

prenticed, unless circumstances may require this rule to be deviated from.

Regulations for  
Apprenticing  
Children.

XI. Children are to be retained in the Home until they are twelve years of age, unless a particularly good situation should offer for a child of an earlier age, when the case may be discretionary with the Managers. The friends of the children are allowed the privilege of procuring situations for them if they can do so on as favorable terms as the Managers. Subscribers to the Society shall always have the preference in the choice of apprentices. Children on attaining the age of twelve years may be apprenticed to such worthy Protestant families as give satisfactory evidence to the Managers, by the certificates of clergymen that they are proper persons to have charge of orphan children. They may also be apprenticed to any trade, provided the same satisfactory evidence be adduced regarding the character of those to whom they are to be bound. Each child on leaving shall be furnished with a copy of the Bible and Prayer Book, and be provided with a decent suit of clothes adapted to the season. No child shall be bound to a tavern-keeper or person keeping a boarding-house, and no female child shall be apprenticed to an unmarried man; and lastly, it shall be particularly covenanted and agreed that a written statement shall be transmitted once a year to the Secretary, of the welfare and condition of the child. Three months after the time of the several annual payments becoming due, if they are not then paid, notice shall be sent to the clergyman who recommended the person as a master, previous to enforcing the discharge of the debt. The Forms of Indenture of Apprenticeship are appended. (*Vide Report of 1857.*)

Yearly Sub-  
scription to be  
paid first

XII. The yearly subscription shall become due and payable on the first Tuesday in February in every