

IV.

In case one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools shall certify that any child between ten and thirteen years of age has reached the fifth standard of education mentioned in the New Code of Regulation of the Education Department, made on the 7th day of February, 1871, such child shall be totally exempt from the obligation to attend school.

V.

A child shall not be required to attend school:—

- (a.) If such child is under efficient instruction in some other manner.
 (b.) If such child has been prevented from attending school by sickness or any other unavoidable cause.
 (c.) If there is no Public Elementary School within a reasonable distance from the residence of such child.

The following scale of distances for children of different ages shall be held to be reasonable distances:—

- For children 5 and 6 years of age, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.
 " 7 " 8 " " 2 miles.
 " 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13, 3 miles.

The distance to be measured according to the nearest road from the residence of such child.

VI.

If the parent of any child satisfies the School Board that the reason that his or her child does not attend school is that he or she is unable from poverty to pay the school fees of such child, the School Board, in the case of a school provided by the Board, will remit the whole or such part of the fees, as, in the opinion of the Board the parent is unable to pay, for a renewable period to be fixed by the Board, not exceeding six calendar months.

VII.

Any person committing a breach of these Bye-laws, or any of them, shall, upon conviction, be liable to a penalty not exceeding five shillings, including costs, for each offence; provided always, that no person shall be liable to be convicted more than once in respect of acts of such negligence or non-observance occurring in one and the same week.

VIII.

These Bye-laws shall take effect from and after the day on which the same shall be sanctioned by Order in Council.

Sealed with the Corporate Common Seal of the School Board of the parish of Llangeinwen, this 5th day of July, 1872.

W. Williams, Chairman.

Sealed in the presence of

W. Lewis Ellis, Clerk.



AT the Court at *Balmora*, the 15th day of October, 1872.

PRESENT.

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the School Board of Coventry, appointed under "The Elementary Education Act, 1870," have, in virtue of the powers conferred upon them by the seventy-fourth section of that Act, with the approval of the Education Department, made certain Bye-laws,

bearing date the 8th of July, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, numbered 131.

And whereas all the conditions in regard to the said Bye-laws, which are required to be fulfilled by the said Act, have been fulfilled, and the said Bye-laws have been submitted for the sanction of Her Majesty in Council: Now, therefore, Her Majesty, having taken the said Bye-laws (copy whereof is hereunto annexed) into consideration, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to declare, and doth hereby declare, Her sanction of the same.

Edmund Harrison.

Bye-Laws referred to in the foregoing Order.

No. CXXXI.

THE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ACT,
1870.

BYE-LAWS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD FOR COVENTRY.

Preliminary.

KNOW all men by these presents, that at a meeting of the School Board for Coventry, duly convened and held at the Mayoress's Parlour, Saint Mary's Hall, in the city of Coventry, on Thursday, the 4th day of July, 1872, at which meeting a quorum of the members of such Board are present, the said Board do hereby, in pursuance of the powers to them given by the Elementary Education Act, 1870, and subject to the approval of the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education, make and ordain the following Bye-laws:—

Definition.

1. 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 term "School Board," or "Board," means "The School Board of the District comprising the city of Coventry, and any enlargement or extension of such District."

The term "School" means a Public Elementary School as defined by the Elementary Education Act, 1870, or any other school at which efficient elementary instruction is given.

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 father is living and is residing within the city of Coventry, and under no legal disability.

The term importing males in these Bye-laws includes females.

Requiring Parents to cause Children to attend School.

2. The parent of every child residing within the school district shall cause such child being not less than five nor more than thirteen years old, to attend school, unless there be some reasonable excuse for non-attendance.

The following shall be deemed such reasonable excuses:—

Specifying Reasonable Grounds of Non-attendance.

- (a.) Sickness or some other unavoidable cause, or cause which in the opinion of the Board is unavoidable.