

CHAPTER IX.

An Act relating to Orphan Asylums.

March 1, 1866.

- SECTION 1. Any Orphan Asylum incorporated under laws of State to have control of all destitute children within the State under the age of twenty-one years.
2. Said Asylum to have control also of children whose parents are unable to provide for them.
 3. Orphan Asylum to have same power over children as parents and guardians, and may bind out to trades. Proper provisions inserted in indentures to secure an education for said children.
 4. When Act to take effect.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That any Orphan Asylum incorporated under the laws of this State may take and have the charge, custody and control of any destitute children within the State under the age of twenty-one years, whose parents are dead or under legal incapacity, or have abandoned or neglected to provide for such children, with the consent of the county commissioners or any two of the county commissioners of the county where such children at the time reside or are found, subject, however, to the duty on the part of such Orphan Asylum aforesaid properly to care and provide for such children while they exercise such charge, custody and control of them.

Powers of Orphan Asylum.

SEC. 2. That any Orphan Asylum aforesaid may also assume and have the charge, custody and control of any destitute children within the State under the age aforesaid, whose parents are from any cause incapacitated or unable to provide and care properly for such children, with the consent of the parents or either of the parents, subject to the duty specified in the foregoing section.

Asylum to have custody of destitute children.

SEC. 3. That any Orphan Asylum aforesaid shall possess the same authority and powers over the children in their charge and custody as parents and guardians possess over children subject to them, and

To have same powers as parents, &c.

may in their discretion bind out any such child to some suitable employment until such child, if a male, shall attain the age of twenty-one years, or if a female, the age of eighteen years, or for a shorter period.

But proper provisions shall in every case be made and inserted in the indentures by which such child shall be bound to service for securing an education proper and fitting for the condition and circumstances in life of such child. *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall prevent the proper judicial tribunals from awarding the custody of any orphan child to any person in its discretion.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 1, 1866.

CHAPTER X.

March 1, 1866.

An Act to authorize the Inspectors and Warden of the State Prison to lease the prison shops and labor of convicts for a term of years.

SECTION 1. Authorizes the Inspectors and Warden of State Prison to lease prison shops and let to service able-bodied convicts to lessee of prison shops.

2. Repeals all acts inconsistent with this act.
3. When Act to take effect.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Inspectors and
Warden to lease
shops, &c.

SECTION 1. The inspectors and warden of the State Prison are hereby authorized and empowered to lease the prison shops and such vacant ground as the inspectors deem proper; also, to let to service all able-bodied convicts confined within the prison to the lessee of the prison shops and fixtures, said leases to