

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.

No. CLIII.

THE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ACT
1870.

BYE-LAWS OF THE SHIRLAND AND HIGHAM
SCHOOL BOARD.

(Under the 74th Section of the Elementary Education Act, 1870.)

Adopted at a meeting of the School Board for the district of Shirland and Higham, held at the Office of the Board, on Thursday, the 21st day of March, 1872.

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 Shirland and Higham shall cause such child, not being less than five, nor more than thirteen years of age, to attend a public elementary School; unless there is some reasonable excuse. Any of the following reasons shall be a reasonable excuse, namely:

Reasonable excuses for Non-attendance.

- (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.

Exemption of Children who have passed examination in fifth standard. (New Code, 1871.)

Provided that, if any child having attained the age of ten years shall be certified by one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools to have passed a public examination in the fifth standard of the New Code of Regulations of the Education Department, dated the 7th day of February, 1871, such child shall be totally exempt from the obligations to attend school.

As to time of Attendance.

2. The time during which children subject to these Bye-laws shall attend School shall be the whole time during which the school shall be open for the instruction of children of the same age, sex, and class.

Withdrawal of Children from religious observances and teachings.

- (a.) That nothing herein contained shall prevent the withdrawal of any child from any religious observance or instruction in religious subjects.

Proviso under Section 76.

- (b.) That no child be required to attend School on any day exclusively set apart for religious observance by the religious body to which his or her parent belongs.
- (c.) That no child be required to attend School on Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday, or any day set apart for a day of public fast or thanksgiving.

- (d.) That no child be required to attend school on any day fixed for the inspection of the School and the examination of the scholars therein, in respect of religious subjects.

Factory Acts and Workshop Regulation Act.

Provided also, that any requirement contained in these Bye-laws 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.

Notices to be given to Parents requiring them to send Children to School.—Officer to explain Notice.

3 Any officer of the Board may visit the parent of any child, who, according to his information and belief, is not attending School, or under efficient instruction, and may then, or at a subsequent time, serve upon such parent a notice in the form or to the effect prescribed by these Bye-laws; and the officer shall read over and explain such notice, and the consequences of neglecting to comply therewith, to the parent at the time of service.

Providing that no Proceeding be taken until after fourteen days from service.

4. No proceeding against a parent for any breach of these Bye-laws shall be taken until after the expiration of fourteen days from the service of the notice prescribed by Bye-law (No. 3), nor until such parent has had an opportunity of attending a meeting of the Board, or of a Committee thereof, or of the Managers of a School, to state his or her reasons for not complying with the said notice.

Penalty for breach of Bye-laws.

5. Any parent who, after the expiration of the period mentioned in Bye-law No. 4, shall, without some reasonable excuse, neglect to cause any child to attend a school, as required by Bye-law No. 1, or who shall neglect to cause any child to attend a school during the time required by Bye-law No. 2, shall for every such offence be subject to a penalty not exceeding two shillings and sixpence.

6. Any parent who shall commit any other breach of these bye-laws, shall, for every such offence, be subject to a penalty not exceeding two shillings and sixpence.

7. No parent shall be proceeded against or convicted in respect of more than one offence in one and the same week, and 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.

Particulars of Notice to be recorded.

8. Particulars of every notice served upon parents shall be recorded by the officer serving the same in a book to be provided by the Board, which shall be laid before the Board at every ordinary meeting.

Fact of service of Notice not to be disclosed.

9. An officer shall not disclose the fact of service of any such notice, or give any information relating thereto, to any person other than a member or officer of the Board, or a Manager or principal teacher of a School.

Remission of fees on account of Poverty.

10. When the parent of a child resident within the district shall satisfy the Board that he or she is unable, from poverty, to pay the whole, or some part of the School fees for such child, the Board,