

At a meeting of the Directors of the Trades' School, this ninth day of March, Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-six,—

Present — Messrs Archibald Gilchrist, Deacon-Convener, R. A. Bogue, Collector, William Smith, late Convener, William Morrison, Matthew Paterson, William Caldwell, John Milligan, Hugh Baird, jun., John Kidston, J. B. Stirrat, Walter Macfarlane, Henry Bruce, Charles Thomson, James Kay, and James Wilkinson.

THE following Report, by the Sub-committee of the Directors, was submitted to the meeting, viz. :—

REPORT.

THE TRADES' HOUSE SCHOOL originated out of a suggestion of the Trades' House, in 1806. A Committee was appointed to consider that suggestion, and they subsequently recommended that the School should be established ;—that a certain number of the sons of members of the Incorporations should be taught therein—each Incorporation contributing

towards its expense; and that the Trades' House should have the exclusive right to elect a Teacher.

That Committee's recommendation was adopted, and the School was erected, and conducted in terms thereof for a good many years.

Proving a success, it was afterwards resolved to extend the sphere of the School's usefulness by raising the standard of education, and admitting a limited number of daughters and grandchildren of Freemen to its benefits.

Certain regulations suggested by experience have been from time to time enacted for the efficient management of the School, which has now existed for nearly 70 years, affording a good education to those who attended.

These opportunities, however, have not been taken advantage of to their full extent, three of the Incorporations are not at present connected with the School, and now the passing of the Education Act has introduced facilities so great that, in the opinion of your Committee, the time has come when the necessity, and even the expediency of such institutions as the Trades' School no longer exist, and that for the following reasons, viz. :—

1. The expense to the House and Incorporations still adhering to the School is considerably in excess of the cost of educating the

- children at Board Schools, where an equally good elementary education can be obtained.
2. The extension of the City since the School was instituted, has so altered matters, that few entitled to the benefits of the School live within a suitable distance for the attendance of the children.
 3. By the Union Bank alterations, the children will be deprived of their present very limited playground accommodation.
 4. The School Buildings themselves are now quite unsuitable in size and position, and would not, it is believed, satisfy Government requirements.

For these reasons, your Sub-committee would recommend that the School be discontinued, and that in lieu thereof the following educational arrangements should be adopted :—

As at present constituted, the School provides for the education of 216 children, and the cost to the Incorporations for educating that number has been hitherto $13\frac{1}{4}$ per annum per child, exclusive of the School fee of $3\frac{1}{4}$ per quarter and the amount paid by the Trades' House. The Sub-committee recommend, that each Incorporation should continue to pay the said sum of $13\frac{1}{4}$ for the education of

each child, and that the Trades' House should pay the difference between that sum and the cost of education at the Board Schools. It may sometimes be expedient that the children should be educated at other than the Board Schools, and the propriety of such a course should be left to the option of the Incorporations. In that case the Trades' House should not be called on to pay a larger sum than that paid at Board Schools.

Your Sub-committee are anxious to guard against its being supposed that any one of their number is desirous of withholding the blessings of a sound education from a single child of the humblest member of any Incorporation. On the other hand, they rather desire that greater facilities be afforded, and greater interest be taken in providing education to such parties as actually stand in need of it, and may be entitled to receive it at the hands of their Incorporations.

In recommending such a course, your Sub-committee wish their constituents to bear in mind that, in the course of nature, the magnificent bequest of the late James Buchanan will fall to be disposed of, the terms thereof being as follows :—

“To invest in Bank of England Stock, in name of the

"Trades' House of Glasgow, in trust for educational
 "purposes on behalf of the sons of decayed members of
 "the Trades' House, the sum of Ten Thousand Pounds
 "twelve months after the death of Jane Jack or
 "Buchanan, my wife; the dividends and bonus accru-
 "ing therefrom to be in all time coming exclusively
 "appropriated and expended towards the education of
 "the sons of decayed members, and also for promot-
 "ing the studies of such of them who give decided
 "promise of mechanical genius, particularly in the de-
 "partment of engineering, in such a manner as the
 "Managers of the Trades' House of Glasgow may deem
 "best."

From this extract it will be observed that the
 Trades' School, as at present existing, could not pro-
 vide education in terms of the bequest.

The Sub-committee also recommend that the
 Trades' House should take into consideration a much
 more liberal action in the cause of education, to aid
 those desirous to acquire a superior secondary, tech-
 nical, or university education; and they suggest that
 this might be carried out most efficiently, by the
 institution of educational grants or bursaries, allo-
 cated amongst the several Incorporations.

Your Sub-committee would further recommend,
 that the existing Regulations for the School, adopted
 on 18th March, 1839, as to the Board of Directors
 for the management thereof, shall still subsist, and

that the same shall hereafter be called the Education Committee of the House.

ARCHD. GILCHRIST, *Convener.*

RO. A. BOGUE, *Collector.*

WM. SMITH, *late Convener.*

JOHN KIDSTON.

WILLIAM MORRISON.

WALTER MACFARLANE.

HENRY BRUCE.

The meeting having considered the Report, on the motion of the Deacon-Convener, unanimously resolve in terms thereof, and recommend the same to the Trades' House for approval.

(Signed) ARCHD. GILCHRIST,

Deacon-Convener.



