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## EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS (IRELAND) COMMISSION.

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SCHEME framed under the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act, 1885, for the future government and management of the Endowments of or belonging to **The Gilson Schools**, situate at Oldcastle, in the County of Meath.

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Whereas Laurence Gilson, formerly of the city of London, Esquire, deceased, by his Will dated April 17, 1809, and by a codicil thereto, dated June 3, 1809, bequeathed all the property of which he died possessed to certain Trustees therein named, upon trust for the erection of a school-house, and for the maintenance of a School, on the Green at Oldcastle, in the county of Meath, his native parish, and declared his desire that all the children of the said parish, being natives thereof, should be admitted thereto, to whatsoever denomination they might belong, and he further expressed his desire that Protestants as well as Roman Catholics should be equally eligible to be appointed masters of the said School, according to their respective merits :

And whereas, in accordance with the provisions of the said Will, a School was established under the name of the Oldcastle Endowed School, and has since been and is now carried on, upon and in the lands and buildings at Oldcastle described in the Schedule hereto, Part I. :

And whereas a suit was instituted in the Court of Chancery in England, between Elizabeth Witham, Plaintiff; and Thomas Gilshanan, Patrick Gilshanan, Matthew Gilshanan, and John Gilshanan, the Rev. Thomas Frederick Knipe, and the Rev. Thomas George M'Dermott, and Her Majesty's Attorney-General, Defendants; for declaring and carrying into execution the trusts of the said will and codicil :

And whereas, upon a certificate from the Chief Clerk to the said Court, dated December 5, 1856, and confirmed by the said Court, a Scheme was settled on July 14, 1858, for the management of the said School and property, by which it was, among other things, provided that there should be five Trustees of the said School, namely, Her Majesty's Chief Secretary for Ireland, the Protestant Rector of Oldcastle, and the Roman Catholic Parish Priest of Oldcastle, all for the time being, with a Protestant layman and a Roman Catholic layman, being land owners resident within twenty miles of the school-house at Oldcastle, to be appointed as in the said Scheme provided; that all boys and girls, being natives of the parish of Oldcastle, and being upwards of two and not exceeding thirteen years of age, should be eligible to be admitted as scholars; and that if, after providing for them, there should be room for more scholars, any boys and girls resident in the said parish, and any boys and girls being natives of or resident in the parishes of Loughcrew Moylagh Killeagh and Kilbride, should be eligible to be admitted on the same terms; and that if, after providing for the admission of the last mentioned scholars, there should be room for more scholars, any boys and girls being natives of or resident in any neighbouring parishes should be eligible to be admitted on the same terms; that there should be an infant school, a boys school, a girls school, and an industrial training and agricultural school, and that the Trustees should provide the necessary house and land for the purpose of establishing an Agricultural School where the boys might

receive industrial training at the discretion of the Trustees, and that the same should be placed under the charge of the second master of the school, who should reside thereat; and that two chaplains should be appointed by the Trustees at a salary of £25 a year each, to supply religious instruction in the Protestant religion to the Protestant children, and in the Roman Catholic religion to the Roman Catholic children :

And whereas the said bequest of Laurence Gilson is now represented by the property, funds, and securities, described in the Schedule hereto, Part II. :

And whereas the Trustees under the hereinbefore recited Scheme, in order to carry out the directions thereof as regards the establishment of an Agricultural School, acquired the house, plot of ground, and land described in the Schedule hereto, Part III., under the Indenture of Lease dated October 20, 1858, in the said Schedule mentioned ; but in the year 1883 the Trustees, finding that the Agricultural School did not succeed, discontinued it, and the premises occupied thereby are now held and used, by the Trustees, for the purposes of the Oldcastle Endowed School, subject to the provisions of the said Lease :

And whereas, in the year 1883, the Oldcastle Endowed School was placed in connection with the Commissioners of National Education, and a Boys School, a Girls School, and an Infant School, have since been and are now carried on therein as National Schools :

And whereas the said School buildings and premises, and the said moneys, stocks, funds, and securities, and all other the property, real and personal, held in trust for or applicable to the said School, now constitute Educational Endowments within the meaning of The Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act, 1885, and the said Act applies to the same :

And whereas it has appeared to the Commissioners under the said Act, after due inquiry, that, in order to extend the usefulness of the said Endowments, provision should be made for the future government and management thereof, in manner hereinafter appearing :

Therefore from and after the date of this Scheme, being the day upon which the Lord Lieutenant shall by Order in Council declare his approbation thereof the said Endowments shall be held, governed, managed, and applied, for the purposes, with the powers, under the conditions and provisions, and in the manner hereinafter set forth, and not otherwise, any previous Act of Parliament, Letters Patent, Statute, Charter, Order, Scheme, Deed, Will, Instrument, Trust, or Direction, relating to the subject-matter of this Scheme, to the contrary notwithstanding.

### *Preliminary.*

1. For the purposes of this Scheme, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall be interpreted as follows :— Interpretation  
of Terms.

“The Act” shall mean the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act, 1885.

“The Governors” shall mean the Governors of the Gilson Schools, Oldcastle, hereby incorporated.

“The Schools” shall mean and include the Educational Institution heretofore known as the Oldcastle Endowed School, and hereafter to be called “The Gilson Schools, Oldcastle,” and any other School or Schools for the time being managed, maintained, or aided by the Governors under this Scheme.

“The Endowments” shall mean and include all the lands, buildings, hereditaments, moneys, stocks, funds, securities, chattels, and effects, and all other the property, real or personal, at the date of this Scheme held or possessed by the Trustees of the Schools, or by any other person or persons, in trust for or applicable to the purposes of the Schools or any of them, or which may hereby or hereafter at any time become or be vested in the Governors for the purposes of this Scheme.

"Elementary Education" shall mean such education as may be given in the National Schools which are aided by grants from the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland.

"Intermediate Education" shall mean education in such subjects as are or may be included in the Programme of the Examinations held by the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland.

"Technical Education" shall mean and include all technical instruction and manual instruction within the meaning of the Technical Instruction Act, 1889, and all other theoretical and practical instruction and training which may directly tend to prepare young persons for agriculture, or for any industry, trade, handicraft, or commercial pursuit or employment.

### *The Governing Body.*

Incorporation of  
Governing Body.

2. From and after the date of this Scheme, a Governing Body shall be formed for the future government and management of the Schools, and of the Endowments.

It shall consist of two *ex-officio* Governors, four representative Governors, to be appointed as hereinafter provided, and the additional Governor hereinafter mentioned.

The *ex-officio* Governors shall be the Roman Catholic Parish Priest of Oldcastle, and the Protestant Rector or Incumbent of the Parish of Oldcastle, both for the time being.

Of the representative Governors, two shall be nominated by the Protestant Bishop of Meath, and two by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Meath, for the time being.

The Additional  
Governor.

The Resident Commissioner of National Education for the time being, if willing to act, shall be an additional Governor, and he may from time to time, whenever unable or unwilling to act, nominate by writing under his hand a person of practical experience in Education, to act as an additional Governor in his place, for such time as may in such writing be declared.

The representative Governors, in the first instance, shall be such and so many of the following persons as at the date of this Scheme shall be able and willing to act as Governors:—

### *Governors nominated by the Protestant Bishop of Meath.*

1. James Lenox Naper, Esq., D.L., Loughcrew, Oldcastle.
2. Matthew Weld O'Connor, Esq., Baltrasna, Oldcastle.

### *Governors nominated by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Meath.*

3. Lieut.-Colonel R. Donaldson, Hartlands, Clonmellon.
4. The Right Hon. the Earl of Fingall, Killeen Castle, Dunsany.

The Governors for the time being shall constitute a Body Corporate, by the name of "The Governors of the Gilson Schools, Oldcastle," with perpetual succession and a common seal, and power to acquire and hold property, real and personal, for the purposes of this Scheme.

The Representa-  
tive Governors.

3. The above named James L. Naper, Esq., and Lieut.-Colonel R. Donaldson shall hold office for life, or until they vacate office from any of the causes mentioned in Clause 4 of this Scheme; but the persons nominated to succeed them by the Protestant Bishop of Meath, and by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Meath, respectively, shall hold office for one year only as hereinafter provided.

The persons qualified to be representative Governors in succession to the above named Governors shall be laymen resident in the County of Meath, or within twenty miles of the Schools in some neighbouring County.



Subject to the provision hereinbefore contained respecting James L. Naper, Esq., and Lieut.-Colonel R. Donaldson, the Governors nominated by the Protestant Bishop of Meath, and by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Meath, respectively, shall go out of office on the thirty-first day of December first happening more than twelve months after the date of this Scheme, and on each succeeding thirty-first day of December; and in the same month of December or in the preceding month, the Protestant Bishop of Meath and the Roman Catholic Bishop of Meath shall each nominate two qualified persons to be representative Governors. The Governors so nominated shall enter into office on the first day of January following their nomination, and shall hold office for one year. Every outgoing Governor shall be eligible for re-election.

If, at the first meeting of the Governors in any year, any vacancy or vacancies shall exist by reason of the failure of either of the above-mentioned Bishops of Meath to nominate Governors as hereinbefore provided, the remaining Governors shall, at the same or the next succeeding meeting, co-opt a qualified person to fill each vacancy, and the Governor so co-opted shall hold office so long as he might have held the same if he had been duly nominated as a Governor at the proper time. Each person co-opted as a representative Governor shall be a member of the same religious denomination as the Governor in whose place he shall be co-opted.

4. Whenever any representative Governor shall die, or resign by writing under his hand, or become bankrupt, or refuse to act, or become incapable of acting, or shall cease to reside in the County of Meath, or within twenty miles of the Schools in some neighbouring county, his office shall become vacant, and the fact of the vacancy, with the cause thereof, shall be duly recorded in the minutes of the Governors, and shall be communicated to the Bishop whose representative has ceased to hold office; and thereupon such Bishop shall within three calendar months nominate a qualified person to fill the vacancy. Every Governor so nominated shall hold office so long only as the Governor in whose place he shall have been appointed might have held the same. If, in the case of a vacancy among the representative Governors, no Governor is nominated, as above provided, within three calendar months, the Governors shall co-opt a qualified person to fill the vacancy; and the Governor so co-opted shall hold office so long only as he might have held the same if he had been duly nominated as a Governor at the proper time. Vacancies.

#### *Vesting and Transfer of the Endowments.*

5. From and after the date of this Scheme, the Endowments and all other property, real or personal, belonging to or held in trust for the Schools (except the endowments then standing in the name of the Paymaster-General of the High Court of Justice in England), and all powers rights and remedies for recovery thereof, shall, without any new conveyance or instrument, become and be vested in the Governors, and shall be thenceforth held by them and their successors for ever, upon and for the trusts and purposes of this Scheme; subject to the conditions and provisions herein contained, and to all or any rents, charges, rights, tenancies, easements, or liabilities at the date of this Scheme lawfully affecting the same. From and after the date of this Scheme, all dividends interest and other income, due or accruing, and all other property, securities, goods, chattels, debts, and moneys, held by any person or persons (other than the said Paymaster-General), in trust for or applicable to all or any of the purposes of this Scheme (except as aforesaid) shall, without any new transfer or instrument, be delivered transferred and paid by the person or persons possessed thereof, or bound to pay the same, to the Governors; and the receipt of the Governors, duly executed as hereinafter provided, for any delivery, transfer, or payment hereby directed, shall be a good discharge for the person or persons making the same, and he or they shall not be answerable for the application thereof. Vesting and Transfer of Endowments.

From and after the date of this Scheme, the Endowments then standing in the name of the Paymaster-General of the High Court of Justice in England, subject

to the orders of the said High Court, shall be held for the purposes of this Scheme, and the income dividends and produce thereof shall be payable to the Governors, and shall be applied by them as hereby directed.

At any time after the date of this Scheme, the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland may apply to the High Court of Justice in England for an order that the said Paymaster-General shall transfer to the said Commissioners the Endowments then standing in the name of the said Paymaster-General, and may accept a transfer thereof accordingly. From and after such transfer, the said Commissioners shall hold the Endowments so transferred to them, and the accruing and future interest dividends and income thereof, upon trust for the Governors, and shall receive and apply the same, after payment of the necessary expenses of the transfer and the other necessary outgoings and expenses of the Commissioners in respect of the said Endowments, for the trusts and purposes and in accordance with the conditions and provisions of this Scheme. From and after such transfer, the Decree and Orders of the said High Court hereinbefore recited, and any other Orders theretofore affecting the said Endowments, so far as the same may be inconsistent with the provisions of this Scheme, shall cease to take effect.

#### *Additional Endowments.*

Additional  
Endowments.

6. The Governors may collect, receive, acquire, and hold donations, subscriptions, devises, bequests, and other additional endowments, real and personal, and apply the same for the purposes of this Scheme. They may also collect, receive, acquire, and hold donations, subscriptions, devises, bequests, and other endowments, real or personal, and apply the same for any object connected with the Schools, or with the purposes of this Scheme, which shall not be inconsistent with, or calculated to impede the efficient working of the provisions hereof. All properties and moneys so received or applied shall be included in the accounts to be kept by the Governors under this Scheme.

#### *Trusts of the Endowments.*

Trusts of the  
Endowments.

7. From and after the date of this Scheme, and subject to the conditions and provisions herein contained, and to any special trusts or conditions lawfully affecting any part thereof, the Endowments, and all other property of or belonging to the Governors, or available for the purposes of this Scheme, shall be received and held by them upon the following trusts:—

1. To maintain at or near Oldcastle, in the county of Meath, Schools in which elementary education shall be given to boys and girls, together with instruction in such branches of agricultural, technical, or intermediate education, as may be found, from time to time, best suited to the wants of the locality and the capacity of the pupils.

2. To extend the benefits of the special teachers employed under this Scheme, as far as may be found practicable, to the schools of the neighbouring parishes, as hereinafter provided.

#### *Application of the Endowments.*

Application of  
the Endowments.

8. All moneys received by the Governors under or for the purposes of this Scheme shall, subject to the other provisions of this Scheme, and to any special trusts or conditions upon which any part thereof may be received, be expended and applied by them for the following purposes, or for such and so many of them as to the Governors shall from time to time seem expedient:—

(a.) To maintain the school buildings, furniture, appliances, and premises, in good order and condition, and to make such additions thereto, and improvements therein, as may be required from time to time.

(b.) To pay all rents, taxes, cost of insurance, and other charges, necessarily or properly payable out of or for the said premises, and to defray the necessary working expenses of the Schools, and the cost of management.

(c.) To employ and pay such Teachers as they may deem it expedient to engage for the instruction of the pupils in the Schools; also to supplement the salaries or emoluments of any teachers or monitors who may be entitled to any salary or emolument from the Commissioners of National Education, or from any other source; provided that the addition so made shall in no case exceed one-half of the salary which the teacher or monitor receives from the said Commissioners.

(d.) To provide, from time to time, as far as the endowments will allow, special teachers in subjects of technical education and home industries, more especially in such subjects as practical agriculture, handicraft, and the use of tools, for boys; cookery, various kinds of needlework, laundry work, and dressmaking, for girls; and to make arrangements by which these special teachers shall visit other National Schools selected for the purpose, within twenty miles of Oldcastle, on stated days at fixed hours, and shall give instruction to the pupils of these Schools.

(e.) To provide for the introduction of the Kindergarten system into the Infant School at Oldcastle, and, if necessary, to engage a special teacher temporarily or permanently for this purpose; and to make arrangements by which the special teacher so engaged may visit other Infant National Schools within twenty miles of Oldcastle, at stated times, to teach the Kindergarten system in these Schools.

(f.) To provide prizes for the most deserving pupils; such prizes may be awarded in money, or in remission of school fees, or in such other manner as the Governors may deem best calculated to stimulate the industry or to promote the progress of the pupils, and may be so given as to enable and encourage deserving and capable pupils, who require such assistance, to continue their education at the Schools longer than they could otherwise do, or to obtain special intermediate or more advanced education elsewhere.

(g.) To provide School exhibitions when the income at the disposal of the Governors will permit; such exhibitions to be awarded to the most deserving pupils, and to be held by them, in the Gilson Schools, or in any special intermediate or more advanced School elsewhere, under such conditions as the Governors may from time to time determine.

(h.) To defray any other expenses incurred in carrying out the purposes of this Scheme.

#### *General Provisions as to the Schools.*

9. The Schools shall be maintained in the buildings hitherto occupied thereby, or in such other buildings as the Governors may acquire for the purpose. The Governors, if and when they shall so think fit, and the income at their disposal will permit, may establish or aid any additional School or Schools in the parishes of Oldcastle, Loughcrew, Moylagh, Killeagh, or Kilbride or in any neighbouring parish.

Maintenance of  
Schools.

10. As soon as conveniently may be after the date of this Scheme, the Governors shall establish, and shall thenceforth carry on the Kindergarten System as part of the ordinary work in the Infant School, and they shall provide that Drawing shall be taught as part of the ordinary course of elementary education in both the Boys School and the Girls School at Oldcastle. Industrial or agricultural instruction and practical training of some kind shall be given, to the more advanced classes in both the Boys School and the Girls School, either during or after the ordinary school hours; but the Governors shall be free to choose the subjects, from time to time, in which such instruction and training shall be given, having regard to the circumstances of the locality and the wants and capacity of the pupils.

Kindergarten  
System, Drawing,  
and Industrial  
Training.

11. The Boys School, the Girls School, and the Infant School, at Oldcastle, shall continue in connection with, and shall remain subject to the Rules and Regulations and under the inspection of the Commissioners of National

Connection with  
National Board.



Education, and the Governors shall from time to time appoint one or more of their own number to act as Manager or Managers thereof in accordance with the said Rules and Regulations.

**Intermediate Education.**

12. The Governors shall make such provision as they shall deem suitable to the circumstances of the locality, and to the wants and capacity of the pupils, for giving instruction in the Schools in the extra subjects for which results fees may be claimed under the rules of the Commissioners of National Education. They may also, whenever the income at their disposal will permit, establish and maintain, or aid, in the Schools or elsewhere at or near Oldcastle, an Intermediate School or department, or classes for Intermediate Education, and may provide for the instruction therein of the more advanced or promising pupils of the Schools, and of other pupils requiring Intermediate Education.

**Evening Schools and Classes.**

13. The Governors may maintain an evening school or schools, or evening classes, for the education of pupils who are engaged during the day at agriculture, trade, or business, and who are desirous of carrying on their education in the evening. The course of instruction in the evening school or schools or classes shall be arranged with special regard to the requirements of pupils obliged to maintain themselves by agricultural, commercial, or industrial pursuits, and, in addition to the usual subjects of elementary or intermediate education, may comprise instruction in Practical and Experimental Science, Drawing, Modelling, Shorthand, Book-keeping, Practical Agriculture, the use of Tools, Home Industries, Needlework, Cookery, Laundry Work, Dressmaking, and any other subjects which the Governors may deem suitable or useful for any sufficient number of the pupils.

**Aid from Public Sources.**

14. The Governors may make all arrangements from time to time necessary to enable them to obtain for the Schools, from the Intermediate Education Board, from the Commissioners of National Education, from the Science and Art Department, from the Commissioners of Public Works, or from any other public body, or under any Statute, such aid, by way of teachers salaries, results fees, prizes, grants or loans for building or other purposes, and provision for Technical Education, as may at any time be available for or open to like Schools or the pupils thereof; and, notwithstanding anything herein contained, they may place any or all of their schools or classes in connection with or under the inspection of any such public body as aforesaid, and they may comply with any rules or regulations for the time being in force respecting schools or pupils receiving such aid. All money and other aid which the Governors may so receive shall, subject to such rules and regulations, be applied by them in conformity with the provisions of this Scheme and accounted for accordingly.

**School Fees.**

15. The Governors may from time to time authorize the charge of such school fees as they may think reasonable; provided that, so far as the Endowments will allow, the Governors shall admit to the Schools the children of poor parents belonging to the town and neighbourhood of Oldcastle at reduced fees or free of charge, if the Governors are satisfied that they are unable to pay the ordinary fees.

**Religious Instruction.**

16. The Governors shall make due provision for the religious instruction of the pupils, in such manner as they shall think fit; and for this purpose they may appoint two chaplains of the Schools, one Protestant and one Roman Catholic, and may assign to each chaplain a salary not exceeding twenty-five pounds a year; provided that so long as the Schools are in connection with the Commissioners of National Education the religious instruction shall be given in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the said Commissioners in force for the time being; provided also that no pupil attending the Schools shall at any time be permitted to receive or to be present at any religious instruction to which his or her parents or guardians shall object, and that the arrangements for giving religious instruction shall be so made that no pupil attending for secular instruction only, shall be thereby excluded, directly or indirectly, from any of the advantages of the secular education given in the Schools. The *ex-officio* Governors shall be eligible for appointment as chaplains of the Schools.



If and so long as there shall be more than one teacher employed in the Boys School, and there shall be not less than fifteen Protestant pupils on the roll of this School, one of the teachers shall be a Protestant. If and so long as there shall be more than one teacher employed in the Girls School and Infant School together, and there shall be not less than fifteen Protestant pupils on the rolls of these Schools, one of the teachers shall be a Protestant. If and so long as there shall be not less than fifteen Protestant pupils, in all, on the rolls of the Schools, one of the teachers employed in the Schools shall be a Protestant.

*General Provisions as to Governing Body.*

17. At the first meeting of the Governors after the date of this Scheme, and at the first meeting in each calendar year afterwards, the Governors present at the meeting shall elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman, who shall hold office until the first meeting of the following year, and shall be eligible for re-election. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Governors at which he is present; in the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall preside; and, in the absence of both, the Governors present shall elect one of their own number to act as Chairman for the occasion. Two Governors shall constitute a *quorum* for any purpose except the use of the common seal: for the use of the common seal three Governors shall constitute a *quorum*. All matters and questions shall be determined by the majority of the Governors present; in every case of equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote except when only two Governors shall vote, in which case, if there be a difference of opinion, the question shall be deferred to a future meeting. The Governors may appoint an Honorary Secretary, and such other Honorary Officers as they may think fit.

Chairman,  
*Quorum*, and  
Honorary  
Officers.

18. Within one calendar month after the date of this Scheme, and once at the least in every three months thereafter, the Governors shall meet at the Schools, and they may also meet at such other times and places as they may from time to time appoint. At each quarterly meeting, the Governors shall examine for themselves into the condition of the Schools and the efficiency of the education given therein. One of the Governors shall visit the Schools once at the least in every week, except during vacation, and shall record his visit in a book to be provided by the Governors for that purpose, which shall be laid before the Governors at each meeting. Notice of every meeting shall be given to each Governor three clear days, or such other time as the Governors may direct, before each meeting. The Chairman, or in his absence the Vice-Chairman, or any two other Governors, may at any time summon a special meeting, giving notice to each Governor six clear days, or such other time as the Governors may direct, before such meeting, specifying in such notice the object thereof. Every meeting may adjourn for the completion of its business to such time and place as the Governors present may appoint.

Meetings.

19. Every Governor shall at or before the first meeting which he attends, sign a declaration in a book to be kept for that purpose, of his acceptance of the office of Governor; and until he has signed such declaration he shall not be entitled to act as a Governor. Minute books shall be kept by the Governors in which all their proceedings shall be duly entered. All deeds and other documents sealed with the common seal, and signed at any meeting by the Chairman of the meeting and two other Governors, shall be held to be validly executed on behalf of the Governors.

Minutes, Books,  
and Documents.

20. The Governors may, from time to time, appoint from their own number a Committee or Committees, each consisting of two or more members, to superintend and carry into execution any orders, rules, or directions of the Governors with respect to the purposes of this Scheme, or to manage such of the business of the Governors relating to the Schools, as the Governors may deem it expedient to depute to a Committee. They may also, if they think fit, appoint a Committee or Committees of Ladies to assist them in the domestic management of the Schools, or in the supervision of the female and infant pupils. The Governors may define the duties and regulate the proceedings of every Committee as they may think fit.

Committee.

By-laws and  
Regulations

21. The Governors may from time to time make such by-laws and regulations as they shall consider convenient and needful for the good management of the Schools, and for giving effect to the other purposes of this Scheme; provided that no such by-law or regulation shall be inconsistent with the provisions of this Scheme, and that the same may be repealed, altered, and amended by the Governors as they may from time to time think fit. Unless and until the Governors shall otherwise provide, the rules, orders, by-laws, and regulations relating to the administration of the Endowments in force at the date of this Scheme, so far as the same are consistent with the provisions of this Scheme, shall remain in force and be observed by the Governors.

Accounts and  
Audit.

22. The Governors shall cause to be kept regular accounts of all their receipts and disbursements, in such manner and form as may be from time to time prescribed or approved by the Local Government Board, and the accounts for each year ending the thirty-first day of December, or such other day as the Board shall prescribe or approve, shall be submitted for audit on or before the first day of March following, or such other day as the Governors may appoint, to an Auditor of the Local Government Board, or to some other competent authority, to be appointed or approved by the said Board. The Local Government Board may fix, and the Governors shall pay, such reasonable sum as shall be necessary to defray the cost of audit. The Governors shall keep an account with such bank as they may from time to time select, and all moneys receivable or payable by them, except petty cash, shall be lodged to or drawn from such account, and every cheque shall be signed by two Governors, at the least, thereto authorized.

## Inspection.

23. The Inspector to be appointed by the Lord Lieutenant in pursuance of the Act, section 17, shall inspect the Schools once at the least in each year, and as much oftener as the Lord Lieutenant may direct, and shall present his report thereon to the Lord Lieutenant; and the remuneration of the Inspector, as fixed by the Lord Lieutenant, shall be defrayed by the Governors out of the Endowments. Provided that, unless and until the Lord Lieutenant shall appoint an Inspector of the Schools in pursuance of the Act, section 17, each Inspector from time to time appointed by the Commissioners of National Education to inspect the Schools, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the said Commissioners, shall be deemed to be the Inspector appointed by the Lord Lieutenant under the Act, and the reports of every such Inspector shall be presented by the Governors to the Lord Lieutenant; but such Inspector shall not be entitled as such to any remuneration in addition to the remuneration which he may be entitled to receive from the said Commissioners.

Powers of  
Governors.

24. Subject to the provisions of this Scheme, and subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Commissioners of National Education applicable to the Schools, the Governors shall have and exercise general supervision and control over the Schools; they shall determine the various subjects of education to be taught therein; they shall fix the terms and vacations, and make such provision as they shall think fit for the maintenance of order and discipline. Subject as aforesaid, they may appoint from time to time, upon such terms as they shall think fit, and at such salaries as they deem sufficient, the several members of the teaching and domestic staff employed in or about the Schools, and all such other officers and servants, including a clerk or accountant, as they shall from time to time deem advisable. Subject to the provisions hereinafter contained as to the vested interests of individuals holding office at the date of the passing of the Act, every teacher, officer, and other person in the employment of the Governors shall be removable by the Governors for such cause as they shall deem adequate, or upon reasonable notice, or upon payment of a reasonable sum, not exceeding three months salary, in lieu of notice. No person appointed to any paid office or employment under the Governors, or entitled to any emolument out of the Endowments, other than salaries payable to *ex-officio* Governors appointed to be chaplains of the Schools, shall be capable of becoming, or shall continue to be, a Governor.

Management of  
Property and  
Investments.

25. The Governors may from time to time sell any of the property (other than lands or buildings), funds, and securities vested in them, and may invest the moneys arising therefrom, or other the capital of the Endowments,

and may also invest and accumulate any surplus or residue of income not required in any year for any of the purposes of this Scheme in any of the public stocks, funds, or securities of the United Kingdom, or of any colony or dependency thereof, or in the Stock of the Bank of England or of the Bank of Ireland, or upon freehold or leasehold securities, or in the purchase of perpetual rents or rentcharges, in the United Kingdom, or upon the bonds, debentures, or mortgages of any municipal, commercial, or other joint stock company or corporation carrying on business or constituted for any purpose in the United Kingdom, or any colony or dependency thereof, and the Governors may from time to time vary such investments, and they may from time to time resort to the accumulations of income from any previous year, and apply the same for the purposes of this Scheme. Any Endowments standing in the name of the Paymaster-General of the High Court of Justice in England, or in the name of the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland, may, with the approval of the said Commissioners, be invested in any of the public stocks, funds, or securities of the United Kingdom, or of India, or in the Stock of the Bank of England, or of the Bank of Ireland, or in any other securities from time to time authorized by statute, or by the practice of the High Court of Justice in England or Ireland, for the investment of trust funds.

*Provision for Vested Interests and Retiring Allowances.*

26. Every individual who, at the date of the passing of the Act, held, and at the date of this Scheme shall continue to hold any office, place, employment, pension, compensation, allowance, or emolument, under or arising out of the Endowments, shall continue to hold and be entitled to receive the same from the Governors upon the same terms, and in the same manner in every respect as he or she held and was entitled to receive the same at the date of the passing of the Act; and every such individual shall remain bound to perform the same and all like duties for the Governors, so long as his or her employment shall continue, as he or she would have been bound to perform for his or her existing employers if this Scheme had not passed; and his or her employment may be determined by the Governors at any time after the date of this Scheme by dismissal for such cause, or by such notice, or payment in lieu of notice, as would have been sufficient to terminate the engagement if this Scheme had not passed. The Governors may grant to any officer, other than a chaplain of the Schools, who otherwise than from wilful misconduct shall become incapable of further duty, or whose services shall no longer be required, such reasonable retiring allowance or gratuity, to be fixed by the Governors with due regard to length of service and to the circumstances of his or her employment, and to the amount of the Endowments, as the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland shall approve.

Vested Interests  
and Retiring  
Allowances.

*Payment of Expenses.*

27. The Governors shall, subject to the other provisions of this Scheme, pay out of the Endowments all charges, which, under the provisions of the Act, shall be properly and necessarily payable by the Governors or out of the Endowments, for the taxed costs and expenses of this Scheme, or for audit and inspection, or for other purposes.

Payment of  
Expenses.

*Discharge of existing Trustees.*

28. Immediately after the passing of this Scheme the existing Trustees under the hereinbefore recited Chancery Scheme shall proceed to pay and discharge, out of the moneys in their hands, all the salaries, outgoings, and liabilities due or payable by them up to the date of this Scheme, including their costs of and incident to the preparation of this Scheme (such costs, if any, to be taxed and certified by the proper officer of the High Court of Justice in Ireland), and shall prepare a final account of all their receipts and disbursements, dating from the last annual account submitted to the High Court of Justice in England, and shall submit the same for audit to the Local Government Board, or to such other competent authority as the said Board shall direct

Discharge of  
existing Trustees.



or approve. Upon such audit the net cash balances remaining in the hands of the said Trustees, or of their agents treasurers or bankers or of any other person on their account, shall be ascertained and certified, and thereupon the same and all securities held by the said Trustees shall forthwith be paid or transferred to the Governors, to be by them held and applied for the purposes of this Scheme and accounted for accordingly. The said Trustees and all or any other persons having custody thereof, shall at the same time deliver to the Governors all books, documents, and other chattels and effects belonging to or held by them as or for such Trustees, who shall thereupon be discharged. All rents, debts, and other sums then accruing or payable to or recoverable by the said Trustees shall thereupon and thenceforth accrue and become payable to and recoverable by the Governors, and all sums then payable by or recoverable from the said Trustees, and all contracts then binding upon them, shall thereupon and thenceforth be payable by and recoverable from and binding upon the Governors hereby constituted. The said Trustees, and the Governors respectively, shall not be bound or required to submit for audit to the High Court of Justice in England any account which shall have been duly audited under this Scheme.

#### *Printing of Scheme.*

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29. The Governors shall cause this Scheme to be printed, or shall procure printed copies thereof, and shall keep the same for sale at a reasonable price.

#### *Alteration of Scheme.*

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Scheme.

30. This Scheme may be altered from time to time by the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland, in any matter whatsoever, upon the application of the Governors or of the Commissioners of National Education; but except upon such application no alteration shall be so made and no alteration shall be made contrary to anything contained in the Act. No application made under this clause shall have effect unless it specifies the nature of the alteration desired; nor, in the case of an application made by the Governors, unless it is supported by a resolution passed with the concurrence of not less than four Governors at a meeting of the Governors specially convened for the purpose.

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### SCHEDULE REFERRED TO IN THE FOREGOING SCHEME.

#### *Part I.—The Buildings and Premises of the School.*

The piece of land with the schoolhouse, teachers residence, and other buildings erected thereon, occupied by The Gilson Schools, otherwise known as The Oldcastle Endowed School, situate at Oldcastle, in the county of Meath, containing one acre, two roods, and seventeen perches, Irish plantation measure, held by the Trustees for ever, free of rent, together with all goods, chattels, and effects which at the date of this Scheme may belong to the Schools.

#### *Part II.—The Gilson Endowment.*

(i). A sum of £26,092 4s. 8d., Government Stock, standing in the books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, in the name of the Paymaster-General of the High Court of Justice, to the credit of an account entitled "Witham v. Knipe—the account of the Oldcastle Schools, founded by Laurence Gilson."



(ii). A sum of Government Stock, standing in the books of the said bank in the name of the said Paymaster-General, to the credit of an account entitled "Witham v. Knipe—the Surplus Income Account."

(iii). Such further or other sums of stock or cash respectively as at the date of this Scheme may be standing in the name of the said Paymaster-General to the credits above mentioned, or either of them, or otherwise applicable for the purposes of the Schools.

(iv). Such sums of stock or cash respectively as at the date of this Scheme may be held by the existing Trustees, or by any other person or persons on their behalf, for the purposes of the Schools.

### Part III.—*The Buildings and Premises of the Agricultural School.*

(i). The house situate at Chapel-street, in the town of Oldcastle, near the Oldcastle Endowed School, together with the piece of ground containing forty-four perches, on part of which the said house is erected containing in width at the south end or part thereof abutting on Chapel-street, eighty-three feet nine inches or thereabouts, and in depth, two hundred feet or thereabouts, and in width at the north end thereof seventy-three feet or thereabouts, abutting on the west side and at the north end on the fair green, and abutting and adjoining on the east side to the Schools, which house is now used as a teachers residence.

(ii). That piece of land, containing twelve acres, three roods, and eight perches, statute measure, lying near to the School and to the premises last mentioned, and being part of the town and lands of Oldcastle, in the barony of Demifore, and county of Meath, bounded on the north by James Curran's holding, on the south by part of the townlands called Locations, on the west by the fair green, and on the east by William Preston's holding.

The above-mentioned premises, (i) and (ii), are held upon trust for the Schools, for a term of three lives or thirty-one years, subject to the yearly rent of £24, under an Indenture of Lease made October 20, 1858, between James Lenox William Naper, of Loughcrew, in the county of Meath, of the first part; the said James Lenox William Naper, the Right Hon. Richard Southwell Bourke, commonly called Lord Naas, of Dublin Castle, in the city of Dublin, M.P., Chief Secretary for Ireland, the Rev. Thomas Garde Durdin, Clerk, Rector of the parish of Oldcastle, in the said county, the Rev. George Leonard, Clerk, the Roman Catholic Clergyman of the said parish, and James Arthur Dease, of Turbotstown, in the said county of Meath, the then Trustees of the Schools, of the second part; and the said James Arthur Dease, as Lessee, of the third part.

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