

where the parent satisfies the School Board that he is unable from poverty to pay the same.

- (4.) Imposing penalties for the breach of any Bye-laws.
- (5.) Revoking or altering any Bye-laws previously made.

Provided, that any Bye-law under this Section requiring a child between ten and thirteen years of age to attend school, shall provide for the total or partial exemption of such child from the obligation to attend school, if one of Her Majesty's Inspectors certifies that such child has reached a standard of education specified in such Bye-law.

*Reasonable excuses for Non-attendance.*

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.

*Penalties for breach of Bye-laws.*

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.

*Recital of Section 17, providing for payment of School Fees to School Board, and for Remission of Fees in case of Poverty.*

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.

*Recital of Section 36, authorizing School Board to appoint Officers to enforce Attendance at School.*

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.

*Recital of Election of School Board.*

And whereas, in pursuance of a requisition from the Education Department to the Clerk of the

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West Bromwich Union, in the county of Stafford, a School Board for the district of the parish of West Bromwich, was duly elected on the 7th day of March, 1871.

Now, at a meeting of the School Board of the said parish of West Bromwich, held at the Commissioners' Offices, New-street, in the said parish, on Tuesday the 25th day of July, 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:—

*Interpretation of Terms.*

I. The term "Education Department" means "The Lords of the Committee of 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 term "Parish of West Bromwich" or "Parish," means "The Parish of West Bromwich, for which a separate poor rate is made."

Terms importing "Males" include females.

The term "School Board" or "Board" means "The School Board of the District comprising the parish of West Bromwich."

The term "School" means either a Public Elementary School, or any other school at which efficient elementary instruction is given.

The term "Public Elementary School" means a School or Department of a School at which elementary education is the principal part of the education given, and at which the ordinary payments in respect of instruction do not exceed 9d. a week, and which is conducted in accordance with the regulations contained in the 7th Section of the Elementary Education Act.

The term "Managers" or "School Managers" means a body of Managers appointed by the Board, pursuant to the 15th Section of the said Act.

The term "Officer" means an officer appointed by the Board pursuant to the 36th Section of the Act.

The term "Parent" includes 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 lawful father is living and is residing within the parish.

*Requiring Parents to cause Children to attend School.*

II. The parent of every child residing within the School District of the parish of West Bromwich, shall cause such child, not being less than five, nor more than thirteen years of age, to attend school, unless there is some reasonable excuse for non-attendance. Any of the following shall be a reasonable excuse, viz:—

- (a.) That the child is under efficient instruction in some other manner.
- (b.) That the child has been prevented from attending school by sickness, or any unavoidable cause.
- (c.) 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.

*Proviso for total or partial Exemption from Attendance if Child has reached certain standards.*

Provided that in case one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools shall certify that any child