

And by the said 74th section, it is further enacted, that any of the following reasons shall be a reasonable excuse, namely:

1. That the child is under efficient instruction in some other manner.
2. That the child has been prevented from attending school by sickness or any unavoidable cause.
3. That there is no Public Elementary School open which the child can attend, within such distance (not exceeding three miles), measured according to the nearest road, from the residence of such child, as the Bye-laws may prescribe.

And by the said 74th section it is further enacted that any proceeding to enforce any Bye-law may be taken, and any penalty for the breach of any Bye-law may be recovered in a summary manner; but no penalty imposed for the breach of any Bye-law shall exceed such amount as with the costs will amount to five shillings for each offence, and such Bye-laws shall not come into operation until they have been sanctioned by Her Majesty in Council.

And whereas, by the 17th section of the said Act, it is enacted that every child attending a school provided by any School Board, shall pay such weekly fee as may be prescribed by the School Board, with the consent of the Education Department; but the School Board may, from time to time, for a renewable period not exceeding six months, remit the whole or any part of such fee in the case of any child, when they are of opinion that the parent of such child is unable from poverty to pay the same, but such remission shall not be deemed to be parochial relief given to such parent.

And whereas, by the 25th section of the said Act it is enacted that the School Board may, if they think fit, from time to time, for a renewable period not exceeding six months, pay the whole or any part of the school fees payable at any Public Elementary School by any child resident in their district, whose parent is in their opinion unable from poverty to pay the same, but no such payment shall be made or refused on condition of the child attending any Public Elementary School other than such as may be selected by the parent, and such payment shall not be deemed to be parochial relief given to such parent.

And whereas, by the 26th section of the said Act, it is enacted, that if a School Board satisfy the Education Department that, on the ground of the poverty of the inhabitants of any place in their district, it is expedient for the interests of education to provide a school at which no fees shall be required from the scholars, the Board may, subject to such rules and conditions as the Education Department may prescribe, provide such school, and may admit scholars to such school without requiring any fee.

And whereas, by the 36th section of the said Act, it is enacted that every School Board may, if they think fit, appoint an officer or officers to enforce any Bye-laws under this Act, with reference to the attendance of children at school, and to bring children who are liable under the "Industrial Schools Act, 1866," to be sent to a certified Industrial School, before two Justices, in order to their being so sent; and any expenses incurred under this section may be paid out of the School Fund.

And whereas, in pursuance of a requisition sent by the Education Department, to the Summoning Officer of the parish of Merthyr Tydfil, in the county of Glamorgan, a School Board for the

district of the said parish was duly elected on the 16th day of March, 1871.

Now, at a meeting of the School Board of the said parish of Merthyr Tydfil, duly convened and held at the Board Room of the Workhouse, in the said parish, on Friday, the 15th day of December, 1871, at which meeting a quorum of the members of such Board are present, the said Board do hereby, in pursuance of the aforesaid powers, and subject to the approval of the Education Department, make and ordain the following Bye-laws, to come into effect forthwith after the same shall receive the sanction of Her Majesty in Council.

PRELIMINARY.

Interpretation.

In these Bye-laws—

The term "Education Department," means the "Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education."

The term "Her Majesty's Inspectors," means "The Inspectors of Schools appointed by Her Majesty on the recommendation of the Education Department."

The terms importing males in these Bye-laws include females.

The term "School Board," or "Board," means The School Board for the district comprising the parish of Merthyr Tydfil.

The term "Merthyr Tydfil School District," or "School District," means The School District to which the School Board belongs.

The term "School," or "Public Elementary School," means a Public Elementary School as defined by the said Act, situate within the Merthyr Tydfil School District, and includes a free school, but not an Industrial School.

The term "Managers," includes all persons who have the Management of any Public Elementary School.

The term "Officer," means An Officer appointed by the Board, pursuant to the 36th section of the said Act.

The term "Parent," includes a Guardian, and every person who is liable to maintain, or has the actual custody of any child, but does not include the mother of a child when the father is living and is residing within the Merthyr Tydfil School District.

The term "Child," means a Child residing within the Merthyr Tydfil School District.

BYE-LAWS.

Attendance.

1. Subject as hereinafter mentioned, the parent of every child of not less than five years nor more than thirteen years of age, shall cause such child to attend a Public Elementary School, unless there be a reasonable excuse for non-attendance.

Any of the following reasons shall be deemed to be a reasonable excuse:—

1. That the child is under efficient instruction in some other manner.
2. That the child has been prevented from attending school by sickness or any unavoidable cause.
3. That there is no Public Elementary School open which the child can attend within two miles, measured according to the nearest road, from the residence of such child.
4. That the child is subject, for the time being, to the provisions of a statute or statutes for regulating the education of children in certain employments.