

Irish School-children

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

NO SATURDAY HALF-HOLIDAY

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

HORNBOOKS

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

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12 ii. 1714. Observation being made by some friends that y^e 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^e afternoones they doe not come home p^sently [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^sventing inconveniences of y^e nature Its y^e advice of this meeting that the Scholemaster will let the Parents or Governors of families to whom his Schollers belongs know that y^e houre of going to schole in y^e Morning shall be at 7, and to come home at 12. To goe againe in y^e afternoons at 2 and come home at 6. It is also at p^sent concluded to take y^e boyes off from craveing playe days upon any p^stence, that they may be p^smitted to have an afternoones liberty upon every 5th day, whilst they shall behave themselves orderly and takes not liberty to company, among other boyes, whereby y^e 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^{li} but friends assure him they will make it up to 35^{li} this year & will advance him 5^{li} to settle himself in.

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