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TO

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS.

The Trustees have prepared and published regulations for the Public Schools, in order that parents and guardians, as well as children, may fully understand and carefully attend to them.

The yearly expenditure of public money, in maintaining these Schools, is very large; and every rate-payer, whether he uses the Schools or not, is required to contribute towards their support. The Public have a right, therefore, to demand that the Schools shall be managed in the best manner, and for the good of the whole community, and those persons whose children share the advantages of free education, should be anxious to comply with such reasonable regulations as may be necessary to their efficient government.

The education offered in these Public Schools is sound, thorough, and of great value, whilst the management is based upon kindness and judicious consideration towards the pupils.

As the Schools are entirely free, and every child of proper age is earnestly invited to enter them, the parents of any child who remains uneducated, are alone responsible for the loss that child suffers, and for all the future consequences of its ignorance to themselves and the community.

The greatest difficulty the Schools have to encounter is irregularity of attendance on the part of the children: no business of any sort can succeed, but by dint of constant and steady application, and it is probable that six months' regular attendance at school is of more real benefit to a child than irregular attendance during twice that period.

Absence operates badly on the School as well as on the scholar, for it not only checks the progress of the absent pupil, but it prevents the advancement of those who attend with regularity.

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