

Determining time during which Children shall attend School.

3.—The time during which every child shall attend school shall be the whole time for which the school shall be open for the instruction of children of similar age, provided—

(a.) That nothing herein contained shall prevent the withdrawal by the parent of any child during the time or times in which any religious observance is practised, or instruction in religious subjects is given.

And that no child shall be required—

(b.) To attend school on any day exclusively set apart for religious observances by the religious body to which his or her parent belongs.

Provided also that any requirement herein contained shall not be held or construed to apply to any child employed in labour and receiving instruction in conformity with the provisions of the Factory Acts, or of the Workshop Regulation Act, 1867.

Provision for total or partial Exemption from Attendance, if Child has reached certain Standard.

4.—In case one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools shall certify that any child between ten and twelve years of age has reached the fifth standard of education mentioned in the New Code of Regulations of the Education Department, made on the 6th day of February, 1872, such child shall be totally exempt from the obligation to attend School, and any such child who has been so certified to have reached the fourth standard of education mentioned in the said Code shall be exempt from the obligation to attend school more than fifteen hours in any one week.

Specifying reasonable excuse for Non-attendance.

5.—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 unavoidable cause.

(c.) If there is no Public Elementary School, which such child can attend within two miles measured according to the nearest road from the residence of such child.

Providing for remission of School Fees in case of Poverty.

6.—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 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.

Providing that no proceeding be taken until after 14 days from service.

7.—No proceeding against any parent for breach of these Bye-laws, or any of them, shall be taken until after the expiration of fourteen days from the service of a notice in a form to be prescribed from time to time by a resolution of the Board, nor until such parent has had an opportunity of attending a meeting of the Board, or of a committee thereof, to state his or her reasons for not complying with the said notice.

Penalty for breach of Bye-laws.

8.—Any person committing a breach of these Bye-laws, or any of them, shall be subject to a

penalty not exceeding two shillings and sixpence, provided that all breaches of these Bye-laws by a parent in one and the same week, shall be deemed one offence, and that no penalty imposed for the breach of any Bye-law, shall exceed such a sum as with the costs will amount to five shillings for each offence.

Date on which Bye-laws shall come into operation.

9.—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 Common Seal
of the Diss School Board, this
25th day of July, 1872.



John Aldrich, Chairman.

Sealed in the presence of

William Smith, Clerk to the Board.

AT the Court at Windsor, the 27th day of
November, 1872.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the School Board of Eckington appointed under the "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 twenty-fifth of July, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, numbered 149.

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.

Arthur Helps.

Bye-laws referred to in the foregoing Order.

CXLIX.

THE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ACT,
1870.

Parish of Eckington.

BYE-LAWS OF THE ECKINGTON SCHOOL BOARD.

IN accordance with the 74th section of the Elementary Education Act, 1870, the Eckington School Board, at a meeting held at the Board-room for the time being, on the 25th day of July, 1872, do hereby make and adopt the following Bye-laws, subject to the approval of the Education Department:—

Parents shall cause Children between Five and Thirteen Years of Age to Attend School.

1. The parent of every child residing within the school district of the parish of Eckington, shall cause such child, being not less than five nor more than thirteen years old, to attend a Public Elementary School, unless there is some reasonable