

hampton School Board, at a meeting held at the Board Room for the time being, on the 24th day of April, 1873, do hereby make and adopt the following Bye-laws, subject to the approval of the Education Department, requiring parents to cause children to attend school:—

1. Subject to the provisions of the Elementary Education Act, 1870, and of these Bye-laws, the parent of every child not less than five years of age, nor more than twelve years of age, residing within the school district of the parish of Bothenhampton, shall cause such child 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 otherwise under efficient instruction
- (b.) That the child, through sickness, or other unavoidable cause, is unable to attend.
- (c.) That there is no Public Elementary School open which the child can attend within three-quarters of a mile, measured according to the nearest road, from the residence of such child.

Exemption of children who have reached the fifth standard (New Code, 1871)—

Provided that if a child, having attained the age of ten years, shall have obtained from one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools a certificate of having reached a standard of education which would enable such child to pass in the fifth standard of the Government Code of February, 1871, the said child shall be wholly exempt from attendance at school.

Children who have reached the fourth standard may attend half-time; and if a child, having attained the age of ten years, shall have obtained a certificate from one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of having reached a standard of education which would enable such child to pass in the fourth standard of the Government Code of February, 1871, the said child shall be exempt from attending more than one-half of the meetings of the school in any one week.

2. As to time of attendance.

The time during which children subject to these Bye-laws, shall attend school shall be the whole time during which such school shall be open for the instruction of children. 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 her parent belongs; and
- (c.) That nothing in these Bye-laws shall be held or construed as contrary to anything contained in any Act for regulating the education of children employed in labour.

*4. Penalty for breach of Bye-laws.*

3. Any person committing a breach of these Bye-laws, or any of them, shall be subject to a penalty not exceeding such amount as shall, with the costs, amount to five shillings for each offence.

*Remission of Fees.*

4. When the parent of any child residing within the district shall satisfy the School Board that he or she is unable, from poverty, to pay the school fees of such child, the Board will, in the case of a

school provided by the Board, 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, provided that such remission shall be allowed only by special order of the Board, and shall not exceed for boys and girls 2d. per week.

*Interpretation of Terms.*

5. In these Bye-laws:—

(1). The term "Education Department" means the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education.

(2). The term "Her Majesty's Inspectors;" means the Inspectors of Schools appointed by Her Majesty on the recommendation of the Education Department.

(3). The term "School Board" or "Board" means the School Board of the district comprised within the parish of Bothenhampton.

(4). The term "School" means a Public Elementary School, as defined by the Elementary Education Act, 1870, and includes a free school, but not an Industrial School.

(5). 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 father is living, and residing within the Bothenhampton School District.

(6). The terms "Parent and Child" include Male and Female in each case.

*W. P. Bennet, Chairman.*

*Stephen Ackerman, Clerk.*

Dated 24th April, 1873.

AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 4th day of *August*, 1873.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the School Board of Heckmondwike, 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 ninth of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, numbered 225.

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. CCXXV.

THE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ACT,  
1870.

*Parish of Heckmondwike.*

BYE-LAWS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD FOR  
HECKMONDWIKE.

KNOW all men by these presents that:—

At a meeting of the School Board for Heckmondwike, duly convened and held in the Board