

entertaining and educating in Robert Gordon's Hospital in Aberdeen, or in any additional buildings to be added thereto, an additional number of indigent male children and male grandchildren of decayed Merchants and Brethren of Guild of the Burgh of Aberdeen, in the first instance, and failing these, male children born in the said Burgh, sons or grandsons of persons who have been residents in the said Burgh of Aberdeen who are indigent and cannot maintain themselves, to be received into the Hospital according to their necessity, which shall be judged of by the said four Ministers of the Burgh of Aberdeen, and the said Principal and Professors in the Marischal College, and their successors in the said respective offices, and declaring that the said Principal and Professors in the Marischal College shall have an equal vote in all matters concerning the admittance, mode of education, and maintenance of the children received into the Hospital, in as far as regards the present additional funds, as the four Ministers of the Gospel who are at present Managers of the said Hospital; and that the other Managers in said Hospital shall have no right to interfere or meddle with the present additional funds hereby disposed, or with the management or application thereof; . . . and that if the present Hospital is found insufficient to contain or lodge an additional number of children, as above described, the said Disponees shall have power to build such addition as they may judge necessary to the said Hospital, the price of such building being defrayed by the rents and profits from the lands hereby disposed before any children can be admitted into the Hospital from the rents or profits of said lands; that the said Disponees shall have power to elect or choose one or more schoolmasters, for teaching the branches already taught in said Hospital, such schoolmaster or schoolmasters being always appointed by the test of trial, the aforesaid Disponees being always judges of said performances, and that they appoint to the schoolmasters such salary as they may judge proper; that the rules and regulations laid down in the Deed of Mortification of Robert Gordon, in so far as not contradictory to anything herein contained, shall be the rules and regulations for the management of the said Disponees, but with power to them to make such alterations in the rules laid down by the said Robert Gordon as they shall see proper.

8. By a Deed of Agreement entered into between the President and Governors of Robert Gordon's Hospital and the Trustees of the said Alexander Simpson, dated 12th November 1822, it was provided, *inter alia*, (1) That the extent, situation, and mode of executing the necessary addition to the Hospital, required for the accommodation of the increased number of boys, should be determined, and a valuation made of the existing buildings and inclosing walls, and of the ground thus occupied and required for other buildings, and that the Trustees should pay for the whole of the additional buildings and necessary furnishings, enlarged playground, &c., or such proportion of the cost thereof as might be found to correspond with the number of boys for whom they required accommodation. (2) That the whole buildings, both original and additional, with the furnishings thereof, should be kept up at the joint expense of the President and Governors and the Trustees. (3) That the number of boys to be elected by the Trustees for admission into Robert Gordon's Hospital might be more or

less according to the state of the Trust funds from time to time, provided that the number should not, at any time, be reduced without the consent of the President and Governors, unless it appeared that the state of the funds was insufficient for the maintenance of so large a number: provided also that the boys so elected should be such as, in point of age, health, and parentage, might, by the Deed of Mortification of Robert Gordon, and the then subsisting Rules of the Hospital, be competently admitted to the benefit of that charity. (4) That the boys so elected should be clothed, entertained, and educated, by the President and Governors, in all respects on the same footing and in the same manner as the boys elected by themselves, and should be subject to the same discipline, with this provision, that the President and Governors should only be at liberty to expel them from the Hospital in gross cases of misconduct, and on a report by the four clerical Governors. (5) That the Trustees should pay yearly to the President and Governors a proportion of the whole salaries to Master, Schoolmasters and other Teachers, Treasurer, Housekeeper, Physician, and Clerk, and of the whole expense of maintaining, clothing, and educating the Boys, supplying the house with fuel and light, servants' wages, keeping the furniture and the Hospital buildings in repair, and all other expenses attending the establishment of the Hospital corresponding to the number of boys they had at the time or might be entitled to have in it. (6) That in case, at any time, it might be found necessary to have one or more Schoolmasters besides the two required on the then existing establishment of the Hospital, the Trustees should, on certain conditions, have the nomination and election of such additional Schoolmaster or Schoolmasters and their successors: provided that the President and Governors should be entitled to elect such additional Schoolmasters as might be afterwards required, in addition to the number then employed, for teaching the boys educated in the Hospital under the original foundation of Robert Gordon. (7) That the boys received into the Hospital under Mr. Simpson's endowment should be entitled to the same outfits as the other boys on their leaving the Hospital to be bound to trades, and should, if desired by the Trustees, be bound out to Masters at the expense of the Hospital: provided that the Trustees should become bound for payment of the same apprentice fees as are paid to Masters with other boys from the Hospital; and that, in like manner, the sum of £10 should be paid by them to such of the boys as should be allowed to go abroad after leaving the Hospital.

9. The additions to the said Hospital Buildings were completed at a cost of about £13,255, and the proportion thereof, and of the furnishings, as well as of the value of the original buildings payable by the Trustees, was fixed at about £4147, and paid by them to the President and Governors. The number of boys elected by the Trustees and maintained in the Hospital now number forty, in respect of whom they paid in the last financial year, by quarterly instalments, a sum of £1332, 6s. 8d. as a proportion of the expense of the establishment of the Hospital.

10. In the Session of Parliament (1878), the Act 41 and 42 Vic. cap. 48 was passed, intituled 'An Act to amend the law relating to Endowed Schools and Hospitals and other Endowed Institutions in Scotland, and for other purposes,'