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An Act to amend the Law as to the School Attendance of Children employed in Print Works.

[22d *July* 1847.]

8 & 9 Vict c. 29.

WHEREAS it is expedient that so much of an Act passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Her Majesty, intituled *An Act to regulate the Labour of Children, young Persons, and Women in Print Works*, as relates to the School Attendance of Children employed in Print Works, should be amended: Be it 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, That those Parts of the said Act which in the Copies thereof printed by the Queen's Printer are printed as separate Clauses, and severally numbered XXIII., XXIV., and XXV., and also so much of the Schedule annexed to the said Act marked (A.) as relates to Certificates of School Attendance, shall be repealed from and after the First Day of *August* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and forty-seven; provided, that all Certificates given before the said First Day of *August* shall be as valid as if this Act had not been passed, and all Offences committed before the said First Day of *August* against any of the Enactments hereby repealed shall be dealt with and punished as if this Act had not been passed.

Sections 23, 24, and 25, and Part of Schedule (A.) of recited Act repealed.

Schoolmaster to keep a Register of Children's Attendance.

II. And be it enacted, That the Master of any School which shall be attended by Children employed in a Print Work shall keep a Register of their Names and Attendance, and if the Inspector of the District shall disapprove of the Form of Register adopted by the Schoolmaster it shall be kept in such other Form as the Inspector may direct.

Occupiers of Print Works to obtain Certificate from Schoolmaster of Child's Attendance at School.

III. And be it enacted, That after the said First Day of *August* the Occupier of every Print Work shall, before employing any Child therein, obtain from a Schoolmaster a Certificate, according to one of the Forms and according to the Directions given in the Schedule marked (A.) to this Act annexed, that such Child had attended School for at least Thirty Days and not less than One hundred and fifty Hours during the Half-year immediately preceding the First Day of the Employment of such Child, or if it shall have left the said Print Works and shall be again employed therein, the said School Attendance shall have been during the Half-year immediately preceding the First Day of such Re-employment, and such School Attendance shall be after the Hour of Eight of the Clock in the Morning, and before the Hour of Six of the Clock in the Evening; but no Attendance of less than Two and a Half Hours on any one Day shall be reckoned as any Part of the said One hundred and fifty Hours, nor shall any Attendance on any one Day for more than Five Hours be reckoned for more than Five Hours; and a like Certificate shall be obtained at the Beginning of each Period of Six Calendar Months during which the Employment of such Child shall be continued in that Print Work; and such Occupier shall keep every such Certificate so long as such Child shall continue in his Employment for Twelve Calendar Months after the Date thereof, and shall produce the same to any Inspector or Sub-Inspector when required during such Period.

Certificate to be given according to Schedule.

IV. And be it enacted, That from and after the said First Day of *August* the Forms of Certificates of School Attendance of Children employed in Print Works shall be in one of the Forms given in the Schedule marked (A.) annexed to this Act.

Acts to be construed together.

V. And be it enacted, That this Act and the said Act as amended by this Act shall be construed together and as one Act.

Act may be amended, &c.

VI. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in this Session of Parliament.

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SCHEDULE to which the foregoing Act refers.

SCHEDULE (A.)

I.—Form of School Certificates for One Child.

I HEREBY certify, that the Child *A.B.*, Son [*or* Daughter] of *C.D.* and *E.F.*, residing in attended the School kept by me at for the Number of Hours and at the Time on each Day specified in the Columns opposite to his [*or* her] Name.

During the several Weeks ending the Day, Month, and Year stated in the First Column.

Week ending Saturday.			Monday.		Tuesday.		Wednesday.		Thursday.		Friday.		Saturday.		Total No. of Hours during this Week.	Signature of Schoolmaster.	Date of signing.
Day.	Month.	Year.	From	To	From	To	From	To	From	To	From	To	From	To			

No Part of the School Attendance certified shall be valid for a longer Time than Six Months after the Date of such Attendance; and if a Child for whom this Form of Certificate has been given shall cease to be employed in the Print Work to the Occupier of which such School Certificate was delivered, the Child's Parent, or any Person having direct Benefit from the Wages of such Child, shall be entitled on Demand to have the said Certificate restored to him.

II.—FORM of SCHOOL CERTIFICATE which may be used when Two or more Children employed in the same Print Work attend the same School.

I HEREBY certify, That the Children whose Names are under-written, employed in the Print Work of at in the Parish of and County of attended for the Number of Hours and at the Time specified in the Columns opposite to their respective Names, at the School kept by me at in the Parish of and County of

During the Week ending on Saturday the Day of 18 .

Child's Name.		Monday.		Tuesday.		Wednesday.		Thursday		Friday.		Saturday.		Total No. of Hours during this Week.
Surname.	Christian Name.	From	To	From	To	From	To	From	To	From	To	From	To	

Signed Schoolmaster.

This Day of 18 .

GENERAL DIRECTIONS APPLICABLE TO BOTH FORMS.

In the Columns headed with the Days of the Week, the Hours of Attendance shall be stated; as thus, from Nine to Twelve, or, from Two to Five, or any other Time, as the Case may be; and the Schoolmaster shall, in his own Handwriting, fill up the Date when the Week ends during any Part of which the Child shall have attended his School.

The Hours of School Attendance, or the Word "absent," shall be stated in the Column for each Day, in the Handwriting of the Schoolmaster; and no Certificate shall be valid, unless the Schoolmaster shall in his own Handwriting subscribe to it his Christian and Surname in full, affixing the Date when he signs the same.

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