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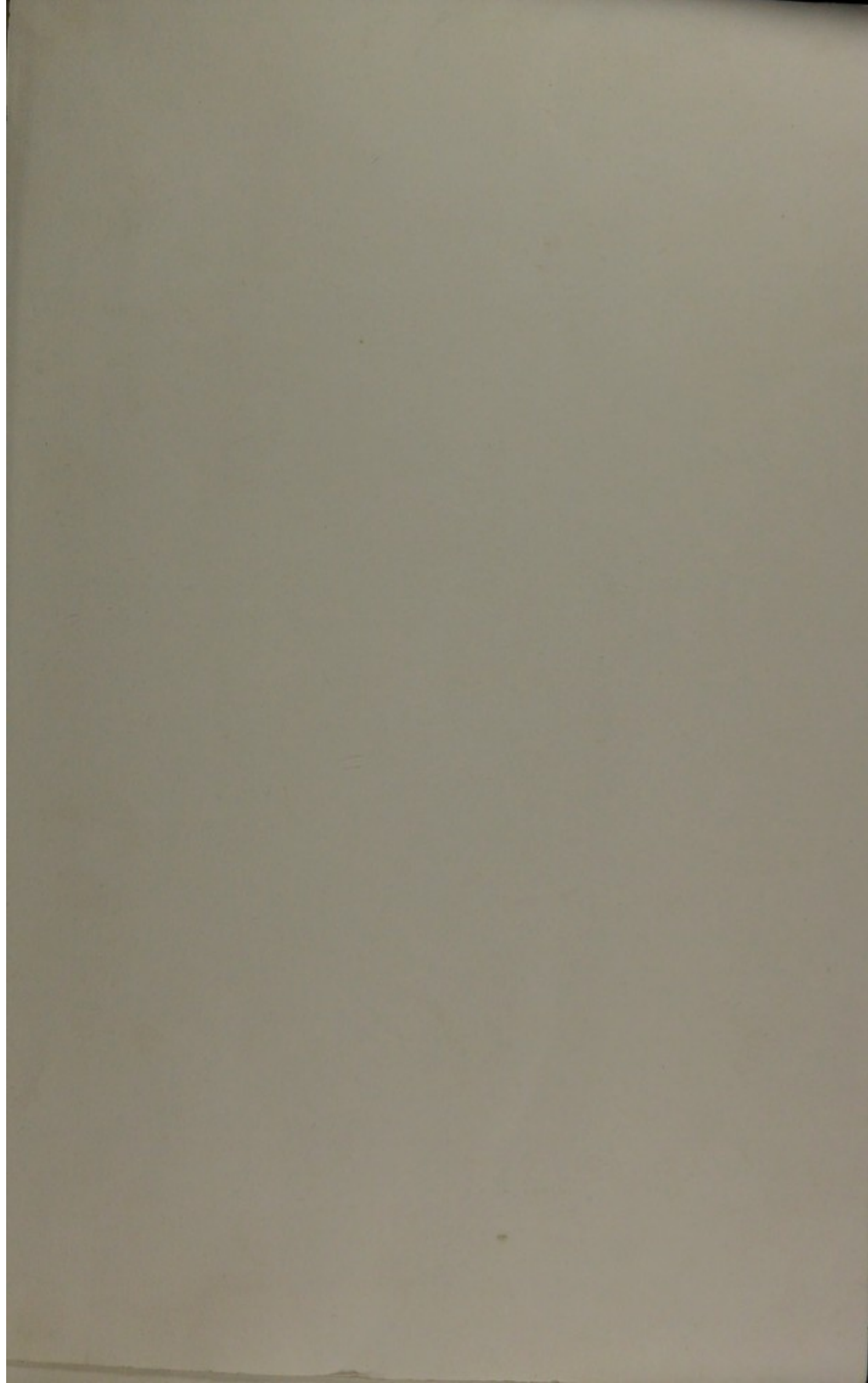
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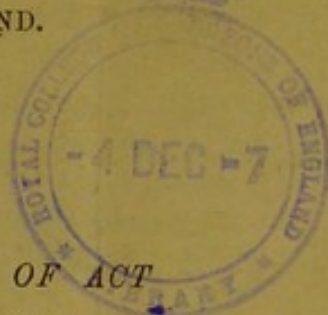
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# INEBRIATES ACT, 1898.

## Regulations for Visiting Committees of State Inebriate Reformatories in Ireland.

By the Lord Lieutenant-General and General Governor  
of Ireland.

CADOGAN.

WE, George Henry, Earl Cadogan, Lord Lieutenant-General and General Governor of Ireland, in pursuance of the powers vested in Us by the Inebriates Act, 1898, and of all other powers thereunto enabling Us, do hereby make the following regulations for Visiting Committees of State Inebriate Reformatories in Ireland:—

1. The visiting committee shall continue to hold office until their successors have met and taken over their duties. Tenure of office.
2. Each visiting committee shall, at their first meeting, appoint a chairman and make rules as to their attendance at the reformatory for the purpose of carrying out the duties assigned to them. Chairman and rules.
3. A visiting committee and the members thereof may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body. Powers not affected by vacancies.
4. Every visiting committee shall keep a book of minutes of their proceedings, in which all minutes shall be recorded. Minutes.
5. They shall meet as a committee at the reformatory once in each month or, if the committee pass a resolution that for reasons specified in the resolution less frequent meetings are sufficient, not less than eight times in the year. Monthly meetings at reformatory.
6. One or more of them shall visit the reformatory once in each week, or if the committee resolve that for reasons specified in the resolution fortnightly visits are sufficient, then once in each fortnight. Weekly visits to reformatory.
7. No member of the visiting committee may have any interest in any contract made in respect of any reformatory of which he is on the visiting committee. Interest in contracts.
8. The visiting committee shall co-operate with the General Prisons Board in promoting the efficiency of the service, and shall make inquiry into any matter specially referred to them by the Lord Lieutenant or the Board, and report their opinion thereon. Co-operation with Board.
9. The visiting committee shall take care that any abuses in connection with the reformatory which come to their knowledge, are brought to the notice of the Board immediately, and in case of urgent necessity they may suspend any officer of the reformatory until the decision of the Board is made known. Duties as to abuses.
10. The visiting committee shall hear and adjudicate on any report made by the governor of the misconduct or idleness of any inmate. Duties as to misconduct or idleness.

Duties as to inmates under mechanical restraint.

11. If the governor represents to them that he has, in case of urgent necessity, put an inmate in irons or under other mechanical restraint, and that it is necessary that the inmate be so kept for more than twenty-four hours, they may authorize the detention by order in writing, which shall specify the cause thereof and the time during which the inmate is to be so kept.

Duty to supply information.

12. The visiting committee shall furnish such information with respect to the offences reported to them, and the punishments they award, as may from time to time be required by the Board or the Lord Lieutenant.

Duties as to complaints by inmates.

13. They shall hear and investigate any complaint which any inmate may desire to make to them ; and, if necessary, report the same, with their opinion, to the Board, or take such steps with regard to the matter as they may be directed to take.

Duties as to injuries caused by discipline or treatment.

14. They shall attend to any report which they receive as to the mind or body of any inmate being likely to be injured by the discipline or treatment to which he is subjected, and shall communicate their opinion to the Board. If the case is urgent they shall give such directions thereon as they deem expedient communicating the same to the Board.

Duties as to inmates' diet.

15. They shall frequently inspect the diets of the inmates, and if they find that the quality of any article does not fulfil the terms of the contract under which it is supplied, they shall report the circumstances to the Board, and note the same in their minute book, and the governor shall thereupon take such steps as may be immediately necessary to provide the inmates with suitable food.

Power to inspect books.

16. They may inspect any of the books of the reformatory.

Power to dispense with attendance at Divine Service.

17. They may, on application from any inmate, dispense with his attendance at Divine Service on Sundays and other days.

Powers as to visits to inmates.

18. They may, in any case of special importance or urgency, allow an inmate an additional visit or letter, or prolong the period of a visit.

Duties as to industrial employment of inmates.

19. They shall assist the Board with advice and suggestions as to the industrial employment and occupation of inmates.

Duties as to library books.

20. They shall assist the Board in the selection of library books for the use of inmates. All demands for such books must be submitted to them by the chaplains through the governor, for their approval, before being sent to the Board.

Duties as to application for change of religion.

21. They shall investigate and decide on any application from an inmate to change his religion. Before granting such an application, they must satisfy themselves that it is made from conscientious motives and not caprice or a desire to escape any reformatory regulations.

Powers as to lectures and addresses.

22. They may, subject to the approval of the Board, organise lectures and addresses in the reformatory, provided that they do not interfere with the necessities of discipline, and are directed to the moral improvement of the inmates.

23. They shall, so far as practicable, co-operate with the governor as to the classifying of first offenders. Duties as to first offenders.

24. They shall, as far as practicable, from time to time, satisfy themselves as to the operation of the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Societies connected with the reformatory, or any other agencies having for their object the welfare of inmates. Duties as to discharged inmates.

25. They shall inquire into the state of the reformatory buildings, and report to the Lord Lieutenant or to the Board with respect to any repairs or additions which may appear to them to be necessary. Duties as to reformatory buildings.

26. They shall inquire into the condition of reformatory labour, whether the industrial employments provided are sufficient, and of the kind most suitable for preparing inmates for earning their livelihood on release in their own localities. Duties as to reformatory labour.

27. They shall make an annual report at the beginning of each year to the Lord Lieutenant with regard to all or any of the matters referred to in these regulations, or to any other matters appertaining to the reformatory that they may deem expedient; and they shall, from time to time, make such reports to the Lord Lieutenant, or to the Board as they consider necessary concerning any matter to which, in their opinion, the attention of the Board should be called. Annual report.

28. They shall, before granting any permission which by the regulations they are authorised or required to grant, satisfy themselves that it can be granted without interfering with the security, good order, and government of the reformatory and inmates therein, and if after it has been granted its continuance seems likely to cause any such interference, or the inmate has abused the permission, or has been guilty of any misconduct, they may suspend or withdraw the permission. Conditions on which permissions may be granted by visiting committee.

29. Before granting any permission for any purpose to any inmate by authority of the regulations applicable to the class to which the inmate belongs, the governor shall satisfy himself that it can be granted without interfering with the security, good order, and government of the reformatory and the inmates therein, and if, after it has been granted, its continuance seems likely to cause any such interference, or the inmate has abused such permission, or has been guilty of any misconduct, he may suspend or withdraw such permission. Further, where such permission has been granted by the visiting committee, he may, in the like circumstances, suspend it if the case is urgent, provided that he reports the suspension within 24 hours to them. He shall enter in his journal all cases where such permission has been granted, suspended, or withdrawn, stating the reasons. Conditions on which permissions may be granted or suspended by governor.

30. They are requested to give such assistance as may be in their power towards securing the proper disposal of any gratuities Duties as to gratuities earned by inmates.

which may be earned by inmates, especially in places where there is no Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society, according to such instructions as may from time to time be issued.

General  
duties.

31. The visiting committee shall also discharge such other duties as are assigned to them in the special regulations for inmates.

Powers of  
visiting com-  
mittee as to  
offences  
against  
discipline.

32. If any inmate is charged with any serious or repeated offence for which the punishment the governor is authorised to inflict is deemed insufficient, or is charged with any of the offences mentioned in this regulation, the governor shall, without loss of time, report the same to the visiting committee, or one of them, who is empowered, after inquiry into the same on oath, to determine concerning any matter so reported, and to order the offender to be punished. The offences referred to above are—

- (1.) Personal violence to a fellow inmate.
- (2.) Grossly offensive or abusive language to any officer or servant of the reformatory.
- (3.) Wilfully or wantonly breaking the reformatory windows, or otherwise destroying the reformatory property.
- (4.) When under punishment, wilfully making a disturbance tending to interrupt the order and discipline of the reformatory.
- (5.) Any other act of gross misconduct or insubordination requiring to be suppressed by extraordinary means.
- (6.) Escaping or attempting to escape from reformatory.

33. The visiting committee, or one of them, may order an inmate to be punished by—

Punishment  
which may be  
imposed by  
visiting  
committee.

- (a.) Close confinement for a period not exceeding 14 days.
- (b.) No. 1 diet for ill-conducted and idle prisoners for a period not exceeding 15 days, with intervals as laid down in the rules for dietaries for local prisons.
- (c.) No. 2 diet for ill-conducted and idle prisoners for a period not exceeding 42 days, with intervals as laid down in the rules for dietaries for local prisons.
- (d.) Reduction from a higher stage to a lower stage or postponement of promotion to a higher stage for a period not exceeding 28 days.

Given at His Majesty's Castle of Dublin, this 16th  
day of April, 1901.

By His Excellency's Command,

D. HARREL.

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