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Sect 2<sup>d</sup> It shall be the duty of the School committee to require teachers of the public schools of the town to use the best means at their command, to insure a constant attendance at school, but should any such Teacher fail to secure such attendance, and having such evidence as to cause belief that any member of the school between the ages of seven and sixteen years is an habitual truant, said teacher shall notify one of the School committee who together with one of the Truant Officer shall confer with the parent or guardian or person having charge of such offender, and shall endeavor to obtain assurance that such child shall return to school, and that the offence shall not be repeated and if they shall fail to obtain such assurance, such Truant Officer shall make complaint against such offender as an habitual truant before any Trial justice for within and for the County of Middlesex. But if the parent or guardian or person having charge of any truant, against whom complaint may have been made, shall before judgement upon such complaint, give to the School committee such assurance or pledge as shall be entirely satisfactory to them that such offence shall not be repeated, they may in their discretion direct the proceedings under such complaint to be suspended for a period not exceeding three months, and if during such suspension there be no repetition of the offence they may direct such complaint to be discharged and forever stayed.

Section 3<sup>d</sup> It shall be the duty of the Truant Officer, in addition to the duties prescribed in section second, to take cognizance of any child between the ages of seven and sixteen years, who may be found wandering about the streets of the