

required to cause such child to attend school, unless there be some reasonable excuse for non-attendance.

3. Except as hereinafter provided, the time which every such child is required to attend school is the whole time for which the school selected shall be open for the instruction of children, not being less than twenty five hours a week, except on Sundays, and except also 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.

4. (1.) A child of not less than ten years of age who has obtained from one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools a certificate that he has reached a standard equivalent to the fifth standard of the Government New Code of 1871 shall be altogether exempt from obligation to attend school, and

(2.) A child of not less than ten years of age, who shows to the satisfaction of the Board that he is beneficially and necessarily at work, and that his being so employed is not in breach of any statute, shall be exempt from the obligation to attend school during the whole time for which the school shall be opened as aforesaid; but every such child is required to attend school for at least ten hours in every week in which the school is opened as aforesaid; and in computing for the purpose of this section, the time during which a child has attended any school, there shall not be included any time during which such child has attended either:

(a) In excess of three hours at any one time, or in excess of five hours on any one day, or

(b) On Sundays.

5. Provided always that if, and whenever By-laws 3 and 4, or either of them, shall be contrary to or inconsistent with, the regulations affecting any child subject thereto, contained in any Act for regulating the education of children employed in labour, the said regulations shall prevail, and the said By-laws shall affect such child only to such extent as they are consistent with the said regulations.

6. In addition to the reasonable excuses for the non-attendance of a child at school mentioned in the Act, viz.

(1.) That a child is under efficient instruction in some other manner.

(2.) That the child has been prevented from attending school by sickness or any other unavoidable cause; it shall be

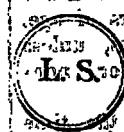
(3.) A reasonable excuse for his non-attendance that there is no Public Elementary School open, which such child can attend, within two miles, measured according to the nearest road, from the residence of such child.

7. If the parents of any child satisfies the School Board that the reason that his child does not attend school is that he 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, shall 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.

8. Every parent who shall not observe, or shall neglect, or violate these By-laws, or any

of them, shall, upon conviction, be liable to a penalty not exceeding five shillings, including costs, for each offence.

In witness whereof, we, the School Board for the parish of Eaton, in the county of Bedford, have hereupon caused our Common Seal to be impressed, this 28th day of April, 1874.



In the presence of  
*William Bigg, Chairman.*  
*Geo. Sell, Clerk.*

*Council Office, July 7, 1874.*

WHEREAS the Special Commissioners appointed for the purposes of the Public Schools Act, 1868, in virtue of the powers conferred upon them by that Act, have made a Supplementary Statute relating to certain Ecclesiastical Patronage vested in the Governing Body of Eton School;

And whereas the said Supplementary Statute has been this day laid before Her Majesty in Council, the same being published in the London Gazette, in pursuance of the provisions of the said Act; and notice is hereby given that it is lawful for the bodies or persons authorized so to do

in that Act, within two months from the date of the publication of this notification, to petition Her Majesty in Council to withhold Her approval from the whole or any part of such Supplementary Statute.

ETON SCHOOL.

Ecclesiastical Patronage. — Supplementary Statute.

WHEREAS the new Governing Body of Eton School have made a Statute, numbered XXVIII, which has been approved by the Special Commissioners appointed for the purposes of the Public Schools Act, 1868, and by Her Majesty in Council, with respect to the mode and conditions of appointment to any ecclesiastical benefice, the patronage of which was at the date of the passing of the said Act vested in the Governing Body, and such, or to which persons educated at or connected with the School then had an exclusive or preferential claim;

And whereas the said Statute omits to provide for the satisfaction of preferential claims to appointment to the said ecclesiastical benefices, which Conducts of the College appointed before the date of the approval of the said Statute by Her Majesty in Council may have under the terms and conditions of their appointments, and to the extent of such omission, the said Statute has not been made in a manner approved by the said Special Commissioners;

And, whereas the said Governing Body have made a further Statute, providing for the satisfaction of such preferential claims in the case of one of such Conducts, and the said further Statute has been disapproved by the said Special Commissioners;

Now, therefore, we, the said Special Commissioners, do hereby make a Statute as follows:

The Provost and Fellows of Eton College and their successors shall satisfy in like manner as if the Statute numbered XXVIII had not been made, the preferential claims to appointment to ecclesiastical benefices of the Reverend John Shephard and the Reverend Francis Purne Vidal, Conducts of the College appointed before the date