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An Act for the better Regulation of the Grammar School and *John Kendricke's* Loan Charity, *Reading.* [12th August 1867.]

WHEREAS Her Majesty's Attorney General on the Twenty-ninth Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and forty-one filed an Information in the High Court of Chancery in *England* against the Reverend *John Cecil Grainger*, the Reverend *John Ball*, *George Cooper*, *William Harris*, *Charles Shackelton Robinson*, and the Mayor, Commonalty, and Citizens, Governors of the Possessions, Revenues, and Goods of the Hospital of *Edward the Sixth King of England of Christ's, Bridewell, and Saint Thomas the Apostle*, as Defendants, stating, among other things, as the Fact was, that *John Kendricke* by his Will bearing Date the Twenty-ninth *December* One thousand six hundred and twenty-four gave to the Mayor and Burgesses of the Borough of *Reading* in the County of *Berks* the Sum of Seven thousand five hundred Pounds, upon trust to purchase Lands and Hereditaments of the clear yearly Value of Fifty Pounds, which said Sum of Fifty Pounds he directed to be paid to his Sister *Ann Newman* during her Life, and after her Decease the same was to be paid to the Overseers of the Poor

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of the said Town of *Reading*, to be by them bestowed and distributed amongst the Poor of the said Town for ever in manner therein-after mentioned, that is to say, the Money thereof every Half Year in such Sums and to such Persons according to their Necessities and Desert as the said Overseers should think meet, provided that this yearly Gift should not abridge the said Poor of their ordinary Allowance collected and assessed for their Relief, but should be an Addition and clear Increase; and the *John Kendricke* directed that if his Provision should be disposed of by the said Mayor and Burgesses or Overseers contrary to his Meaning, or that the Distribution thereof should be omitted by the Space of a Year, then that the said Sum of Fifty Pounds yearly should be paid to the Treasurer of *Christ's Hospital* in *London* for the Education of poor Children, or that they should make over Lands and Hereditaments of the same Value to the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of *London* for the Use of the said Hospital; and the said *John Kendricke* by his Will also ordered that with another competent Part of the said Sum of Seven thousand five hundred Pounds the said Mayor and Burgesses should purchase a fair Plot of Ground within the said Town of *Reading* or the Liberties thereof, and thereupon should erect or purchase a strong House of Brick fit for setting the Poor to work therein, with a Garden adjoining, to be kept in sufficient Reparation by the said Mayor and Burgesses for ever, and which House and Garden his Will was should be occupied by such as the said Mayor and Burgesses and their Successors should appoint for the employing of the Stock of Money by him left and devised for that Purpose, and that after the Purchase of the said Lands of the yearly Value of Fifty Pounds and the said House and Garden, then the Residue of the said Sum of Seven thousand five hundred Pounds was to be a common Stock to be employed and bestowed in Trades of Clothing, and also in working of Stuffs for Dyeing or otherwise, as to the said Mayor and Burgesses and their Successors should seem meet, for the Employment of the poor People, and for the Preservation and Increase of the said common Stock; and the said Mayor and Burgesses and their Successors were to have the placing and displacing of all Persons employed in husbanding the said common Stock; and the said Testator also desired that they should prefer the Poor of the said Town of *Reading* to the said Work before those of other Places; and if the said Mayor and Burgesses should neglect to perform or misemploy the said Stock contrary to his Meaning, and such their Neglect should continue at any Time by the Space of One whole Year together, then the whole Legacy of Seven thousand five hundred Pounds and every Part thereof should be utterly void, and that the said whole common Stock should be by the said Mayor and Burgesses paid to the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of *London* to the Use of *Christ's Hospital*, according to his said Devise of the  
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said Revenue of Fifty Pounds a Year for ever bequeathed to the Use and Relief of the poor People of the Town of *Reading*; and in case of Nonperformance by the said Mayor and Burgesses of the said Town the House and Garden so to be purchased within the said Town of *Reading* should by the said Mayor and Burgesses and their Successors be conveyed by their Deed sufficient in Law unto the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the said City of *London* and their Successors for ever, to the like Use of *Christ's Hospital* in *London* aforesaid; and the said Testator *John Kendricke* also bequeathed to the said Mayor and Burgesses of the Town of *Reading* the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, to be lent *gratis* for Three Years to Ten several honest and industrious poor Clothiers, Freemen of the said Town, by Fifty Pounds apiece, upon good Security, and no Man to have the Use of this Money twice, but if there should not be Clothiers enough found in the same Town to enjoy this Loan then he directed that the said Money should be lent to other Tradesmen free of the said Town by the Sums and Terms of Years as thereinbefore appointed to such as set most poor People to Work, according to the Discretion of the said Mayor and Burgesses; and the said Testator also gave to the Mayor and Burgesses of the said Town of *Reading* the Sum of Two hundred and fifty Pounds, to purchase Land of the clear yearly Value of Ten Pounds, to maintain Divine Service to be performed in the Parish Church of *Saint Mary* every Morning in the Week at Six o'Clock, and he also gave the Sum of One hundred Pounds to be given to the poor Maids of the said Town of *Reading* at their several Marriages by Forty Shillings apiece, to be given only to such as should have lived Seven Years in any One Place; that the whole of the said several Legacies of Seven thousand five hundred Pounds, Five hundred Pounds, Two hundred and fifty Pounds, and One hundred Pounds, making together the Sum of Eight thousand three hundred and fifty Pounds, were in or before the Year One thousand six hundred and twenty-eight duly paid by the Executors of the said *John Kendricke* into the Hands of the said Mayor and Burgesses, and that Parts of the said Legacies were from Time to Time laid out in the Purchase of Land; that it appeared from the Books of the Charity that in the early Part of the Seventeenth Century the Clothing Trade was carried on in the Premises belonging to the Charity to a considerable Extent, and that Works were erected by the said Corporation of *Reading* for that Purpose, and there were several Papers existing signed by Clothiers acknowledging the Loan of Tools, Shop Stuff, and Implements for carrying on their Work, and of certain Sums of Money lent at Three *per Centum* Interest, and it appeared that the Premises belonging to the Charity were then let to different People in several Shops, Rent-free, on Condition that they should employ poor People in the Cloth Trade, but that this Trade had long since ceased to be carried on in  
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the Town of *Reading*; that the said Charity had long ceased to answer the Purposes for which it was intended by the Donor, and various Plans had been suggested for making its Funds available, and a Wish had been entertained to apply a Part of its Revenues for the Support of a Grammar School, which was at present very slightly endowed, and would require considerable Aid to be able to maintain itself; that up to the passing of the Statute Fifth and Sixth *William* Fourth, Chapter Seventy-six, the said Corporation of *Reading* continued to be and were sole Trustees of the said Charities and Charity Estates; that under and by the Provisions of the said last-mentioned Statute the said Corporation ceased to be any longer Trustees of the said Charities and Charity Estates, and under and by virtue of the Powers vested in him by the said last-mentioned Statute, and under the Statute of Fifty-second *George* Third, Chapter One hundred and one, the Lord Chancellor did, by an Order bearing Date the Second *September* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, refer it to One of the Masters of the Court to appoint proper Persons to be Trustees of and for the Charity Estates and Property then late vested in or under the Administration of the Corporation of *Reading*, or any of the Members thereof, in that Character, which were affected by the Seventy-first Section of the said Act of Fifth and Sixth *William* Fourth, Chapter Seventy-six; and the said Master did by his Report, bearing Date the Twenty-third *February* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, appoint the Reverend *John Cecil Grainger*, the Reverend *John Ball*, *Robert Lawrence* (since deceased), *George Alloway* (since deceased), *George Cooper*, *William Harris*, and *Charles Shackleton Robinson* to be Trustees of the Charity Estates and Property called *John Kendrick's* Charity in the Place of the said Corporation, and that the said Report of the said Master had since been duly confirmed; that under the Circumstances aforesaid the Informant then sometime since had presented a Petition to the said Court, whereby he prayed, among other things, that it might be referred to One of the Masters of the Court to approve of some proper Scheme or Schemes for the future Appropriation and Application of the said Estates, Property, and Funds, and the Income thereof, regard being had to the Intention of the said Founder, and to the Change of Circumstances which had as aforesaid taken place; and that by an Order of his Honor the Vice-Chancellor, dated the Sixth *July* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, made upon the said Petition, it was ordered that a proper Scheme or Schemes should be approved for the future Appropriation of the said Estates, Property, and Funds, and the Income thereof, regard being had to the Intention of the Founder, and to the Change of Circumstances which had taken place, as in the said Petition mentioned; that from the Inquiries which had been made on behalf of the Attorney General, for the Purpose of preparing a proper Scheme under

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under the said Order, it appeared that the altered State of Circumstances of the said Town and its Inhabitants rendered it impossible to apply the present increased Income of the said Charity in the Manner and to the Purposes and Objects directed by the said Testator, and that it would in fact be most prejudicial, instead of being of Benefit, to the said Town and the poor Inhabitants thereof so to apply the same; that it appeared to be the Opinion of the principal Inhabitants of the said Town that it would be most for the Benefit of the said Town and its Inhabitants if a considerable Portion of the Income of the said Charity were applied to the Establishment of an efficient School for the Education of the Children of the Inhabitants, and that the said Trustees concurred in the said Opinion, and a Scheme was accordingly prepared and carried in, under the said Order, on behalf of the Attorney General and also on behalf of the said Trustees, by both of which it was proposed to apply a Portion of the said Income to the Establishment of such School; that it had been since considered that such Appropriation of the said Charity Funds could not be made under the said Order made upon the said Petition, but that it was necessary that an Information should be filed for the Purpose, and praying, among other things, that it might be referred to the Master to approve of some proper Scheme or Schemes for the future Appropriation and Application of the Estates, Property, and Funds of the said Charity, and the Income thereof, regard being had to the Directions of the said Founder, and, as far as the said Charity might be declared to be a subsisting Charity for the Benefit of the said Town of *Reading* or the Inhabitants thereof, to the then present State and Circumstances of the said Town and its Inhabitants, and that in settling such Scheme the said Master might inquire and consider whether under present Circumstances the whole present Property and Funds and the Income thereof could be applied to the Purposes directed by the said Testator, and whether it would be beneficial to the Inhabitants of the said Town that the whole or any and what Part only thereof should be so applied, and if he should be of opinion that the whole thereof could not be so applied, then that he might ascertain and state whether any Part thereof might be properly and beneficially appropriated to the Foundation and Support of a School for the Education of the Children of the Inhabitants of the said Town, and in such Case that he might approve of some proper Scheme for carrying such last-mentioned Purpose into effect:

And whereas before the said Suit of Attorney General *v. Grainger* was brought to a Hearing, a Decree was made by the High Court of Chancery in another Suit of *Christ's Hospital v. Grainger*, by which it was declared in effect that the Estates, Funds, and Property purchased with or representing the said Legacy of Seven thousand five hundred Pounds, and the Income and Accumulations thereof, had, in the Event which had happened, and by reason of the Nonemployment

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thereof in manner directed by the said Will, reverted to and become the Property of *Christ's Hospital*, under the Directions of the said Will in that Behalf, and such Estates, Funds, and Property were directed to be conveyed and transferred to the Use of or in trust for *Christ's Hospital* accordingly :

And whereas by the Decree made on the Hearing of the said Cause of Attorney General v. *Grainger* by the Vice-Chancellor of *England*, bearing Date the Seventeenth Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, the Information, so far as related to the Charity in the Pleadings mentioned given by the Will of *John Kendricke* as a common Stock to be employed and bestowed in Trades of Clothing and for the Employment of the Poor of the Town of *Reading*, being the Property which had reverted to *Christ's Hospital*, as therein-before ascertained, was dismissed, and it was declared that the Charity in the Pleadings mentioned given by the Will of the said *John Kendricke* for Loans to poor Freemen of the Town of *Reading* ought to be established, and certain Declarations were made and Accounts and Inquiries directed in respect of the Property belonging to or held in trust for the last-mentioned Charity ; and it was ordered that the Master should approve of a proper Scheme for the due Administration of the said Loan Charity, and for the Application of the Income thereof :

And whereas by an Order made in the said Cause, bearing Date the Eleventh Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, it was ordered that the Accounts and Inquiries by the said Decree directed to be carried on and presented before the Master to whom the Matter of *John Kendricke's* Charity stood referred should be, instead thereof, carried on and prosecuted before the Judge to whose Court the said Cause was attached in Chambers :

And whereas, in pursuance of the said Decree and Order, the Chief Clerk of his Honor the Vice-Chancellor *Kindersley* made his Certificate, bearing Date the Twenty-eighth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, and thereby certified the Result of the Accounts and Inquiries taken and made in pursuance of the said Decree and Order of Transfer :

And whereas by an Order made in the said Cause, dated the Twenty-fifth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, a proper Scheme was ordered to be settled and approved by the Judge for the future Management and Administration of the said Loan Charity, and the Application of the Income thereof :

And whereas the Funds and Property belonging to the said Loan Charity which have been accumulated pending the Approval of a Scheme now consist of the Sum of Three thousand and twelve Pounds and Tenpence Bank Three *per Cent.* Annuities, standing in the Name of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery to the Credit of the Cause Attorney General v. *Grainger*, and of certain

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certain Lands and Dwelling Houses at *Reading* let at Rents at present amounting in the whole to Ninety-four Pounds annually or thereabouts :

And whereas of the Seven Trustees of the said Loan Charity appointed by the said Master by his Report bearing Date as aforesaid the Twenty-third Day of *February* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, Two (*Robert Lawrence* and *George Alloway*) died previously to the Date of the said Information of the Twenty-ninth Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and forty-one, and Four others (the Reverend *John Cecil Grainger*, the Reverend *John Ball*, *George Cooper*, and *Charles Shackelton Robinson*,) have since died, and *William Harris* is the only present Trustee :

And whereas Her Majesty Queen *Elizabeth* granted a Charter to the Borough of *Reading*, bearing Date the Twenty-third Day of *September* in the Second Year of Her Reign, and One of the Considerations for such Charter is therein stated to be that the Mayor and Burgesses of *Reading*, and their Successors, should thereafter and for ever yearly discharge Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, against the Schoolmaster of the Free School within the Borough aforesaid for the Time being, of Ten Pounds yearly for his Stipend and Salary ; and Her said Majesty, in and by the said Charter, after reciting that a School or Grammar School founded and built by Her Predecessors was in the Borough for educating the Boys of the Inhabitants of the same Borough and others in Literature, for the better training-up, Order, and Benefit of the School aforesaid, to be practised, used, and observed in future, willed, and for Herself, Her Heirs and Successors, granted to the said Mayor and Burgesses, that they and their Successors for the Time being should from Time to Time, when they pleased, nominate, elect, and appoint One fit Person to be and continue Master, Teacher, and Instructor in the same School or Grammar School, and that it should be lawful for the said Mayor and Burgesses and their Successors from Time to Time, for any reasonable Cause, to remove or expel the same Master, Teacher, and Instructor, or to substitute and admit the same or any other in his Place, as it should seem expedient or necessary to the said Mayor and Burgesses or the major Part of them for the Time being :

And whereas the only other Information now known concerning the Foundation of the said School is contained in the Report of the Commissioners appointed by Authority of Parliament to inquire concerning Charities in the Year One thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, who therein stated, amongst other things, that the said School was founded by King *Henry Seventh* about the Year One thousand four hundred and eighty-six, after the Suppression of the old House of *Saint John*, Part of the Buildings of which were appropriated to the Use of the School, and a Stipend of Ten Pounds a Year was assigned to the Master, payable out of the Crown Rents of the Town  
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of *Reading*; that no Statutes were made for its Regulation, nor was there known to exist any Charter by which it was founded, but that the oldest authentic Record which they had seen containing any Mention of it was a Charter of Incorporation bearing Date the Twenty-third Day of *September* One thousand five hundred and sixty, granted by Queen *Elizabeth* to the Town of *Reading*, being the said recited Charter; that Archbishop *Laud* in One thousand six hundred and forty gave Twenty Pounds to the Master on certain Conditions specified in the Report of the said Commissioners relating to his Charity, and that this was the only Addition to the said Foundation; that *John Webb* in One thousand six hundred and fifty-three gave to the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses Ten Pounds towards the purchasing of a convenient Dwelling House for the Schoolmaster of the Free School to dwell in; that *Francis Mitchell* by Will bearing Date First *July* One thousand six hundred and seventy-one gave to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses One hundred Pounds, in trust to purchase a convenient House for the Habitation of the Master of the Free School Rentfree, so as such Master should not require for teaching any Child born within the Borough more than Two Shillings and Sixpence a Quarter, which, according to the Testator's Recollection, was the utmost Price paid by any Town-born Child at the Time of his schooling there; and in case any Schoolmaster should receive more he directed that the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses should dispose of the Rents of such House so to be purchased in the placing out of poor Children born within the Borough as Apprentices; that the foregoing Legacies appeared to have formed Part of the Money advanced by the Corporation, aided by public Subscription, for purchasing the Lease of the then present Schoolhouse, which was built by a former Schoolmaster on Land belonging to the *Blagrove* Family; that the then present Schoolroom was built by Doctor *Valpy*, the Master of the School, in the Year One thousand seven hundred and ninety, at his own Expense, upon Land the Lease of which was purchased by him in One thousand seven hundred and eighty-five for One hundred Pounds; that the then Schoolhouse was held on a Lease for Lives, all of which, with One Exception, had dropped, and that the Lessors refused to grant any fresh Lease; that the School was open to all Boys, whether Natives or Residents in *Reading*, and Nine were admitted free; that there were then Twenty Boarders in the Schoolhouse and Seventeen Day Boys, but that at One Time the said Dr. *Valpy* had One hundred and twenty Scholars, and that it was recorded that in One thousand six hundred and sixty there were Three hundred Scholars in the School; that there were then Two Scholarships at *St. John's College, Oxford*, attached to the said School on the Foundation of Sir *Thomas White*, and that the Nomination of these Scholars was in the Mayor and Aldermen of *Reading*;

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And whereas since the Date of the said Report of the said Commissioners the School has continued to decline, and there have of late been but Two or Three Boys in attendance at the School, and the Lease of the said Schoolhouse having determined in the Year One thousand eight hundred and sixty-six the School has not since been re-opened :

And whereas the Property and Income of the said Grammar School now consist of the following Particulars:—A yearly Sum of Ten Pounds payable by the Corporation of *Reading* to the Master of the Grammar School under the said recited Charter of Queen *Elizabeth* ; Archbishop *Laud*'s Gift in the Year One thousand six hundred and forty, which now consists of Two Twentieth Parts of the net Rents and Profits of a Farm situate in the Parish of *Bray* in the County of *Berks*, containing Three hundred and twenty Acres Three Roods and Three Poles, let on Lease for Twenty-one Years from *Michaelmas* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-one at an entire Rental of Four hundred and fifty Pounds *per Annum*, subject to a Land Tax of Eleven Shillings and Eightpence *per Annum* ; One thousand one hundred and fifteen Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Threepence Three *per Cent.* Annuities purchased with a Sum of One thousand Pounds paid by the Corporation of *Reading* in respect of the Town Hall of *Reading*, standing in the Names of the Official Trustees of Charitable Funds ; the several Sums of Thirty-two Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Tenpence, Nineteen Pounds and One Penny, Twenty Pounds and Twopence, Twenty Pounds Two Shillings and Fivepence, and Nineteen Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Sevenpence, (making together One hundred and eleven Pounds Seventeen Shillings and One Penny,) like Annuities, purchased with Interest on the said One thousand Pounds before Investment, and with Dividends on the said One thousand one hundred and fifteen Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Threepence Bank Annuities ; a Sum of Nine hundred and twenty-six Pounds Nine Shillings and Fivepence, receivable by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Reading* from the *Sun* Life Assurance Society on a Policy on the Life of *John Jackson Blandy* ; Two Scholarships at *Saint John's College, Oxford*, of the Value of One hundred Pounds *per Annum*, each tenable for Five Years, which Scholarships are held in lieu of Two Fellowships at the same College given by Sir *Thomas White* about the Year One thousand five hundred and fifty-five ; Two Sums of Six hundred and seventy-five Pounds and One hundred Pounds, making together Seven hundred and seventy-five Pounds, like Annuities, standing in the Names of "The Official Trustees of Charitable Funds," purchased with Monies raised by public Subscription for establishing Scholarships at the said Grammar School, also a Sum of Eleven Pounds Twelve Shillings and Sixpence Cash, being Dividends received thereon ; and a Sum of Fifty-one Pounds Four Shillings and Threepence (with

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Interest accumulating thereon) invested in the Savings Bank at *Reading* from Subscriptions raised for the Purposes last aforesaid :

And whereas by an Order of the Charity Commissioners for *England* and *Wales*, dated the Seventeenth Day of *September* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, the Mayor of *Reading* and the Chairman of the Trustees of the *Reading* Church Charities respectively, and their respective Successors for the Time being, in right and during Tenure of their said respective Offices, *William Blandy*, *James Boorne*, *Robert Hewett*, *John Bligh Monck*, *George Palmer*, *Timothy Larkin Walford*, and *Edward Wells* were appointed Trustees of the said Grammar School :

And whereas *Henry John Simonds* is the present Mayor of *Reading*, and the Reverend *Thomas Vincent Fosbery* acts as Chairman of the said Church Charities, and along with the said *William Blandy*, *James Boorne*, *Robert Hewett*, *John Bligh Monck*, *George Palmer*, *Timothy Larkin Walford*, and *Edward Wells* are the present Trustees of the said Grammar School :

And whereas by a Decree or Order of the said Court of Chancery made in the Matter of the Grammar School in the Borough of *Reading* in the County of *Berks*, and in the Matter of the Charitable Trusts Acts, 1853, 1855, and 1860, on the First Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, in pursuance of Proceedings commenced by the Attorney General for that Purpose, it was ordered that a proper Scheme for the future Management and Regulation of the last-mentioned Charity should be settled by the Judge :

And whereas, in pursuance of the said Orders dated respectively the Twenty-fifth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine and the First Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, a Scheme for the Regulation of the said Grammar School and of the said Charity called *John Kendrick's* Loan Society was accordingly settled and approved, and signed by his Honor the Vice-Chancellor *Malins*, in testimony of his Approval thereof :

And whereas the Objects of the said Scheme cannot be attained without the Authority of Parliament :

And whereas by an Order of the Court made in the said Cause and in the said Matters on the Eighteenth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven it was ordered that Her Majesty's Attorney General be at liberty to apply to Parliament for an Act to carry into effect the Scheme so approved and signed, and filed in the Report Office of the Court, and that the Draft of the Bill for the Act be settled by the Judge :

And whereas by a Certificate of the Chief Clerk of his Honor Vice-Chancellor *Malins*, made in the said Cause and Matters on the Third Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, he certified that the Draft of a Bill for the said Act had been settled and approved by the Judge, and was identified by the Signature of his

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Chief Clerk in the Margin thereof, and that the several Instruments, Facts, and Events recited in the Preamble to the Bill, before the Recital of the said Certificate, had been proved in the said Cause or in the said Matters respectively, as the Case might be :

And whereas the Certificate became absolute on the Sixteenth Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven :

And whereas by reason of the Lapse of Time and the Increase of the Income of the said *John Kendrick's* Loan Charity, and the altered Circumstances of the Town of *Reading* since the said Charity was founded, and for the better Regulation of both the said Charities, it is expedient that the said Scheme, which directs the Application of the Income of *John Kendrick's* Loan Charity to Purposes in connexion with Education in the Town of *Reading*, as the same is amended and set out in the Schedule to this Act, and is herein-after called the Scheme, should be carried into effect :

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows :

1. This Act may for all Purposes be cited as "*The Reading School Act, 1867.*" Short Title.
2. The Schedule to this Act annexed shall be deemed Part of this Act. Schedule to be Part of Act.
3. The Scheme which is set forth in the Schedule to this Act annexed is by this Act confirmed and made binding on all Parties interested, and from and after the passing of this Act the *Reading Grammar School* and *John Kendrick's* Loan Charity, to which the Scheme relates, shall respectively be governed and regulated, and the Estates belonging to the said Charities respectively shall be managed, and the Revenues thereof respectively shall be applied and disposed of, in accordance with such of the Provisions of the Scheme, and such Rules and Orders made under this Act, as from Time to Time shall be in force. Confirmation of Scheme in Schedule.
4. It shall be lawful for the said Court of Chancery from Time to Time, upon a Petition or Petitions to be preferred in a summary Way by Her Majesty's Attorney General, or by the Trustees with the Sanction of the Attorney General, to make any fresh Rules and Regulations, either in lieu of or in addition to any of the Rules and Regulations contained in the Scheme, in such Manner as to the said Court shall seem fit, having regard to the original Foundations and the Scope and Intention of the Scheme, and in the Exercise of its ordinary Jurisdiction over Charities; and the fresh Rules and Regulations, Court of Chancery may alter Scheme on Petition.

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lations, when so made, shall be the Rules and Regulations according to and under which for the Time being the said Charities shall respectively be held, administered, and managed, under or by virtue of this Act, notwithstanding any Clause, Matter, or Provision contained in this Act or the Schedule thereto.

Applications to Court for Purposes of Act.

5. All Applications from Time to Time made to the Court for any of the Purposes of this Act may be made upon Petition, Motion, or Summons, "In the Matter of *Reading School*," and "In the Matter of *Reading School Act, 1867*," and the Orders of the Court thereon may be made in a summary Way in Chambers or otherwise as the Court may think fit to direct.

General Saving.

6. Saving always to the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, and to all Persons and Bodies Politic and Corporate, and their respective Heirs, Successors, Executors, and Administrators, (other than the several Persons who by this Act are expressly excepted out of this General Saving,) all such Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Property, Benefit, Claim, and Demand whatsoever of, in, to, or out of the Estates and Revenues of the said Charities respectively, or any Part thereof, as they or any of them had before the passing of this Act, or would, could, or might have, hold, or enjoy if this Act were not passed.

Exceptions from General Saving.

7. The Persons following, and their respective Heirs, Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, are by this Act excepted out of the General Saving in this Act contained, and are the only Persons bound by this Act:

1. The Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Reading* and the Council of the said Borough:
2. The present and future Trustees of the said Charities or of any of the Funds or Property belonging thereto:
3. All Persons from Time to Time claiming any of the Benefits of the said Charities respectively.

Act as printed by Queen's Printers to be Evidence.

8. This Act shall not be a Public Act, but shall be printed by the several Printers to the Queen's most Excellent Majesty duly authorized to print the Statutes of the United Kingdom, and a Copy thereof so printed by any of them shall be admitted as Evidence thereof by all Judges, Justices, and others.

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The SCHEDULE to which the foregoing Act refers.

**SCHEME** for the Management and Regulation of the Grammar School and John Kendricke's Loan Charity, Reading, and for the Application of the Properties and Incomes thereof respectively.

1. The Charities, and the Lands and Property thereof, shall be under the Management and Control of Trustees, the full Number of whom shall be Thirteen. The Mayor for the Time being of the Borough of Reading, the Aldermen for the Time being of the said Borough, and the Vicars for the Time being of the Parishes of Saint Mary, Saint Giles, and Saint Lawrence, in the said Borough, shall be Trustees ex officio. The Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said Borough, acting by the Council for the Time being of the said Borough, shall from Time to Time appoint the remaining Three Trustees from the Councillors of the said Borough. As soon as conveniently may be after the Confirmation of this Scheme, and on the Ninth Day of November in the Year One thousand eight hundred and seventy, and in every Third succeeding Year, the Council for the Time being of the said Borough shall elect Three Councillors of the said Borough to be such Trustees; and if either of such Three Trustees shall die, or cease to be a Member of the said Council, or become Mayor or an Alderman of the said Borough, such Council shall, within One Month after any such Event shall occur, elect some other Councillor to be a Trustee in the Room of the Trustee so dying or ceasing to be a Member of the said Council, or becoming Mayor or an Alderman as aforesaid, until the Ninth Day of November next occurring, when the Election of Three Trustees would regularly take place.

Trustees.

2. The Trustees shall keep in repair and insured against Fire the School Buildings and Masters Residences herein-after directed to be provided, and all other Buildings belonging to the Charities, and shall manage, and from Time to Time let and demise, the Charities Property at the best Rents that can be reasonably obtained for the same, either from Year to Year or for any Term or Terms not exceeding Twenty-one Years, in possession and not in reversion, and without taking any Fine or Premium on the granting of any such Demise, but the Surrender of an existing Term not having more than Three Years to run shall not be considered as a Premium; and on the granting of any Lease the Lessee shall execute a Counterpart thereof. All Leases shall contain Covenants by the Lessee for the due Payment of the Rent, the Repair and Insurance of the Houses and Buildings comprised therein, a Proviso for Re-entry on Non-payment of Rent or Nonperformance of Covenants, and all other usual and proper Covenants applicable to the Property comprised in the Lease.

Duties of Trustees as to Charity Property.

3. The Town Clerk of the Borough of Reading for the Time being shall be and act as Clerk and Receiver. The Trustees may pay to the Clerk and Receiver such reasonable annual Salary as the Trustees may from Time to Time determine on.

Clerk and Receiver.

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Clerk.

4. The Duties of the Clerk shall be to attend the Meetings of the Trustees, and enter the Proceedings thereat; to attend and give Information to any Committee appointed by the Trustees; to keep the Accounts of the Charities, and to furnish and send such Statements and Accounts as the Trustees may by Law be bound to supply; to preserve, subject to the Directions of the Trustees, all Vouchers for Payments on behalf of the Charities; to make out once in every Year a detailed Account of the Receipts and Payments on behalf of the Charities during the preceding Year, which shall be vouched and passed before the Trustees annually at their First General Meeting after Christmas Day or at some Adjournment thereof, and also a Statement of the Assets and Liabilities of the Charities; to make out an Abstract of such Account; and to perform all such other Acts and Duties appertaining to the Office of Clerk in respect of the Charities and the Management thereof as the Trustees shall direct.

Duties of  
Receiver.

5. The Duties of the Receiver shall be to collect the Rents and Income of the Charities Property, and to pay the same as the Trustees may direct; to see that all the insurable Portion of the Charities Property is properly insured against Fire; and to submit to the Trustees annually a Report upon the State and Condition of the Charities Property; and to perform all such other Duties and Acts appertaining to the Office of Receiver in respect of the Charities and the Management thereof as the Trustees shall direct.

First Meeting  
and Notice  
thereof;  
Notice of  
subsequent  
Meetings.

6. The First Meeting of the Trustees under this Scheme shall be held as soon as conveniently may be after the Confirmation hereof. Notice of such Meeting and of all subsequent Meetings shall be given by the Clerk in Writing to each Trustee not less than Three clear Days before the Time appointed for holding the same. Such Notice may be delivered at the Residences of the Trustees, or be sent by Post addressed to them at such Residences.

General  
Meetings.

7. The Trustees shall hold not less than Four General Meetings in each Year for transacting the Business of the Charities. Such Meetings shall be held at such convenient Place as the Trustees shall direct on the Tuesday after each of the Four usual quarterly Days, or on such other Days, not being more than Thirty Days prior or subsequent to the said quarterly Days, as the Trustees may direct.

Special  
Meetings.

8. If at any Time any Matter shall arise requiring the Consideration of the Trustees, and which cannot conveniently be deferred to the next General Meeting, any Two or more of the Trustees may, by a Requisition in Writing, call a Special Meeting, and the Clerk shall, on receiving such Requisition, give Notice in Writing to each Trustee of the Time, Place, and Object of such Meeting. No Business shall be transacted at a Special Meeting other than that which shall be specified in the Notice convening it.

Quorum and  
Chairman at  
Meetings.

9. At any Meeting of the Trustees any Five of the Trustees shall form a Quorum. At all Meetings of the Trustees the Mayor, if present, shall preside, and in case of his Absence from any Meeting such Alderman, or in the Absence of all the Aldermen such other Trustee as the Trustees then present shall elect, shall preside at such Meeting. In the event of an Equality of Votes on any Election of Chairman the Question shall be decided between the Persons proposed by Lot. The Acts and Proceedings of a Majority of the Trustees present at any Meeting shall be binding on the whole Body of Trustees, but a Majority of the Trustees present at any subsequent Meeting shall have Power to alter or rescind any Resolution or Direction of a previous Meeting, so far as such Resolution or Direction may not have been carried into effect, provided that in the Notice convening such subsequent Meeting the Intention to move, to alter, or rescind such Resolution or Direction shall have been stated. The Chairman

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Chairman of every Meeting shall, in the event of an Equality of Votes, have, in addition to his original Vote, a Second or Casting Vote.

10. If there shall not, within Half an Hour from the Time appointed for holding any Meeting, be a sufficient Number of Trustees in attendance to form a Quorum, or the Business of any Meeting shall remain undisposed of, the Trustee or Trustees present, or if no Trustee be in attendance then the Clerk, may adjourn the Meeting until some subsequent Day, of which Three clear Days Notice shall be given. Adjournment of Meetings.

11. The Trustees may at any Meeting appoint Three or more of their own Body to be a Committee for the Purpose of making any Inquiry, or superintending or performing any specific Act or Duty which, in the Judgment of the Trustees, shall be more efficiently executed by such Committee, but the Acts and Proceedings of such Committee shall be reported to the Trustees at the next General Meeting. Appointment of Committees.

12. The Trustees shall provide a Minute Book, wherein shall be entered the Names of the Trustees attending and the Proceedings at their Meetings, all Orders given for the Disposal of any of the Funds of the Charities, the Reports of Committees, and all other Matters relating to the Charities transacted by the Trustees. The Minutes shall be signed by the Chairman presiding at such Meeting, or by the Chairman of the next succeeding Meeting. Minute Books.

13. The Trustees shall also provide all necessary Account Books, wherein shall be entered Accounts of all Receipts and Payments on behalf of the Charities, and such other Particulars as they shall direct. Such Documents shall be examined, vouched, and audited by them annually at their First General Meeting after Christmas Day, or at some Adjournment thereof, and shall be signed by the Chairman of the Meeting. The Minute and Account Books shall be deposited and kept with the other Papers relating to the Charities. Account Books.

14. All Cheques and Orders for the Payment of Money shall be signed by the Chairman and by Two of the other Trustees present at a Meeting, and shall be countersigned by the Clerk. Cheques.

15. The Trustees shall appoint as their Banker some fit and responsible Person or Persons carrying on the Business of Banker or some Joint Stock Banking Company, with whom shall be deposited the Monies of the Charities. They may at any Time change such Banker. Banker.

16. The Trustees shall provide a Fireproof Box or Safe with a secure Lock, wherein shall be deposited the Deeds and Documents belonging to the Charities, and also a List of the same. The Box shall be kept locked and in such Place as the Trustees shall direct, and the Clerk shall have the Custody and Charge of the same. The Trustees shall at the least annually examine at One of their Meetings the Contents of the Box. Custody of Documents.

17. After providing for any Costs or Expenses which may be directed by any Court or Authority of competent Jurisdiction to be paid out of the Funds of the Charities, and paying the current Expenses of the Management and Administration of the Trust in pursuance of this Scheme, the Income of the Charities shall be applied in the Support of the Grammar School at Reading, and, if the Trustees shall so decide, in support of a lower School to be established there. Application of Income.

*The Grammar School.*

18. The Trustees shall, as soon as conveniently may be, receive the Amount payable on the Policy of Assurance for Eight hundred Pounds on the Life of the Receipt of Life Policy Monies and the

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Investment thereof.

the late John Jackson Blandy in the Sun Life Office, and invest the same in Bank Three per Cent. Annuities in the Names of any Three of them; and invest and accumulate the Dividends thereon until the same shall be required for the Purposes herein-after mentioned.

Site to be purchased, and new Buildings erected.

19. The Trustees shall, with the Sanction of the Court of Chancery, or of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, purchase and cause to be conveyed to the Official Trustee of Charity Lands Land in or in the immediate Neighbourhood of Reading, and the Trustees shall erect thereon Buildings containing sufficient Accommodation for the Grammar School herein-after directed to be established, together with Residences for the Masters thereof; and if they shall determine to establish a lower School, the Buildings may be extended so as to contain sufficient Accommodation for the same and Residences for the Masters thereof.

How Cost to be provided. Power to borrow Money.

20. After providing for any Costs or Expenses which may be directed by any Court or Authority of competent Jurisdiction to be paid out of the Funds of the Charities, the Trustees shall be at liberty to apply towards the Purchase of such Site and the Erection of such Buildings the Bank Annuities to arise from the said Policy of Assurance, the One thousand one hundred and fifteen Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Threepence like Annuities standing in the Names of the Official Trustees of Charitable Funds purchased with the Sum of One thousand Pounds paid by the Corporation of Reading in respect of the Town Hall of Reading, and the Three thousand and twelve Pounds and Tenpence like Annuities belonging to John Kendricke's Charity, with the Interest and Dividends due and to accrue due thereon respectively, and all Accumulations, if any, in respect of the said several Annuities and Sum of One thousand Pounds, and they shall likewise be at liberty, with the Sanction of the said Court or Commissioners, to borrow on the Security of the Lands now belonging to the said last-mentioned Charity and of the said new School Premises such Sum or Sums of Money as the Trustees may determine on; and if the Money borrowed shall be called in before the Sinking Fund herein-after directed to be formed for the paying off the same shall have accumulated to a sufficient Sum for paying off the whole of such Principal Monies, the Trustees shall borrow the Sum which shall be called in, or so much thereof as, together with any Sum accumulated as herein-after provided, shall be required for paying off such existing Mortgage, and shall secure the same, with Interest, by a like Mortgage on the same Premises or a Portion thereof; or the Trustees shall be at liberty, if they shall find it more convenient so to do, to raise the Money to be borrowed by way of Terminable Annuity for a stated Term not exceeding Thirty Years, and at a Rate to be approved by the said Court or Commissioners, and to charge the said Annuity on the same Lands and new School Premises.

Payment of Annuity or Interest. Sinking Fund.

21. If the Money so to be borrowed shall be raised by way of Annuity, such Annuity shall be a First Charge on the general Income of the Charities; but if the said Money be not raised by way of Annuity, the Trustees shall out of such Income pay the annual Interest upon the said Mortgage, and shall also thereout set aside annually as a Sinking Fund a Sum of Money equal to One Thirtieth of the Principal which shall have been borrowed as aforesaid, and which Sum shall be annually invested in the Public Funds in the Names of Three of the Trustees, to an Account to be kept in the Books of the Trustees, and entitled "The Sinking Fund Account," and the Dividends on the Money so invested, when and as the same shall become due, shall be received and invested in like Manner, in order that the Monies so invested may accumulate at Compound Interest; and when such accumulated Fund shall amount to a Sum which, in the

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Opinion of the Trustees, can be conveniently applied for that Purpose, the same shall be sold, and the Proceeds thereof be applied in Payment or Reduction of the said Principal Monies, and so from Time to Time until the whole of such Principal Monies shall have been discharged.

22. In order to facilitate the borrowing of Money by the Trustees on the Security aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses aforesaid, acting by the Council for the Time being of the said Borough, with the Sanction of the Charity Commissioners, to give such collateral Security for the Money to be so borrowed as the said Council may deem fit, whether by mortgaging their Corporate Revenues or the Borough Fund, or otherwise.

Collateral  
Security for  
borrowed  
Money.

23. The Trustees shall be at liberty to invite and receive Subscriptions in aid of the Funds for the Purchase of such new Site and the Erection of School Premises thereon.

Public Sub-  
scriptions.

24. The Trustees shall be at liberty to pay to the Reverend Robert Appleton, the late Master of the Grammar School, a retiring Pension of Eighty Pounds per Annum, and to any future Head Master of the Grammar School a retiring Pension of such Amount as the Trustees, with the Sanction of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, shall determine on: Provided always, that no Pension shall be granted to any future Head Master unless he shall have filled the Office for the Space of Twenty Years, or become incapacitated by Illness; and in the event of the Funds at the Disposal of the Trustees being inadequate for the Purpose of paying any retiring Pension as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of Reading, acting by the Council for the Time being of the said Borough, to charge their Corporate Revenues or the Borough Fund with the Payment of such Pension, and to pay the same out of such Revenues or Borough Fund.

Retiring Pen-  
sion to Head  
Masters.

25. There shall always be a Head Master of the Grammar School, who shall be a Graduate of One of the Universities of Great Britain or Ireland. The Head Master shall be appointed by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of Reading, acting by the Council for the Time being of the said Borough; and for the Purpose of obtaining an efficient Master the said Council shall previously to every such Appointment advertise in such Newspapers and receive such Testimonials of Candidates as they may deem expedient.

Master of  
School.

26. Every future Head Master and Under Master, previously to entering into Office, shall be required to sign a Declaration, to be entered in the Minute Book of the Trustees, in the following Form:

Declaration  
to be signed  
by Masters.

“I *A.B.* declare, That I will discharge always to the best of my Ability the  
“ Duties of Head (or Under) Master of the Reading Grammar School, and  
“ that in case I am removed, in accordance with the Provisions of the  
“ Scheme relating to the School, I will thereupon relinquish all Claim to  
“ the Office and its future Emoluments, and will deliver up Possession of  
“ the School and Official Residence (if any) to the Trustees; and also that  
“ it shall be lawful for the Trustees, if Occasion shall be, thereupon to take  
“ possession of the School Building and my Official Residence there (if  
“ any), and of all Property of the School held by me, without Ejectment  
“ or Process of Law.”

27. At a Special Meeting of the Council for the Time being of the said Borough, at which there shall be present not less than Two Thirds of the Members of the Council, a Resolution for the Removal of the Head Master may be moved and seconded; and if the same shall be carried by at least Two Thirds of the Members present, the same shall be entered on the Minutes: A Copy thereof

Removal of  
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shall, within Three Days after the same shall have been passed, be delivered to the Head Master or be left at the Schoolhouse, or at the Residence to be provided for him. If the Resolution shall at any subsequent Meeting (and in the Notice convening which Meeting shall be set forth the Effect of the former Resolution) held at an Interval of One Calendar Month at least after the said Special Meeting, and whereat not less than Two Thirds of the Members of the Council shall be present, be confirmed by Two Thirds of the Members present at such subsequent Meeting, the Head Master shall be considered to be removed on the Day of such Confirmation, and his Office shall be vacant on and from that Day. Such Resolution and the Confirmation thereof aforesaid shall be entered and preserved upon the Minutes of Proceedings of the Council, and a Copy of the Resolution of Removal and Confirmation thereof, and a Notice of his Removal accordingly, signed by the Mayor of Reading for the Time being, and countersigned by the Town Clerk of Reading, shall be served upon or left for him at the Schoolhouse or Residence aforesaid; provided that such Master shall be at liberty at any Time before the actual Confirmation of such Removal to apply to the Court of Chancery by Petition in a summary Way, and to show to the Court Reasons against such Removal, and thereupon the Court may make such Order as to it shall seem fit. The Provisions of this Scheme shall not in any way interfere with the Power of the Court of Chancery or any other competent Authority to remove a Master. A Copy of the Resolution of Removal and Confirmation thereof, and of the Notice of Removal, signed and countersigned as aforesaid, shall be delivered by the Town Clerk to the Trustees at their Meeting next following any such Notice of Removal, and the same shall be entered in the Minute Book of the Trustees at such Meeting.

Head Master  
to reside in  
Master's House.

28. The Head Master shall reside in and occupy the Master's House, and shall not dwell elsewhere. No Head Master shall underlet, or permit or suffer any other Person or Persons than himself and Family, the Boarders, and with the Consent of the Trustees any Second or Assistant Master or Teacher, to use or occupy any Part of the Premises appropriated to him as a Residence.

Head Master  
may take  
Boarders.

29. The Head Master shall be at liberty to take Boarders, but they shall not exceed Thirty in Number, except with the Consent of the Trustees, and on the Appointment of such additional Masters, Assistants, and Lecturers as to the Trustees shall seem necessary. Such Boarders shall pay Capitation Fees as if they were Day Scholars, and shall be taught in the School in common with the other Boys without Distinction.

Master not to  
have any other  
Employment.

30. The Head Master shall not at any Time during the Tenure of his Office hold or exercise any Benefice having the Cure of Souls, nor any Office, Appointment, or Employment which, in the Judgment of the Trustees, may be liable to interfere with the regular Performance of the Duties of the School.

Stipend of  
Masters.

31. The Head Master shall be paid from the Endowment of the Charities such annual Stipend as the Trustees may think fit, by equal half-yearly Payments, on such Days as the Trustees shall determine. Any Master appointed during an Interval between such half-yearly Days shall be entitled to be paid in proportion only up to the half-yearly Day next following his Appointment. Any Master who shall die, resign, or be removed between such half-yearly Days shall be entitled to a proportionate Part only of his Stipend and other Emoluments up to the Day of his Death, Resignation, or Removal.

Master not to  
take Fees.

32. Neither the Head Master nor any additional Master or Teacher shall at any Time receive or take from any of the Boys admitted to or being in the School  
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(except the Boarders), nor from any Person on their Behalf, any Fee, Payment or Gratuity other than is permitted by this Scheme.

33. The Trustees may direct the Appointment of such other Masters, Assistants, or Lecturers as the Trustees may see fit, and as the Revenues of the School will admit. Such other Masters, Assistants, or Lecturers shall be appointed by the Head Master, with the Approval of the Trustees, and hold their respective Offices during the Pleasure of the Trustees.

Additional  
Masters.

34. The Instruction to be afforded in the School shall be in the Principles of the Christian Religion, the Greek, Latin, and French Languages and Literature, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Land Surveying, Book-keeping, Geography, Mathematics, Drawing and Designing, general English Literature and Composition, Sacred and Profane History, the Principles of Chemistry and Physical Science generally, and such and so many other Languages and Branches of Education as shall from Time to Time in the Judgment of the Trustees be necessary to render the School of the most general Use and Benefit, and as the State of the Revenues of the School will admit, and so as to give the Boys a sound religious, moral, and liberal Education: Provided always, that the Head and Under Masters shall not be obliged to teach French, German, or Drawing, and the Trustees may require the Payment from each Boy who shall be taught French of the annual Sum of Two Pounds Two Shillings, and a like Sum for German, and a like Sum for Drawing, which Sums respectively shall be paid to the Masters who shall teach French, German, or Drawing respectively, and subject to such Conditions as the Trustees may from Time to Time prescribe.

Instruction  
in Grammar  
School.

35. The School shall be open to Children of Parents of all Religious Tenets. All Boys of the Age of Eight Years and upwards, being of good Character, and able to read and write, and showing some Acquaintance with the first Four Rules of Arithmetic, unless unfitted by infectious Disorder or other sufficient Cause, shall, to the Extent and Capacity of the School to accommodate them, be capable of Admission thereto, and be entitled to partake of all the Benefits and Advantages thereof, on Payment of such Sums as by this Scheme are provided. No Boy shall be entitled to remain in the School after he shall have attained the Age of Nineteen Years, or beyond the Expiration of any current Term in which he may attain such Age.

Qualification  
of Boys.

36. Every Boy attending the School shall pay a Capitation Fee according to and not exceeding the Rates mentioned in the following Scale; (that is to say,)

Capitation  
Fees.

Boys under the Age of Fourteen Years a Fee not exceeding Ten Pounds per Annum:

Boys of the Age of Fourteen and under Sixteen Years a Fee not exceeding Fifteen Pounds per Annum:

Boys above Sixteen Years a Fee not exceeding Twenty Pounds per Annum:

The Amount of all such Fees shall be from Time to Time fixed by the Trustees: Provided that all Boys of the same Age as above classified shall pay according to the same Scale. Such Fees shall be paid in advance quarterly to the Head Master or to the Receiver, as may from Time to Time be directed by the Trustees, and shall be accounted for to the Trustees in such Manner and at such Times as the Trustees may direct.

37. If in the Opinion of the Trustees the State of the Charities will admit of their so doing, they shall be at liberty to establish Free Scholarships at the Grammar School for Boys, to be elected by them, and under such Conditions as to the Trustees may seem fit. Such Scholarships shall be tenable for not exceeding Five Years, and the Holders thereof shall be entitled to participate in all the Advantages of the School without Payment of any Fee.

Scholarships  
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The Sum of Seven hundred and seventy-five Pounds Consolidated Three per Cent. Annuities standing in the Name of "The Official Trustees of Charitable Funds," purchased with Monies raised by Public Subscription for establishing Scholarships at the Reading Grammar School, and the Sum of Fifty-one Pounds Four Shillings and Threepence invested in the Savings Bank at Reading from Subscriptions raised for the same Purpose, and the Accumulations thereof, and all other Monies raised for or now belonging to the Scholarship Fund at the Reading Grammar School, shall be applied for the Purposes of Scholarships tenable at the Grammar School as remodelled by this Scheme.

*The Lower School.*

The Master of the Lower School.

38. The Trustees may establish a Lower School at Reading. The Master of the Lower School shall be appointed by the Head Master, with the Approbation of the Trustees, and with such Salary as shall be fixed by them. For the Purpose of obtaining an efficient Master such Advertisements shall be issued as the Trustees shall direct. He shall not during his Tenure of Office hold or exercise any Office, Appointment, or Employment which in the Judgment of the Trustees may be liable to interfere with the Duties in the School. He shall not at any Time take or receive from any of the Boys in the School, or from any Person on their Behalf, any Fee, Payment, or Gratuity other than is permitted by this Scheme.

Instruction.

39. The Instruction to be afforded shall be in the Principles of the Christian Religion, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, History, Geography, Singing, and in such other Branches of Education as to the Trustees may from Time to Time seem expedient, so as to give to the Children a sound religious, moral, and useful Education.

Qualification of Children.

40. All Boys the Parents or Guardians of whom reside within the Borough of Reading, or within Three Miles thereof, of the Age of Five Years and upwards, being of good Character, and not unfitted by any infectious Disorder or other sufficient Cause, shall, to the Extent and Capacity of the Lower School, be capable of Admission thereto, and be entitled to partake of all the Benefits and Advantages thereof, on Payment of such Sum as by this Scheme is provided. No Boy shall be entitled to remain in the Lower School after he shall have attained the Age of Fifteen Years.

Capitation Fees.

41. All Boys attending the Lower School shall pay Capitation Fees, namely, Boys under Ten Years of Age such Sum not exceeding Two Shillings nor less than One Shilling per Week, and Boys of the Age of Ten Years and upwards such Sum not exceeding Three Shillings nor less than One Shilling and Sixpence per Week, as the Trustees shall direct. The Capitation Fees shall be paid in advance weekly, as the Trustees shall direct, to the Master, who shall duly account for the same to the Trustees. In the Case of Two or more Children of the same Parents attending the Lower School at the same Time, the Trustees may, if they see fit, reduce the Amount of Capitation Fees to be paid by such Boys,

*As to both Schools.*

Religious Instruction.

42. Religious Instruction shall be given by the Head Master and by the Master of the Lower School at such Times as they shall think best, by reading and explaining the Holy Scriptures to all the Boys, and also by instructing in the Liturgy, Catechism, and Articles of the Church of England the Boys whose Parents, or Persons standing to them in loco parentis, are in Communion with that Church, and all other Boys whose Parents, or Persons standing to them in loco parentis, shall not object in Writing to their receiving such Instruction.

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43. A suitable Portion of the Holy Scriptures, and suitable Prayers taken from the Liturgy of the Church of England, shall be read by the Head Master and by the Master of the Lower School every Morning and Evening in their respective Schools.

Prayers in Schools.

44. The Fees received from the Boys shall be divided into Five Parts, and be applied as follows: Two Fifth Parts shall be paid to the Head Master, One Fifth Part shall be paid to the Master of the Lower School (if any), and the Residue shall be carried to the general Account of the Charities.

Division and Application of Fees.

45. The Power and Right of placing Boys in the respective Schools shall be in the Trustees, and subject to any Regulations which the Trustees may make in that Behalf in any Committee appointed by the Trustees; provided that such Regulations shall not be inconsistent with any of the Provisions of this Scheme. Applications for Admission shall be made to the Clerk or to the Head Master for the Time being, according to a printed Form, to be approved of by the Trustees, and delivered to all Persons applying for the same.

Admission of Boys.

46. A Register shall be kept by the Head Master of all Applications for Admission to the Schools in the Order of Date in which the same shall have been received. He shall also keep a Register containing the Name, Age, Residence, and Description of each Boy, with the Date of his Admission to the Schools respectively, and of his leaving the same. The Names of such Boys shall in such last-mentioned Register be placed alphabetically, and both of such Registers shall at all Times be open to the Inspection of the Trustees and of all Persons authorized by them to see the same.

Register of Applications and Admissions to be kept.

47. Every Scholar shall at all Times conform to the Rules which may from Time to Time be made for the good Government of the School, and shall be liable to Expulsion by the Trustees upon any Breach thereof or other sufficient Cause. In case of such Misconduct on the Part of any Boy, the Head Master shall have the Power immediately to suspend him until the next Meeting of the Trustees, when the Cause of such Suspension shall be submitted to them.

Suspension and Expulsion of Boys.

48. Subject to the Directions herein contained, and to such general Regulations as the Trustees shall prescribe, the Discipline of the Schools, and the internal Regulations and Management thereof, the Hours of Attendance, and the Holidays to be allowed therein, shall be under the Direction and Control of the Head Master.

Internal Discipline of Schools.

49. All printed Books, Paper, Pens, Pencils, and other Stationery necessary for the Use of the Scholars shall be provided and found by or at the Expense of the Parents, Relations, or Friends of the Scholars.

Books and Stationery to be provided by Parents.

50. There shall be an annual Examination of the Scholars at each School. The Trustees shall appoint some fit and proper Person, being a Graduate of One of the Universities of Great Britain or Ireland, to conduct such Re-examination in the Grammar School; and the Head Master shall, subject to the Trustees appointing some other Person or Persons for the Purpose, conduct the Examination in the Lower School. The Trustees shall be at liberty to pay such Examiners such Sums respectively as the Trustees shall see fit. Such Examination shall take place One Week previous to the breaking up of the Schools for the Summer Vacation, or at such other Time as the Trustees shall appoint. It shall take place in the Presence of the Trustees and the Members of the Council, or such of them as can conveniently attend, and of such other Persons as the Trustees may think fit to invite to attend the same. On the Occasion of such Examination the respective Examiners of the Boys shall report the Result to the

Annual Examination.

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Trustees, who shall take such Report into consideration with reference to the Election of Boys to the Scholarships herein-before mentioned and to the Distribution of Prizes. Copies of such Reports shall be furnished to the Council for the Time being of the Borough of Reading for their Guidance in the Election of Boys to the Two Scholarships at St. John's College, Oxford, of the Gift of Sir Thomas White, for Boys educated in the said Grammar School.

Prizes.

51. The Trustees shall yearly after such Examination distribute such Prizes as, having regard to the State of the Charities, they may think fit, among the meritorious Scholars who shall distinguish themselves for Learning and good Conduct, and who in the Judgment of the Trustees shall be most deserving of the same. A Report in Writing as to the State and Progress of the Schools and the Number of Scholars therein, distinguishing in the Case of the Grammar School Day Boys from Boarders, shall be sent by the Head Master to the Trustees half-yearly at such Periods as the Trustees shall direct.

Scheme to be printed.

52. This Scheme shall be printed, and a Copy thereof be given to every Trustee of the Charities, and to every Master or Teacher in either of the Schools.

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