

than five years nor more than thirteen years of age, shall cause such child to attend a Public Elementary School, unless there be a reasonable excuse for non-attendance. Any of the following reasons shall be deemed to be a reasonable excuse:—

- (1.) That the child is under efficient instruction in some other manner.
- (2.) That the child has been prevented from attending school by sickness, or any unavoidable cause, or a cause that to the School Board shall seem to be sufficient.
- (3.) 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.

Proviso.

Any child between ten and thirteen years of age, who has been certified by one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools as having reached such a standard of education as would enable it to pass a public examination according to the fourth standard of education of the Government Code in force at the date of the certificate, shall be totally exempt from the obligation to attend school.

Time of Attendance.

4. Subject as aforesaid 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 contained in these Bye-laws 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 the parent of such child belongs, or shall be of any force or effect in so far as it may be contrary to anything contained in any Act for regulating the education of children employed in labour.

Remission of Fees.

5. The School Board shall, from time to time, for a renewable period to be fixed by the Board, not exceeding six calendar months, remit the whole or any part of the fees payable at any school provided by the Board, in the case of any child whose parent satisfies the Board that he or she is unable, from poverty, to pay the same.

Penalty for Breach of Bye-laws.

6. Every parent committing a breach of these Bye-laws, or any of them, shall, upon conviction, be liable to a penalty not exceeding, with the costs, five shillings for each offence.

As witness the Common Seal of the School Board, and the signatures of the Chairman and Clerk of the Board, this 2nd day of February, 1876.

E. T. Holden, Chairman of the School Board for the borough of Walsall.

G. Cotterell, Clerk to the said Board,



At the Court at Windsor, the 17th day of May, 1876.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the School Board of Brighton, 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 fifteenth of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, numbered 612:

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. L. Peel.

Bye-laws referred to in the foregoing Order.

No. DCXII.

THE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ACT,
1870.

BYE-LAWS OF THE BRIGHTON SCHOOL BOARD.

WHEREAS, in pursuance of a resolution sent by the Education Department to the Mayor of the borough of Brighton, in the county of Sussex, a School Board for the district of the said borough was duly elected on the 13th day of December, 1870:

Now at a Meeting of the Brighton School Board, held at the Board Room, in the Pavilion, Brighton, on Tuesday, the 15th day of February, 1876, the said Board do hereby, in pursuance of the powers given them by the Elementary Education Acts, 1870-1873 (and subject to the approval of the Education Department), make the following Bye-laws:

Preliminary:—

In these Bye-laws the terms defined in the third section of the Elementary Education Act, 1870, have the same meaning as in the said Act itself.

Bye-laws.

(1.) The parents of children not less than five years nor more than thirteen years of age, and residing in the district of the School Board, shall cause such children (unless there is some reasonable excuse) to attend school.

Any of the following reasons shall be a reasonable excuse, namely:—

- (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, or any cause which the Board shall deem satisfactory.
- (c.) That there is no Public Elementary School open which the child can attend, within one mile, measured according to the nearest road, from the residence of such child.
- (d.) Any child between ten and thirteen years of age, concerning whom one of Her Majesty's Inspectors certifies that such child has reached the sixth standard of the Government Education Code of February, 1871, shall be wholly exempt from the obligation to attend school.

(2.) The time during which the children are so to attend school shall be the whole time for which the school selected shall be open as a day-school for the instruction of children. Provided that nothing in these Bye-laws shall prevent the withdrawal of any child from any religious observance or instruction in religious subjects, or shall require