Dane Hill, Margate, in the county of Kent;—

To the Boards of Guardians of the several Unions and separate Parishes in the Metropolis, and of the several other Unions in the counties of Berks, Essex, Kent, Middlesex, and Surrey;—

And to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the 12th year of the reign of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria, it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for administering the laws for relief of the poor in England, and they are thereby required, from time to time, as they shall see occasion, to make and issue all such rules, orders, and regulations for the management and government of any house or establishment wherein any poor person shall be lodged, boarded, or maintained, for hire or remuneration, under any contract or agreement entered into by the proprietor, manager, or superintendent of such house or establishment, or on his behalf, with any guardians, overseers, or other persons having the ordering or management of the poor in any Union or Parish, or for the education of any poor children therein, in like manner and to the same extent as the said Commissioners are by law empowered to do in the case of any Workhouse belonging to any Union or Parish; and that all such rules, orders, and regulations shall have the like effect as other rules, orders, and regulations of the said Commissioners, and shall be obeyed accordingly, with the like penalties on any neglect or disobedience thereof, to be enforced upon summary conviction, as penalties under the Act of the fifth year of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act for the amendment and better administration of the Laws relating to the Poor in England and Wales," may now be enforced;

And whereas it is by the said Act also enacted that the said Commissioners may, from time to time, issue any order which they may deem necessary for regulating the mode in which any contract shall be entered into for the lodging, boarding, or maintenance of any poor person with the proprietor, manager, or superintendent of such house or establishment as aforesaid, or the terms or the duration of any such contract; and if, after the issuing of any such order, any contract or agreement be entered into with such proprietor, manager, or superintendent, or any person on his behalf, not in accordance with such order, the same shall be voidable, and if the said Commissioners shall so direct, the same shall be void and of no effect;

And whereas there is an establishment known as the Metropolitan Infirmary for Children, situate at Dane Hill, Margate, in the county of Kent, of which establishment John Weekly is the proprietor, and which is provided for the reception and treatment of pauper children afflicted with scrofulous, cutaneous, or other diseases, and requiring the benefits of residence at the sea-side and sea-bathing;

And whereas the Local Government Board deem it expedient that rules, orders, and regula-

tions should be made for the management and government of the said Establishment.

Now therefore, we, the Local Government Board, in pursuance of the powers given to us in that behalf, hereby order and declare that from and after the twenty-fifth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty, the following rules and regulations shall come into operation and be observed with respect to the said Establishment:—

#### *Contracts.*

ART. 1. All contracts or agreements to be entered into by the Proprietor with the Guardians of any Union or Separate Parish for the reception, treatment, and maintenance of children in the Establishment, shall be according to the Form (No. 1.) in the Schedule to this Order; or in some Form to the like effect.

#### *Admission and Discharge.*

ART. 2. Every pauper child who shall be admitted into the said Establishment, either upon his first or any subsequent admission, shall be admitted upon an order signed by the Clerk to the Guardians of the Union or Parish from which he is sent according to the Form (No. 2.) in the Schedule to this Order. But no such order shall be given unless a Medical Officer of such Union or Parish has previously examined such child, and signed the certificate at the foot of such Form.

ART. 3. No child shall be admitted from any Union or Parish unless a contract in the Form (No. 1.) prescribed in the Schedule to this Order, or to the like effect, shall have been entered into between the Proprietor and the Board of Guardians of such Union or Parish for the reception, treatment, and maintenance of children.

ART. 4. The Proprietor shall not admit into the Establishment, or retain therein, a larger number of children than that from time to time fixed by the Local Government Board; and in case such number shall at any time be exceeded, the fact of such excess shall forthwith be reported to the Local Government Board by the Medical Officer of the Establishment.

ART. 5. When any child, in the opinion of the Medical Officer of the Establishment, is sufficiently recovered to be sent back to the Union or Parish from which he was sent, such Medical Officer shall make a written report of the case to the Proprietor, who shall communicate with the Guardians of such Union or Parish, in order that such child may be sent back accordingly.

#### *Classification.*

ART. 6. The children shall be classed, according to the nature of their diseases, or otherwise, as the Proprietor, with the advice of the Medical Officer of the Establishment, shall direct.

#### *Discipline and Diet.*

ART. 7. The clothing to be worn by the children shall be made of such materials as shall be approved of by the Medical Officer of the Establishment.

ART. 8. The children shall be dieted in accordance with the directions of the Medical Officer of the Establishment.

ART. 9. Each child shall have a bed to himself.