

AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*,
the 21st day of *July*, 1876.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

WHEREAS the School Board of the United District of Rotherham, 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 nineteenth of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, numbered 671:

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.

C. I. Peel.

Bye-laws referred to in the foregoing Order.

DCLXXI.

THE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ACT, 1870.

BYE-LAWS OF THE ROTHERHAM SCHOOL BOARD (U.D.)

Comprising the borough of Rotherham, and the parish of Brinsworth (under the 74th Section of the Elementary Education Act, 1870, adopted at a Meeting of the School Board for the United District of the borough of Rotherham, and the parish of Brinsworth, held at the offices, Market-place, Rotherham, on Friday, the 19th day of May, 1876.

Interpretation of Terms.

1. In these Bye-laws the terms "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 United District comprising the borough of Rotherham, and the parish of Brinsworth.

The term "Borough of Rotherham," or "Borough," means the municipal borough as defined and set forth in the Charter of Incorporation of the said borough, and includes any future enlargement or extension of such municipal borough.

The term "School," or "Public Elementary School," means a Public Elementary School as defined by the Elementary Education Act, 1870, and includes a Free School but not an Industrial School.

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 lawful father is living with the mother, and is residing within the borough of Rotherham, and the parish of Brinsworth.

Parents shall cause Children between five and thirteen years of Age to attend School.

2. The parent of every child residing within the United School District of the borough of Rotherham, and the parish of Brinsworth, 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 reached such a Standard of Education as would enable them to pass Examination in Sixth Standard (New Code, 1875).

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 reached such a standard of education as would enable it to pass a public examination in the sixth standard of the New Code of Regulations of the Education Department, dated the 5th day of April, 1875, such child shall be totally exempt from the obligation to attend school.

As to Time of Attendance.

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

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.
- (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 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, or on Saturday after twelve o'clock at noon.
- (d.) That no child be required to attend School on any day fixed for the inspection of the school or the examination of the scholars therein, in respect of religious subjects.
- (e.) Provided also that (under such regulations as the Board may from time to time direct) when it can be proved to the satisfaction of the Board, or to the satisfaction of a Committee thereof appointed to hear appeals in this behalf, that any child over eleven years of age is beneficially employed, and its earnings are absolutely necessary for the maintenance of the family, such child shall be exempt from the obligation to attend school more than fifteen hours per week; and in computing for the purpose of this section, the time during which the child has attended any school there shall not be included any time during which such child has attended