

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, ENGLAND.
BOARDING OUT.

REGULATIONS OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, DATED 11TH JUNE, 1921, AS TO BOARDING OUT OF CHILDREN FROM CERTIFIED INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS UNDER SECTION 53 OF THE CHILDREN ACT, 1908 (8 EDW. 7, c. 67).

Whereas section fifty-three of the Children Act, 1908, provides that the Managers of a certified industrial school to which a child under the age of eight years is sent may, with the consent of the Secretary of State, board the child out with any suitable person until the child reaches the age of ten years and thereafter for such longer period, with the consent of the Secretary of State, as the Managers consider to be advisable in the interests of the child, subject to the exercise by the Managers of such powers as to supervision, recall, and otherwise as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State.

Now I, the Right Honourable Edward Shortt, the Secretary of State for the Home Department, hereby make the following regulations:--

1. When a child under the age of eight years is committed by a court to a certified industrial school, the Managers of the school to which the child is committed shall, unless they consider that it is in the interest of the child that he should be detained in the school, arrange to board the child out with a suitable person, hereinafter called the "foster-parent."

2. No child shall be boarded out without the consent in writing of the Secretary of State.

3. The Secretary of State's consent shall be authority for the boarding out of a child until the age of ten unless a lower age is specified in any particular case.

4. If when the child reaches the age of ten the Managers decide that in the child's interests it is desirable that he should continue to be boarded out, application for the Secretary of State's consent shall again be made. Such further consent shall be authority for the boarding out of the child until he reaches the end of the period for which he was ordered to be detained unless a lower age is specified in any particular case.

5. The Managers of the school may, with the consent of the Secretary of State, recall a child who is boarded out to the school to which he was originally committed if the conduct of the foster-parent or child is unsatisfactory or if for any other reason it is in the interests of the child that he shall be so recalled.

Provided that the Managers shall have power to recall such child to the school temporarily for not more than one month for the purpose of boarding out the child with another foster-parent or for other special reasons.

6. The Managers shall recall a boarded-out child to the school to which he was originally committed if so required by the Secretary of State.

7. The name and address of the foster-parent with whom it is proposed to board out the child and any subsequent change in the address of a foster-parent or any transfer from one foster-parent to another shall be immediately notified to the Chief Inspector of Reformatory and Industrial Schools.

8. No more than three children shall be boarded out with the same foster-parent except in the case of brothers and sisters or of special

permission being given by the Secretary of State.

9. No child shall be boarded out with any foster-parent who has more than three children living with him.

10. No child shall be boarded out without a written undertaking from the foster-parent setting forth the remuneration to be paid to the foster-parent and the responsibilities of the foster-parent as to the feeding, clothing, training, education and supervision of the child.

RELIGIOUS PERSUASION.

11. The Managers shall when practicable arrange to board out a child with a foster-parent belonging to the religious persuasion of the child as specified in the detention order.

VISITING.

12. Where a number of children are boarded out in the same area the Managers may appoint a committee consisting of not less than three qualified persons, one of whom shall be a woman, who shall visit, by one or more of their members, each child at least once in every three months and make such other arrangements as may be entrusted to them for the care and supervision of the children.

13. Where no such Committee is appointed each child shall be visited at least once in every three months by the Superintendent or a member of the staff of the school to which the child was committed by the court or by some other qualified representative duly appointed by the Managers for the purpose.

14. A boarded-out child may be visited at any time by any of H.M. Inspectors of Reformatory and Industrial Schools.

15. A report on the prescribed form of each child boarded out shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State within twelve months after the child was boarded out and thereafter annually.

MEDICAL CARE.

16. The Managers shall arrange that medical attention, including dental treatment when required, shall be available for each child boarded out. Any case of serious illness or physical defect shall be reported to the Chief Inspector of Reformatory and Industrial Schools.

Every child shall within a month of his being boarded out be carefully examined by the doctor who will be responsible for his medical attention, and a full report of such examination shall be forwarded to the Managers and left on record.

EDUCATION.

17. The Managers shall see that proper provision is made for the education of every child boarded out until he has passed the age for elementary instruction. Except in special cases the child shall attend the public elementary school in the district where he resides, and when he has passed the age for elementary instruction provision shall be made for such continued education as may be suitable to the case.

DISPOSALS.

18. When a child has reached the age at which he is no longer required to attend a public elementary school the Managers shall consider the question of placing the child in suitable employment, either from the home of his foster-parent or by transferring him, if necessary, to another foster-parent.