

office for a period of five years, and thereafter until the first day of August after the expiry of that period. The governors elected by the said heritors shall, in the case of the first election, hold office for a period of three years, and thereafter until the first day of August after the expiry of that period. The governors shall, in the case of all elections subsequent to the first, hold office for a period of five years, from and after the expiry of the term of office of their predecessors, except as hereinafter provided. Each election shall be made at a meeting convened and conducted according to the ordinary rules and practice of the electing body. The governors may be elected by the several electing bodies either out of their own number or otherwise. Any governor may be re-elected. The first governors shall be elected as soon as conveniently may be after the date of this Scheme. The clerk or other officer of the governors shall, at least one month before the expiry of the term of office of any governor, give notice to the proper electing body, who shall as soon as conveniently may be after such notice, elect a governor to hold office from the expiry of said term. Any election not made as aforesaid within three months from the date of this Scheme, or from the date of the notice of expiry of a term of office, or from the date of the notice of a vacancy, as hereinafter prescribed, shall in that case be made by the then existing governors.

4-10. Clauses relating to Vacancies, Meetings, Chairman, Quorum, and Minutes.

11-21. Committees, Accounts, Business Arrangements, Powers of Sale and Investment, Audit, Transference of Administration.

22. Discontinuance of School Buildings.—The governors shall, within twelve months after the date of this Scheme, discontinue the school presently maintained in the school buildings of the New Educational Institution; they shall offer the said school buildings, with the site, pertinents, and furnishings thereof, to the School Board of Mauchline, at the price of £800; and in the event of the said School Board not agreeing to purchase the same at the said price within twelve months, they shall sell the same by public roup or let them at a fair rent, as to them may seem best; but, notwithstanding the provisions hereof, they may, on obtaining the authority of the Scotch Education Department, continue the school until such time as may be fixed.

23. Vested Interests.

Application of Income.

24. Application of Income.—The governors, after paying the necessary expenses of management, and the burdens and taxes affecting the Endowment, shall apply the free income of the Endowment in the manner hereinafter provided.

25. Free Scholarships.—The governors shall apply the sum of £30 yearly in paying, in whole or in part as they may think fit, the fees of scholars, with books and stationery, at public or State-aided schools in the parish of Mauchline for elementary education as defined in the Educational Endowments (Scotland) Act, 1882. The free scholars shall be children whose parents or guardians, not being in receipt of parochial relief, are in such circumstances as to require aid for providing elementary education, and are persons who, in the opinion of the governors, 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 selection of free scholars shall be made with

due regard to merit as ascertained by such examination, suited to the age of the candidates, as the governors may from time to time prescribe; or, in the case of children for whom such examination is unsuitable, by evidence that the children possess such qualifications as to justify their selection; and, in the case of children who have been in attendance at school during one or more school years, the governors shall, in making their selection, give special weight to good conduct, attendance, and progress at school during the previous year. The fees, in respect of children under ten years of age shall not be paid for more than one school year without reappointment, and the amount to be expended in paying fees for such children 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.

The governors may, if they see fit, intrust the carrying out of the provisions of this clause to a committee appointed by them, partly from their own number, and partly from the members of the School Board of Mauchline.

26. Annual Payment to the School Board.—The governors shall pay the annual sum of £30 to the School Board of Mauchline on condition—

- (1) That the School Board shall apply the same for the purposes of higher instruction by providing a sufficient salary to the head teacher of Mauchline Public School, or such other school as they may select for the purpose of giving higher instruction in Mauchline, who shall in the case of any appointment after the date of this Scheme be a graduate of some university in the United Kingdom, and by supplying such assistance as may enable him to devote his attention chiefly to the upper standards, and to the teaching of specific subjects.
- (2) That the sum applied out of the school fund for payment of salaries in the said school shall not be on a lesser scale than the sum applied in Mauchline Public School at the date of this Scheme.
- (3) That the School Board give free education in the said school to not more than ten scholars who have passed the fifth standard, and who shall be selected by the governors by competitive examination under the conditions and regulations of the twenty-eighth section hereof, from scholars attending public or State-aided schools in the parish of Mauchline. The free education thus given shall be continued for a period not exceeding