

ought not to be required to apply to the Parochial Board for such aid.

In the case of children under ten years of age the fees shall not be paid for more than one school year without reappointment; and after they have been in attendance at school during one school year, the governors shall, in making their selection, give special weight to good conduct, attendance, and progress at school during the previous year. The amount to be expended in paying school fees for children under ten years of age shall not exceed one-third of the amount to be applied under this section.

In the case of children of ten years of age and upwards, the free scholars shall be selected by competitive examinations, which shall be open to all of the same age who are eligible in terms hereof, whether they have or have not previously been beneficiaries; and for such children the school fees may continue to be paid for such period not exceeding three years as the governors may determine. If any scholar gain a school bursary, his school fees shall no longer be paid under this section.

The governors, at the end of every school year, shall obtain from the teacher or teachers a special report as to the conduct, regularity of attendance, and progress of all scholars whose school fees are paid in whole or in part under this section, and the fees of no scholar shall continue to be paid in regard to whom such report is not satisfactory.

25. School Bursaries.—The governors shall apply an annual sum of not less than £100 in establishing school bursaries, which shall be called the Stiel School Bursaries, each of the yearly value of not less than £5 nor more than £10. These bursaries shall be awarded by competitive examination among children attending the public or State-aided schools of the parishes of Tranent, Gladsmuir, Prestonpans, and Pencaitland, who have passed the fifth standard of the present Scotch Code, or such standard as may from time to time be fixed by the Scotch Education Department, pursuant to the Education (Scotland) Acts, as that entitling children to total exemption from the obligation to attend school, and whose parents are in such circumstances as to require aid for giving their children a higher education. These bursaries shall be tenable for two years at public or State-aided schools in which efficient instruction is given in the higher branches.

26. Annual Payment to the School Board of the Parish of Tranent.—The governors shall pay the annual sum of £200 to the School Board of the parish of Tranent, on condition—

- (1.) That the said School Board shall apply the same for the purpose of promoting higher instruction.
- (2.) That in the case of every appointment after the date of this Scheme the head teacher of the school at Tranent shall be a university graduate.
- (3.) That the sum applied out of the school fund for payment of salaries in said school shall not be less than as at the date of this Scheme.

The governors shall satisfy themselves from time to time that the said annual payment is applied under the conditions contained herein for the promotion of higher instruction; and if it appears to them that the said annual payment is not so applied they shall withdraw the same, and deal with it as surplus income under the twenty-ninth section hereof; provided always, that if the said

School Board object thereto, the consent of the Scotch Education Department shall be obtained before the withdrawal of the said annual payment.

27. Evening Classes.—The governors shall have power to apply an annual sum, not exceeding £50, in the establishment or encouragement of evening classes in the parishes of Tranent, Prestonpans, Gladsmuir, or Pencaitland, and that either by payments to properly qualified teachers, or by the establishment of free scholarships at said classes, to be awarded by competition among pupils who have attended the public or State-aided schools in the said parishes, under such conditions and regulations as the governors may determine.

28. University or Technical College Bursaries.—The governors shall apply the annual sum of £120 in establishing bursaries for university or technical education, which shall be called the Stiel bursaries, each of the yearly value of not less than £20 nor more than £30. These bursaries shall be awarded by competitive examination among those who have been pupils in the public or State-aided schools in the parishes of Tranent, Prestonpans, Gladsmuir, or Pencaitland, and who require aid in obtaining such education; they shall be tenable for such period, not exceeding four years, as the governors may determine, at a university or technical school to be approved by the governors. If in any year properly qualified candidates cannot be found for the said bursaries from among those who have been pupils in the said schools, they shall be open to competition among those who have been pupils in the public or State-aided schools of the County of Haddington.

29. Bursaries for Higher Education.—The governors shall apply the remainder of the free income of the Trust in establishing bursaries for higher education, to be called the Stiel bursaries, each of the yearly value of not less than £10 nor more than £15. These bursaries shall be awarded by competitive examination, one half thereof among pupils attending the public or State-aided schools in the parishes of Tranent, Prestonpans, Gladsmuir, and Pencaitland, and one half among the pupils attending the public or State-aided schools in the county of Haddington; they shall be tenable for such period, not exceeding three years, as the governors may determine, at such schools for higher instruction as they may approve. The children competing for such bursaries shall not be more than fourteen years of age at the date of competition.

30. Forfeiture of Bursaries.—If in the judgment of the governors the holder of any free scholarship or bursary shall be guilty of serious misconduct, or fail to make reasonable progress at school, they may withdraw such scholarship or bursary, and their determination in such case shall be final.

31. Annual Distribution of Bursaries.—The governors shall establish the bursaries herein provided for in such manner as to secure that they shall be awarded in as nearly as possible equal numbers in each year.

32. Residue of Income.—The residue of the free annual income, in so far as it has not been applied under the provisions of this Scheme, shall be invested by the governors, as soon as the same shall amount to £100, and form part of the capital fund of the endowment.

General Clauses.

33–37. Power to apply to Court of Session for