

**A**T the Court at *Windsor*, the 2nd day of *March*, 1874.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS the School Board of Ratby, 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 twentieth of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, numbered 276 :

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.*

No. CCLXXVI.

THE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ACT,  
1870.

*Parish of Ratby.*

BYE-LAWS OF THE RATBY SCHOOL BOARD.

At a Meeting of the School Board for the parish of Ratby, held at the School-room, in the said parish, on the 20th day of October, 1873, the said Board, in pursuance of the powers of "The Elementary Education Act, 1870," and subject to the approval of the Education Department, hereby make and ordain the following Bye-laws :—

1. The parent of every child, not less than five years of age, nor more than thirteen years of age, residing within the district of the said parish, shall cause such child to attend school unless there be a reasonable excuse for non-attendance.

2. The following shall be deemed such reasonable excuses :—

- (a.) Sickness or other unavoidable cause.
- (b.) That the child is under efficient instruction in some other manner.
- (c.) That there is no Public Elementary School open which the child can attend within three miles, measured according to the nearest road from the residence of such child.
- (d.) If sickness in the family or other urgent reason shall be proved, to the satisfaction of the Board, to exist.

3. Subject to the provisions of the Elementary Education Act, 1870, and of these Bye-Laws, the time during which a child is required to attend school is the whole time for which the school selected shall be opened for the instruction of children, provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the withdrawal of any child from any religious observance or instruction in religious subjects, or shall require any child to attend school on any day exclusively set apart for religious observance by the religious body to which his parent belongs, or shall be construed as contrary to anything contained in any Act for regulating the education of children employed in labour.

4. 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 fourth standard of education mentioned in the New Code of Regulations of the Education Department, 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 third standard of education mentioned in the said Code, shall be exempt from the obligation to attend school more than ten hours in any one week.

5. If the parent of any child residing in the school district satisfies the School Board that he or she is unable, from poverty, to pay the school fees of such child, the School Board will remit at schools provided by the Board, or pay at other Public Elementary Schools the whole, or such part of the school 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 months, provided that the amount of fees to be paid or remitted shall not exceed the ordinary payment at the school selected by the parent.

6. 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-laws shall exceed such a sum as, with the costs, amounts to five shillings for each offence.

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

The Seal of the Ratby School Board,  
20th October, 1873.



*George F. Brown, Chairman.*

*Thomas Birch Fitch, Clerk.*

*Privy Council Office, March 5, 1874.*

**T**HIS day, the oath of Office of Master of the Horse was taken by the Right Honourable Orlando George Charles, Earl of Bradford.

*Windsor Castle, March 2, 1874.*

The Queen was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood on James Watson, Esq., Lord Provost of Glasgow.

*Colonial Office, Downing Street,  
March 9, 1874.*

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to make the following appointments to the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George.

To be Ordinary Members of the First Class, or Knights Grand Cross of the said Order :—

Sir Henry Barkly, K.C.B., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope, in South Africa, with its Territories and Dependencies, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of Griqua Land West, and Her Majesty's High Commissioner for the settling and adjustment