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CAP. XLIII.

An Act to provide for the Education and Maintenance of Pauper Children in certain Schools and Institutions. [17th *July* 1862.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that Facilities should be given to Guardians of the Poor to provide Education and Maintenance for poor Children in certain Cases where they are not empowered to do so by the Laws now in force: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same:

Power to Guardians to send poor Children to Schools.

1. That the Guardians of any Parish or Union may send any poor Child to any School certified as herein-after mentioned, and supported wholly or partially by voluntary Subscriptions, the Managers of which shall be willing to receive such Child, and may pay out of the Funds in their Possession the Expenses incurred in the Maintenance, Clothing, and Education of such Child therein during the Time such Child shall remain at such School (not exceeding the total Sum which would have been charged for the Maintenance of such Child if relieved in the Workhouse during the same Period),

Period), and in the Conveyance of such Child to and from the same, and, in the Case of Death, the Expenses of his or her Burial.

Poor Law Board to certify the School.

2. The Poor Law Board may, if they think fit, upon the Application in Writing of the Managers of any such School as aforesaid, appoint such Person as they shall deem proper to examine into the Condition of the School, and to report to the said Board thereon, and, if satisfied with such Report, that Board may, by Writing under the Hand of One of their Secretaries, certify that such School is fitted for the Reception of such Children or Persons as may be sent there by the Guardians, in pursuance of this Act; and it shall be lawful for the said Board, if at any Time they shall be dissatisfied with the Condition or Management of such School, by Notice addressed to the Managers, and signed as aforesaid, to declare that the Certificate is withdrawn from and after a Day to be specified therein, not less than Two Months after the Date thereof.

Poor Law Board may order Children to be removed from School.

3. If the Poor Law Board shall be of opinion that any Person is aggrieved by any Child being so sent or kept at such School as aforesaid, the Board may order any such Child to be removed, and the Guardians shall forthwith cause such Child to be removed from the School, and every Engagement previously entered into for the Payment of the Charges of such Child shall thereupon cease, and become void for the future.

School to be open to Inspection.

4. Every School wherein any such Child shall be received shall be open to the Visitation and Inspection of any Inspector appointed by the Poor Law Board, and he shall be empowered to make any Examination into the State and Management of the same which he shall deem requisite, and the Condition and Treatment of the said Children therein, and shall make his Report thereon to the said Board; and the Guardians by whom any Child may have been sent to any such School as aforesaid may from Time to Time appoint any one of their Body to visit and inspect such School, and such School shall at all reasonable Times be open to such Visitation or Inspection.

Guardians to bring back Child to Parish or Union.

5. The Guardians may at any Time, at their Discretion, and shall, upon the Requisition of the Managers of the School, or upon the Withdrawal of the Certificate, as herein provided, cause any such Child to be removed from any such School, and brought back to their Parish or Union.

Description of Child to be sent to School.

6. No Child shall be sent to such School unless he or she be an Orphan, or deserted by his or her Parents or surviving Parent, or be

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One whose Parents or surviving Parent shall consent to the sending of such Child to the said School.

Continuance in School not to be compulsory.

7. Nothing herein contained shall enable the Guardians to keep any Child in any School against the Will of such Child, if above the Age of Fourteen, or of the Parents or surviving Parent of such Child, whatever be the Age of the Child.

Charge of Expenses how to be borne.

8. The Expenses incurred by the Guardians in respect of any Child under this Act shall be charged to the same Fund and in the same Manner as the Relief otherwise supplied to such Child would be charged.

Child not to be sent to certain Schools herein named.

9. No Child shall be sent under this Act to any School which is conducted on the Principles of a Religious Denomination to which such Child does not belong.

Interpretation of "School."

10. The several Words used in this Act shall be construed as in the Act of the Fourth and Fifth Years of *William* the Fourth, Chapter Seventy-six; and the Word "School" shall extend to any Institution established for the Instruction of blind, deaf, dumb, lame, deformed, or idiotic Persons, but shall not apply to any certified Reformatory School.

Extent of Act.

11. This Act shall not extend to *Scotland* or *Ireland*.

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