

## Irish School-children

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Minutes of the Men's Meeting of Cork, 5 x. 1698 :

### NO SATURDAY HALF-HOLIDAY

"In convenience y<sup>t</sup> attends ffriends Children by not being at schoole y<sup>e</sup> seventh dayes afternoon, was considered of an expedient offered to pvent it for y<sup>e</sup> future that is y<sup>t</sup> the Schollars goe not to schoole on y<sup>e</sup> sixth day in y<sup>e</sup> after noone but come to meeting w<sup>th</sup> their parents &c in lew of w<sup>ch</sup> to keepe them to Scoole allways on y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> day wholly This was agreed to by ffriends as also the p<sup>s</sup>ent schoolmaster William Glenny."

### HORNBOOKS

24 v. 1704. "500 hornbookes being rec<sup>d</sup> from Dublin for y<sup>e</sup> service of friends of this province, whereof 150 is for Cork meeting, its desired Thomas Wight in whose house they are may delv<sup>d</sup> 50 of them to y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>s</sup> Schoolmistris to dispose of as there is occasion at 1<sup>d</sup> p<sup>ca</sup>."

### TO AND FRO

12 ii. 1714. Observation being made by some friends that y<sup>e</sup> schollars takes an undue liberty betweene their coming home to dinner & their going to Schole after dinner. Likewise that by their coming home too soone in y<sup>e</sup> afternoones they doe not come home p<sup>s</sup>ently [then meaning *at once*] as becomes them to doe but ramble about spending their time Idly & their parents not aware of it ; whereby they are lyable to Danger & hurt severall wayes ; In consideration whereof & for p<sup>s</sup>venting inconveniences of y<sup>e</sup> nature Its y<sup>e</sup> advice of this meeting that the Scholemaster will let the Parents or Governors of families to whom his Schollers belongs know that y<sup>e</sup> houre of going to schole in y<sup>e</sup> Morning shall be at 7, and to come home at 12. To goe againe in y<sup>e</sup> afternoons at 2 and come home at 6. It is also at p<sup>s</sup>ent concluded to take y<sup>e</sup> boyes off from craveing playe days upon any p<sup>s</sup>tence, that they may be p<sup>s</sup>mitted to have an afternoones liberty upon every 5<sup>th</sup> day, whilst they shall behave themselves orderly and takes not liberty to company, among other boyes, whereby y<sup>e</sup> meeting or their Master shall finde occasion to alter it."

### SCHOOLMASTER

4 vi. 1718. John Little is coming to take up the place as soon as he has taken a wife, The meeting will wait for him.

29 x. 1718. John Little discouraged by small number of schollars at present falling short of 30<sup>li</sup> but friends assure him they will make it up to 35<sup>li</sup> this year & will advance him 5<sup>li</sup> to settle himself in.

25 x. 1721. J. L. having presented an acc<sup>t</sup> of his schooling to y<sup>e</sup> last Mens Meeting for a yeare ending 6.8.1721, of w<sup>ch</sup> he has rec<sup>d</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> children's parents £31 15s. 00 & this Mt<sup>s</sup> being willing to make up £40 desires Jos Sleight to pay s<sup>d</sup> Little 8<sup>li</sup> 5.0 to make up & place it to this Meetings acc<sup>t</sup>.