

UNDER THE ENDOWED INSTITUTIONS
(SCOTLAND) ACT, 1878.

In the Matter of 'THE GRAHAM FREE
SCHOOL' TRUST.

Unto the Right Honourable Richard Assheton Cross, M.P., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, the Petition of John Ebenezer Watson, Accountant, Glasgow; William Lochore Brown, Writer, Glasgow; William Nairn, residing at The Hermitage, Murrayfield, Edinburgh; Joseph Findlay, Mill Furnisher, Glasgow; William Clark, Thread Manufacturer, Glasgow; James Burns Kidston, Writer, Glasgow; and William Giffen Lindsay, Accountant, Glasgow,—the Trustees now acting under Trust Disposition and Settlement executed by Mrs. Janet Graham or Lindsay, spouse of James Lindsay, sometime Grain Merchant, thereafter residing in Glasgow, dated 31st July, and recorded in the Burgh Court Books of Glasgow 7th November, both in the year 1833; and Trust Conveyance in implement by the Rev. William Kidston, D.D., Glasgow, and others, the Trustees named in the aforesaid Trust Disposition and Settlement in favour of themselves and others as Trustees for the Patrons and Guardians of The Graham Free School, dated the 8th, and recorded in the Burgh Court Books of Glasgow the 10th, both days of February 1838; and Alexander Nisbet, Ironmonger, Glasgow; William Graham, Chartered Accountant, Glasgow; William Graham of Lambhill, near Glasgow; James Graham, Wright, Glasgow; John Graham, Chartered Accountant, Glasgow; James Grahame, Chartered Accountant, Glasgow; Patrick Scotland, Agent, Glasgow; George Gilbert Ramsay, Professor of Humanity in the University of Glasgow; James Brown Fleming, Writer, Glasgow; and John Alexander, Merchant, Glasgow,—being the present Directors of the Graham Charitable Society of Glasgow, and the Reverend John Ker, D.D., and the Reverend James M'Ewen, M.A., being the present ministers of the congregation formerly in connection with the United Secession Church of Scotland, now incorporated with the Relief Church of Scotland, under the name of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland, and formerly worshipping in Campbell Street, Glasgow, now in Sydney Place United Presbyterian Church, Glasgow, being the whole of the Patrons and Guardians of the Endowed Institutions in Glasgow, named 'The Graham Free School.'

Humbly Sheweth,

THAT by the Endowed Institutions (Scotland) Act, 1878 (sections 4 to 8 inclusive), provision is made for the governing body of any endowed Institution in Scotland obtaining from Parliament power and authority whereby changes may be made in the application of the endowments

of such Institution, by applying to the Secretary of State for a Provisional Order for that object.

That your Petitioners are the governing body of the Endowed Institution in Glasgow called 'The Graham Free School,' the endowments of which are held in trust for the establishment and support of a Free School in Glasgow for the benefit of poor children bearing the names of Graham, Norrie, or Norris, and of any children, not exceeding ten at a time, out of the poor families of the Congregation formerly in connection with the United Secession Church of Scotland, now incorporated with the Relief Church in Scotland under the name of the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, and formerly worshipping in Campbell Street, Glasgow, now in Sydney Place United Presbyterian Church, Glasgow, recommended by the minister or ministers thereof.

That the said endowments were bequeathed for the objects aforesaid by the deceased Mrs. Janet Graham or Lindsay (hereinafter called 'the Testatrix'), who died in the year 1833, but, for many years after her death, the endowments were inadequate to admit of the erection and maintenance of a school as contemplated by her; and in the year 1857 it was resolved, with a view in the meantime to carry out so far as possible the spirit of her instructions, to pay the school fees of a limited number of children of the specified names and qualifications, at whatever schools might happen to be most conveniently situated for the children; and this method has been continued ever since, and is, in the opinion of your Petitioners, far more beneficial than any system whereby the children would be collected together in one school, to attend which many of them would have to travel great distances daily.

That the existence of the Institution is now well known, and, under the present system, all applicants falling within the terms of the bequest have been admitted to its benefits.

That the annual expense of the education thus afforded has hitherto amounted to less than £200 per annum; while for the last few years the average annual increase of the capital of the endowment funds has been £450, and the total capital at the close of the year 1879 was estimated at £15,543, 16s.

That, in these circumstances, your Petitioners consider that it would greatly increase the benefits arising from the Institution, and would carry out the true intention of the Testatrix if their powers were enlarged, and therefore, in terms of 'The Endowed Institutions (Scotland) Act, 1878,' your Petitioners, as the governing body of the Institution, at a meeting held on 27th January 1880 (specially called for the purpose in terms of that Act), unanimously resolved that application should be made for a Provisional Order for the purpose of obtaining enlarged powers for the better application of the endowments of the Institution. A copy of the circular convening the meeting, with a certificate of posting the same, and a Duplicate of the Minute of the Special Meeting, accompany this Petition.

That there are no vested interests which will be altered or interfered with.

That the provisions for the better application of the endowments of the Institution which your Petitioners desire to have sanctioned are to the following effect, viz. :—

That the whole revenue of the endowment funds, after deduction of expenses, shall be expended—
(First.) In providing primary education on the