

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, Saturday, Christmas Day, Good Friday, or any day set apart for a Day of Public Fast or Thanksgiving.
- (c.) To attend school if such requirement would be contrary to anything contained in any Act for regulating the education of children employed in labour.

Proviso for the Total or Partial Exemption from Attendance if the Child has reached a Certain Standard.

3. In case one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools shall certify that any child above ten years of age has reached the fourth 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 exempt from the obligation to attend school more than six attendances weekly, and any such child who has been so certified to have reached the fifth standard of education mentioned in the said Code, shall be totally exempt from the obligation to attend school.

Defining reasonable Excuses for Non-attendance.

4. A child shall not be required to attend school—

- (a.) If such child shall be under efficient instruction in some other manner.
- Or (b.) If such child be prevented from attending school by sickness, or any unavoidable cause.
- Or (c.) If, when such a child shall be under seven years of age, there be no Public Elementary School within two miles, measured according to the nearest road, from the residence of such child.
- Or (d.) If, when the child shall be over seven years of age, there be no Public Elementary School within two miles and a half, measured according to the nearest road, from the residence of such child.

5. Where the parent of any child attending any school provided by the Board, which is not a free school, satisfies the School Board that he is unable, from poverty, to pay the whole or some part of the school fees of such child, the School Board will 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 the amount of fees to be remitted shall not exceed the following scale:—

For parents whose families do not exceed two children under twelve years of age, three-pence per week.

For parents whose family is three, and does not exceed four children under twelve years of age, twopence per week.

For parents whose family is five children, and does not exceed that number under twelve years of age, three-half-pence per week.

For parents whose family is six children or above that number, under twelve years of age, one penny per week.

For all paupers' children above four and under twelve years of age, one penny per week.

Penalty for Breach of Bye-laws, to be recovered in a summary manner before two Justices of the Peace.

6. Any person committing a breach of these Bye-laws, or any of them, shall be subject to a penalty not exceeding 2s. 6d. provided that 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-law shall exceed such a sum as with the costs will amount to 5s. for each offence.

Date on which Bye-laws shall come into Operation.

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

Sealed with the Corporate Common Seal of the School Board of the parish of Padstow, this 2nd day of September, A.D. 1873.



W. H. Roberts, Chairman.
John Stribley, Vice-Chairman.
W. H. Roberts, Hon. Clerk.

AT the Court at Windsor, the 12th day of December, 1873.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the School Board of the United District of Burton-on-Trent, 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 third of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, numbered 255:

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. CCLV.

THE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ACT,
1870.

BYE-LAWS OF THE BURTON-ON-TRENT DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD.

At a meeting of the School Board of the Burton-on-Trent District, duly convened and held in the Board-room, St. George's Hall, Burton-on-Trent, on Wednesday, September 3rd, 1873, at which meeting a quorum of the members of such Board is present, the said Board do hereby in pursuance of the powers given them by the Elementary Education Act of 1870, sec. 74, and subject to