

any Act for regulating the education of children employed in labour.

3. Every parent shall be liable to a penalty on conviction not exceeding five shillings, including costs for each offence, who shall neglect or otherwise violate these Bye-laws.

In witness whereof, we, the Almeley School Board, have hereunto set our Common Seal this 18th day of January, 1873.



Sealed in the presence—

W. P. A. Campbell, Chairman.

James Keeley, Clerk of the School Board.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 5th day of *May*, 1873.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the School Board of Beccles, 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 twenty-first of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, numbered 186.

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.

Edmund Harrison.

Bye-laws referred to in the foregoing Order.

No. CLXXXVI.

THE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ACT,
1870.

BYE-LAWS OF THE BECCLES SCHOOL BOARD.

WHEREAS in pursuance of a requisition sent by the Education Department to the Returning Officer of the borough of Beccles, in the county of Suffolk, a School Board for the district of the said borough, was duly elected on the 2nd day of March, 1872.

Now at a meeting of the School Board of the said borough of Beccles, held in the Council Chamber, in the said borough of Beccles, on Saturday, the 21st day of December, 1872, at which meeting a quorum of Members of such Board are present, the said Board do hereby, in pursuance of the aforesaid powers, and subject to the approval of the Education Department, make and ordain the following Bye-laws:—

Preliminary.

The term "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 terms importing males in these Bye-laws include females.

The term "School Board," or "Board," means the School Board of the district comprising the borough of Beccles.

The term "School District" or "District" means "the borough of Beccles."

The term "School," or "Public Elementary School," means a Public Elementary School as defined by the said Act, 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.

Bye-Laws.

1. Subject to the provisions of the "Elementary Education Act, 1870," and to these Bye-laws, 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 borough, shall cause such child to attend school within the said borough.

2. 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 that nothing herein contained shall prevent the withdrawal 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:—

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

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, or of any other Act or Acts that may be passed to regulate the employment and education of children engaged in labour.

3. In case one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools shall certify that any child between ten and thirteen years of age has reached a standard equivalent to the fifth standard of education mentioned in the New Code of Regulations of the Education Department, made on the 7th day of February, 1871, such child shall be totally exempt from the obligation to attend school, and any such child who has been so certified to have reached a standard equivalent to 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; 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 Sunday.
4. A child shall not be required to attend school—
- (a.) If such child is under efficient instruction in some other manner.