

CHAPTER XVII
THE CATHEDRAL SCHOOLS UNDER
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WE HAVE NOW EXAMINED the changed curricula under Edward, the adapted Winchester system under Queen Elizabeth, with its allies, and the Eton system, together with its Elizabethan adaptations. We may next examine the cathedral schools, which had earlier been adapted from the Eton system. First is the schedule at Peterborough in 1561, especially interesting because of its statement of the same general routine which had prevailed at least from our first knowledge at Eton by or before 1528. It is to be remembered also that Peterborough is one of the refounded cathedral schools, and that at least two others of these, Canterbury and Worcester, adapted the Eton curriculum at reformation, as was probably true of all.

From the first part of the statutes, which Leach thinks belonged to Queen Mary's time, it appears that the school was to begin at six.

Item that the Usher be there present to here the partes of the suche as shalbe of his formes, & that done he shall geve them Inglysces uppon sum of the roubles to make in to latten and to heare them to do the same, & that done to rede out then there seuerall lectors.

These directions are repeated in fuller form in another set of orders.

Item that the ussher be there present with them and all they to say some godly prayers; that done he to heare all such as shalbe upon his formes such partes as he shall thinke convenient for them. And that done he to give to euery of his formes an English to be made in to Latten, upon [one] of there rules; and to heare them to make there lattens hymself, and to cause euery one to wright the same in a fayer paper boke. And that done to rede to euery forme a severall lecture eyther of a poett or prose, and to cause them to labour the same agaynst one of the clock at after none, as well to expound as to parse every worde in the same, and he to heare them at that tyme to doe the same, and that done to give them some good vulgars, some to note phrases, and soe to contynew emong them unto iiij^{or} of the klok; and from iiij^{or} to v, the one scoller to pose an other, and then to commaunde them to commend to memory their lattens agaynst the next days morning, say prayer agayne and so departe. This order is to be observed Monday, Tuesday, Wodonsday and Thursdaye, onlesse it be a day of recreacion, then to omitt some parte of the after none exercyses.

Item upon Fryday to some other partes convenient for euery forme, and that done, after a litell respect [respice] to render unto him all their lattens be hart made that wyk, and to parse them, and at after none to render all