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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

24th September, 1913.

232/1913,
Gort Union.

*Number of
out- which at the time of
then appointments in 1903 was
10, no appointments at present*
P. J. H.
Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the Minute of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union of the 6th instant, proposing to allow Relieving Officers Gormally and Leech a sum of Three Pounds each a year in consideration of their extra work in connection with the supervision of boarded-out children; and, in reference thereto, the Board request that they may be informed of the nature of the additional duties in respect of which it is proposed to make these allowances.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. J. H.
Secretary.

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Gort Union.

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Local Government Board, Dublin.

3rd October, 1913.

No. 52,258/1913.
Gort Union.

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Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland desire to inform the Board of Guardians of Gort Union that they have received a report from their Inspector, Miss Fitzgerald Kenney, on the children boarded out in the Union, the substance of which will be communicated to the Guardians in due course. The Board have, however, thought it desirable to forward, for consideration by the Guardians at their meeting on the 4th instant, an extract from the report relative to the child, John Walsh, who, as they understand, has been removed from his foster home to the Workhouse.

The Board desire to point out that, having regard to the statements contained in their Inspector's report, this child should not again be entrusted to the care of the same foster-parent.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. J. Walsh
Secretary.

The Clerk,

Gort Union

Retain the child in workhouse until further instructions

Galway County Council Archives

No. 2258:1913.
Gort Union.

Extract from Miss Fitzgerald Kenny's report on the
Children Boarded-out in the Gort Union.

Mrs Patrick Ford, Killinny, at the date of my inspection, had
charge of John Walshe aged 9½ years. In view of the condition
in which I found this child I requested the Relieving Officer to
have him removed immediately to the Workhouse. I am satisfied
that the family treated this child with great severity and that no
future child for whom the ratepayers are responsible should ever
be placed in the house. The child is now suffering from nervousness
and an affection of speech which is very considerably worse since he
was boarded-out. In view of this I think he ought to be left for
several months under the care of the nuns who will undertake to carefully
treat the defect. He is not suitable for boarding-out again until the
defect is remedied.

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"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

25th September, 1913

No. 49806/1913
Gort Union.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to return, herewith, the plan, specification, and estimate of the proposed improvements and repairs to the Kinvara dispensary buildings in Gort Union, which accompanied your letter of the 17th instant; and I am to inform the Board of Guardians that the Local Government Board will not raise any objection to the works in question.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

N. B. Thomas
Secretary.

The Clerk,
Gort Union.

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Local Government Board, Dublin.

30th September, 1913.

30.9.13.

Gort Union.

Read: In future medical substitutes must be in the Districts for which they are acting. P.M.

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 24th instant, and to state that they consider that Dr. John Dowling should be required to reside in the Kinvarra Dispensary District of Gort Union while acting as temporary substitute for the Medical Officer.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*Sent copy to Dr Dowling
1 October 13
J.M.*

J. H. H. H. H.
Secretary.

The Clerk,
Gort Union.

(30th August, 1913).

No. 46,060.
1913.

THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACTS, 1911 to 1913.

Prescribing Form of Requisition for
Copy of Certificate of Marriage.



The Local Government Board for Ireland.

To all Superintendent Registrars and Registrars of Marriages
in Ireland; and to all others whom it may concern :

WHEREAS by Section 114 of the National Insurance Act, 1911, it is enacted
as follows :—

“ 114. Where, for the purposes of this Act, the age of any person is required
“ to be proved by the production of a certificate of birth, any person shall,
“ on presenting a written requisition in such form and containing such
“ particulars as may be from time to time prescribed by the Local Govern-
“ ment Board for England, Scotland, or Ireland, as the case may be, and,
“ on payment of a fee of sixpence, be entitled to obtain a certified copy
“ of the entry of the birth of that person in the birth register, under the
“ hand of the registrar or superintendent registrar having the custody
“ thereof, and forms for such requisition shall on request be supplied
“ without any charge by every registrar of births and deaths and by every
“ superintendent registrar.”

AND WHEREAS by Section 35 of the National Insurance Act, 1913, it is
enacted as follows :—

“ 35. The provisions of section one hundred and fourteen of the
“ principal Act, which relate to certificates of birth, shall apply to certificates
“ of marriage in like manner as they apply to certificates of birth, except
“ that the fee shall be one shilling instead of six pence, and that the person
“ from whom the certificate and form of requisition may be obtained shall
“ be the registrar or superintendent registrar or other person having the
“ care of the register in which the marriage is entered.”

NOW THEREFORE We, the Local Government Board for Ireland, in
pursuance of the powers given to Us by the Statutes in that behalf, do hereby
Order and Prescribe that the requisition to be made to entitle any person to
obtain, under the section secondly above-cited, a certified copy of an entry of
marriage registered in Ireland shall be in the Form set forth in the Schedule to
this Order.

SCHEDULE.

NATIONAL INSURANCE ACTS, 1911 TO 1913.

REQUISITION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE UNDER SECTION 35 OF THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT, 1913.

To the REGISTRAR OR SUPERINTENDENT REGISTRAR or other person having the care of the Register in which the Marriage of the undermentioned persons is entered.

I, the undersigned, hereby demand for the purposes of the National Insurance Acts, 1911 to 1913, a Certificate of the Marriage of the persons in relation to whom particulars are given below.

Name in full of Man married.....

Name and maiden Surname of

Woman married

(If a widow, the married surname must be stated).

Date of Marriage :—The day of , One Thousand hundred and

(The year to be written in words, not figures.)

Place of Marriage

(Name of building and locality must be stated.)

Company, Society, Union, or other Body or Person for which the Certificate is required

Signature of Applicant

Address

Dated this day of , 19 .

Given under Our Seal of Office, this Thirtieth day of August, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirteen.

L.S.

(Signed)

Edmund Bourke

(30th August, 1913).

No. 46,060. 1913.

THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACTS, 1911 to 1913.

Prescribing Form of Requisition for Copy of Certificate of Marriage.



The Local Government Board for Ireland.

To all Superintendent Registrars and Registrars of Marriages in Ireland; and to all others whom it may concern :

WHEREAS by Section 114 of the National Insurance Act, 1911, it is enacted as follows :—

“ 114. Where, for the purposes of this Act, the age of any person is required to be proved by the production of a certificate of birth, any person shall, on presenting a written requisition in such form and containing such particulars as may be from time to time prescribed by the Local Government Board for England, Scotland, or Ireland, as the case may be, and, on payment of a fee of sixpence, be entitled to obtain a certified copy of the entry of the birth of that person in the birth register, under the hand of the registrar or superintendent registrar having the custody thereof, and forms for such requisition shall on request be supplied without any charge by every registrar of births and deaths and by every superintendent registrar.”

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Port Union.

Local Government Board, Dublin,

24th October 1913

Sir,

With reference to minutes of proceedings of the Board of Guardians of *Port* Union, on the 18th instant the Local Government Board for Ireland have directed to be transmitted herewith questions for answers respecting the nurse temporarily employed in the Workhouse.

When the questions shall have been answered and signed you will be good enough to return them to this Office.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

The Clerk of the

Port Union.

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"NATHSALTH, DUBLIN."

National Health Insurance Commission,
Dublin.

October, 1913.

No. 160 : M. : 1913.

X.B.

SIR,
I am instructed by the National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland) to direct attention to Section 6 of the National Insurance Act, 1913, which reads as follows:—

"There shall be added to Part I. of the First Schedule to the principal Act, which specifies the classes of employment which is employment within Part I. of the principal Act, the following paragraph:—

(e) Employment under any local or other public authority except such as may be excluded by a special order."

This Section came into operation on the 1st instant.

It will be remembered that in administering the terms of the Act of 1911, in so far as it concerned local and other public authorities, difficulties were experienced in determining whether certain employments were employments within the meaning of the Act, and a decision of the Courts in one case excluded from compulsory insurance all employments under a Board of Guardians.

The effect of Section 6 of the Amending Act is to bring within the scope of the compulsory provisions of the Insurance Acts not only all employees of Boards of Guardians, but also all employees of other local or public authorities, whether such employees are under contract of service or not. The Commissioners are, however, empowered to exclude any employment from insurance by Special Order.

A special order has now been issued under Section 6 which excludes from liability to insurance the employments named in the appendix to this circular letter. The appendix constitutes the Schedule to the Order.

Most of the excluded employments are mentioned specifically in the Order, and will not therefore present any difficulty to the authorities, but the Commissioners think it desirable to offer some observations in explanation of two of the clauses in the Schedule.

"Pensionable Office" may be taken to mean any office, situation, or employment, coming within the provisions of any Act authorising the grant of superannuation allowances. No permanent employee to whom an authority may under the terms of any statute give superannuation allowances is now required to be insured, but it is suggested that in any cases where there may be doubts as to the rights to grant pensions authorities should, before deciding whether insurance will be effected or not, take steps to have the question of their rights determined.

The last paragraph of the Schedule deals with employments which are usually termed "independent contracts," and should be regarded as excluding from insurance by authorities employments in connection with contracts for building work, painting and decorating, &c., where the employments are not under contract of service with the authorities, and the employed persons are not under obligation to give their personal services.

To the Secretary or Clerk
to the Authority named in the Address.

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It will be understood that all the exceptions set out in Schedule I., Part II., to the Act of 1911 still apply, and that any employment, not by way of manual labour, remunerated at a rate exceeding £160 per annum, or any employment specified as subsidiary in Special Orders issued by the Commissioners is not liable to compulsory insurance.

Summarising the position of employees under local or other public authorities, it may briefly be stated that all employees, whatever their conditions of service, who are not permanent and pensionable, or independent contractors, or otherwise excepted by Part II. of the First Schedule to the Act of 1911, or by the Schedule to the Special Order recently issued are required to be insured.

Insurance should in all cases be effected as from the 1st instant.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

John Hurliman

APPENDIX.

Employment under any local or other public authority:—

- (a) In any pensionable office a permanent capacity in.
- (b) As Chaplain or other Minister of Religion.
- (c) As duly qualified Medical Practitioner.
- (d) As Coroner or Deputy Coroner.
- (e) As Public Analyst.
- (f) As Public Vaccinator.
- (g) As Registrar, Assistant Registrar, or Deputy Registrar of Births, Marriages, and Deaths.
- (h) Under a contract of apprenticeship without money payment.

Employment under a Board of Guardians:—

- (a) As a pauper.
- (b) In rearing boarded-out pauper children.

Employment under any local or other public authority, not being employment within the meaning of Part I. (a), (b), (c), or (d) of the First Schedule to the Principal Act, in the execution of contracts not requiring personal service on the part of the employed person.

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Dublin.
OFFICIAL ADDRESS:
HEALTH, DUBLIN."

National Health Insurance Commission,

Dublin.

8th September, 1913.

No. 135 M. 1913

Sir,

I am directed by the National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland) to draw your attention to Section 6 of the National Insurance Act, 1913, which enacts that "employment under any local or public authority except such as may be excluded by a Special Order" shall be added to the classes of employment which are employments within the meaning of Part I of the National Insurance Act, 1911.

Hitherto persons engaged in such employments were only insurable if they were employed under a contract of service and as, in many cases there was considerable doubt as to whether such a contract could be deemed to exist, much difficulty was experienced in deciding what classes of such employments were or were not insurable.

In view of the Section above referred to however, which comes into force on the 1st October next there is no longer any doubt in the matter, and on and after that date all employees of local authorities who were not excluded by Special Order or by the provisions of Schedule I Part II of the Act of 1911, will be compulsorily insurable.

The Commissioners have at present under consideration the making of a Special Order dealing with the matter, but I am to state for your information that no such order will except from compulsory insurance any employees who are not permanent pensionable officers of the authority concerned.

The period within which reserve values may be credited to persons of the age of seventeen or upwards entering into insurance has been extended by Section 2 of the National Insurance Act, 1913, to 13th October next, and it is urgently requested that local authorities will take the necessary steps to secure that such of their employees as will not be excepted either as pensionable officers or otherwise may be duly insured before that date.

I am to add that the Sections of the Act of 1913 above referred to apply to the employees of Boards of Guardians equally with those of other local authorities.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Pierce Keen

The Secretary or Clerk of
The Authority named in the Address.

*Approved - Request Commission
State conditions in which
they will grant an exemption
order
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GORT UNION.

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CLERK'S OFFICE,

GORT *27th Sept* 1913

Sir,
Referring to your circular
-135 M - 8th inst, I am directed
to request you will be good
enough to state fully the conditions
on which the Commissioners will
be prepared to ^{make} grant an Order
~~excluding or exempting~~ the Employees
of my Board of Guardians
from the provisions of the National
Insurance Act.

I am Sir,
Yr obedient servant

Amey Burt
Clerk of Union.

The Secretary
Insurance Commission
Dublin

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5th September, 1913

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Yr obedient servant,
Amey Burt

Secretary or Clerk of
Union named in the Address.

GORT UNION

CLERK'S OFFICE

GORT 27th Sept 1913

Referencing to your letter of 15th Sept. 1913. In reply to inform you that the Commission has been instructed to grant an Order of Superannuation to the employees of the Board of Public Health.

Dear Sir,

I desire to call your attention to the circular letter of the Insurance Commissioners addressed to you on the 18th Sept. 1913, pointing out that, in virtue of Section 6, of the Amendment Act, employment under any local or public authority is now to be regarded as employment within the meaning of the Act.

This Section came into force on the 1st October 1913.

All such employees who are not permanent pensionable officers must therefore be insured without delay. The term "pensionable officer" means any Officer coming within the provisions of any Act, authorising the grant of a superannuation allowance.

An Inspector will call at an early date to inspect the cards of the employees of your Board which I hope will be found in order. This matter the Commissioners regard as most urgent and important.

Your Obedient Servant,

James G. G. G.
Inspector

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Lfort Union.

Local Government Board, Dublin,

12th September 1913

Sir,

With reference to minutes of proceedings of the Board of Guardians of *Lfort* Union, on the 6th instant the Local Government Board for Ireland have directed to be transmitted herewith questions for answers respecting the person who may be appointed as Wasteward and Landreaver in the Workhouse in place of *Marionne Hynds*, resigned.

When the questions shall have been answered and signed you will be good enough to return them to this Office.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

The Clerk of the

Lfort Union.

✻ GORT UNION. ✻

CLERK'S OFFICE,

Gort, 17th Oct. 1903

Copy

Sir.

With reference to the entry on the Minutes of Proceedings of the Gort Board of Guardians on the 4th inst, I beg to state that the Mary Anne Hydes who was appointed Wardmaid and Launderess in the Workhouse is the person who previously held that (Combined) Office, and whose resignation was accepted on the 6th September.

Under these circumstances the Board may not require to be furnished with replies to the usual queries?

I wish, however, to draw attention to the Guardians' resolution of 20th ulto increasing the salary from £12 to £14 per annum.

I am, Sir,
Yours obediently

Ans.

The Secretary
Local Govt. Board
Dublin

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Church
God-
Dec 1st 1918

To the Chairman of
the Dist. Board of Education
Dear Sir

I am bringing
you a few dollars worth
and I have not been
paid for it. In the last
meeting of the Board I cannot
afford to keep it. I hope

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Local Government Board, Dublin.

28th October, 1913.

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Gort Union.

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Pres Foot
Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the reports of the Relieving Officers for the month of September, on the children boarded-out from the Workhouse of Gort Union, together with the records of school attendances; and the Board request that they may be informed whether the Guardians made any order as to Mary Galvin, whose removal to Hospital is recommended by Relieving Officer Leech. re.

to school regularly
The Board at the same time, desire to draw attention to the absences from school of Mary Hurley, on seven, of Margaret Galvin on twenty, and Patrick Sullivan, on sixteen days during the month, and to point out that, when a child is absent from school on the ground of illness, for any considerable period, a medical certificate should be furnished.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

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W. J. [Signature]
Secretary.

Clerk,
Gort Union.

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Local Government Board, Dublin.

28th October, 1913.

No. 53169/1913.

Gort Union.
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Sir,

Adverting to previous correspondence, and to your communication of the 7th instant, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have sanctioned the proposed re-appointment of Mary Anne Hynes, as Laundress and Wardsmaid in the Workhouse of Gort Union, at a salary of Fourteen Pounds a year, with the same allowances of rations and clothing as heretofore.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. H. White
Secretary.

The Clerk,
Gort Union.

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Gort Union.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

DUBLIN, 29th October, 1913

SIR,

With reference to Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 4th instant, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have sanctioned the ~~payment of~~ proposals to increase the salaries of Relieving Officers Gormally and Leech from Twenty Pounds to Twenty-Three Pounds a year each. ~~for services~~

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

M. H. Was
Secretary

The Clerk,

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Gort Union

Sir,

With reference to Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 18th instant, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to request that the Guardians will be so good as to make an order on that portion of the Visiting Committee's report in which they state that no contractor has been found for the conversion of the old store into a bathroom for the women, and recommend that the Engineer's attention be called to it again.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. J. [Signature]

J. J. [Signature]
Secretary.

The Clerk,
Gort Union.

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

28th October, 1913.

No. 48232/1913.

Gort Union.
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Sir,

Adverting to the entry on the subject in Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 6th ultimo, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to request that they may be informed whether the Visiting Committee have yet reported on the Engineer's statement as to the dilapidated condition of the roof of one of the Workhouse towers.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

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The Clerk,
Gort Union.

H. M. W.
Secretary.

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*18 Oct
S. J. O'Connell
wrote a letter
N.H.*

Local Government Board, Dublin.

6th October, 1913.

No. 52,258 : 1913.
Gort Union.

*1 Nov. 13
again advised
for want of time
N.H.*

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board of Ireland to forward, to be laid before the Board of Guardians of Gort Union, the accompanying enclosure giving the substance of a report which the Board have received from their Inspector, Miss Fitzgerald, concerning the children boarded out from the Workhouse of the Pauper Children (Ireland), and to request that the matters advised may receive the attention of the Guardians.

I am

The Clerk,
Gort Union.

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52,258 : 1913.

rt Union.

CHILDREN AT NURSE AND BOARDED-OUT.

Enclosure to Local Government Board's letter
of the 6th October, 1913.

A scale of payments, decreasing to 1/6 a week is paid with an allowance for clothes beginning at £1 and increasing to 30/- a year. The scale for maintenance is one which is entirely too small to enable the foster-parents to properly feed the children without loss to themselves. It seems to be considered that the more grown children can work and thereby lessen the cost of keep, but I would point out that this course is not calculated to save the rates in the end; but rather to bring upon them a larger total cost. The whole energies of a child are absorbed in the process of growth, and if work, such as would bring up the cost of maintenance to its full amount be imposed upon their growing frame, the health of the child, not only as a child but as a man or woman will suffer. In the case of children who are under the Poor Law, ill health whether in childhood or adult life, means free medical or hospital treatment and therefore, cost to the rates.

I suggest that an allowance of 1/6 a week should be made in respect of each nurse child.

I would also recommend to the Board of Guardians the interests of the boarding-out system and in the interests of the children, it is necessary that the greatest care should be taken to consider the reports of the Relieving Officers and to see that the performance of their duty is not neglected by the Board of Guardians.

Every copy of this enclosure
to be sent to the Board of Guardians.

It is manifestly impossible that a Relieving Officer can bring pressure upon unfit or unsatisfactory foster-parents to improve the condition of the nurse children, unless it is locally known that the recommendations of these officers will be carefully considered or enforced by the Guardians.

No Committee of Ladies has been appointed in this Union. I would urge upon the Guardians the necessity of appointing a suitable Boarding-out Committee of ladies who will supervise the children and look after their interests, generally, as there are many points to be considered if any real success is to be derived from the system of Boarding-out and which a Relieving Officer cannot always cope with. From my own experience I can say that where an energetic and suitable Ladies Committee is at work the hands of the Relieving Officers are enormously strengthened, the progress of the children is closely watched and noted, and efforts are made to get them suitably started in life, while their subsequent career is watched with an interest ever ready to help in case of threatened failure.

I proceed to deal with each child at nurse in detail. Twenty two children were at nurse from Gort Workhouse at the date of my inspection.

Eight children are placed in foster-homes under the supervision of Relieving Officer Gormally.

1. John Walsh aged 12 years with Mrs Brennan, Glondine. This home is a fairly good one, but a bed other than the settle now used should be provided for the boy. It is possible that a settle-bed can be kept in a really clean state.

2. Mary Glinn, aged 13 years with Mrs Ward. This child sleeps in a room which is very damp. I understand her foster-parents are willing to improve it. If such improvements are made Mary Glinn might remain in this home.

3. Bridget Hurley aged 9 years placed with Mrs Moylan, Drummin. This child is suitably cared for. A stretcher should, however, be provided for her. Her settle-bed is not suitable.

4. Mary Lally aged 12 years with Mrs Farrell, Ballyhugh. This is an excellent foster-mother. The little girl is very delicate and in her case an allowance of 5/- a week should be made without delay. It is impossible that the foster-parent can provide for the child at 1/6 a week. Mrs Farrell showed me an excellent supply of clothes for the child most of which she had herself paid for out of her own earnings.

5. John Fahy, aged 5 in charge of his Grandmother, Nurse Fahy, Ballyboy. Mrs Fahy was absent from her house when I called, but her sleeping room which is that of the child emitted a very bad and damp smell through the window. The child whom I found at a neighbouring house was very poorly clad. I think it is doubtful that this home is a suitable one for a nurse child; but in order that he may not be separated from his relations Mrs Fahy might be called upon to repair and limewash her house and to clothe the child well and suitably. I understand that she has two strong sons in constant employment as labourers. If this is the fact, I am unable to understand how the place is in its neglected state. If no improvement is now made there is no alternative but to remove the child and board him out with strangers.

6. Pat Callanan, aged 6 with Mrs Casey, Ballyboy. This child sleeps on the kitchen table, on which a bed is made up for him. The Relieving Officer should not have allowed this

*has no objection but the room is very damp
the child is delicate
the room is very damp
the child is delicate*

J.S.

arrangement to continue. The child has been in this home since February, 1912.

7. John Hurley aged 8 years with Mrs Lane, Coxtown. The home is fairly good but a bed should be provided for the child who sleeps in a settle in the kitchen.

Bridget O'Dea aged 12 with Mrs Hawkins, Lisaturn.

This child is kindly treated. Greater attention should be paid to her hair which was in a dirty condition and would be better kept cut short for some time to come. The foster-parent is an old woman.

Fourteen children are placed at nurse in Relieving Officer Lanes district, viz:-

1. Maggie Galvin aged 12 years placed with Mrs Carr, Gortnasteal.

This house is structurally a good one; but is kept very badly. Maggie Galvin (I was informed) was sleeping away with a neighbour, but be that as it may, she came into the house while I was visiting it and showed me, as her bed a dirty arrangement full up of wearing clothes. The room in which it stands is in a neglected state. I think it is desirable that Maggie Galvin should be transferred to the care of the Sisters of Mercy, St. Joseph's Certified School Athlone. She is at the best age now, for training; but in her present home receives no chance whatever of raising herself to a better position in life.

2. Pat Sullivan placed with Stephen Kennedy, Hawkhill.

This home is a suitable one and I have no doubt that the child is well cared for by his foster-mother. The windows in the house should, however, be opened daily and a proper supply of shirts be provided for the boy. He was suffering from whooping cough when inspected.

3. Mike Birmingham aged 5½ years placed with Mrs Donohue, Killybegs.

*See Mrs Donohue
He should
be taken
back
not later than*

Killmorana since 10th August, 1912. This little child was in a very filthy state, he is unable to attend to himself and his foster-mother had not done so. He is very small and thin and delicate in appearance.

The house is badly kept and the bed alleged to be that of the child was dirty. Mrs Donohoe who is much better off than many of her neighbours, takes no interest in the child, her hands are full with the care of her own two young children aged respectively 2 years and 6 months. This little boy should be removed to the workhouse for the present.

4. Mary Brennan aged 11 years with Mrs Gill, Killmoran. This little girl is very delicate. She has several bad teeth which should be removed. Apart from the fact that the child should be kept tidier, Mrs Gill does her best for her, and deserves praise.

5. Mrs Keppy, Ruanmore, Ardraghan, has care of Pat Hynes, aged 2 years. *Kelly*

This is a kind foster-parent treating the child as one of her own, she deserves praise. The bed for the child should be put out to air on dry days and its covering washed from time to time as necessary.

6. Mrs John Ford, Kinturla has charge of her grandchild Joe Ford aged 6½ years, though the foster-mother is in poor circumstances this child is well cared. When inspected he was suffering from whooping cough.

7. Mrs Patrick Ford, Killinny, at the date of inspection, had charge of John Walshe aged 9½ years. In view of the condition in which I found this child I requested the Boarding Officer to have him removed immediately to the workhouse.

*This child has
been taken from
Mrs Ford.*

that the family treated this child with great severity and that no future child for whom the ratepayers are responsible should ever be placed in the house. The child is now suffering from nervousness and an affection of speech which is very considerably worse since he was boarded-out. In view of this I think he ought to be left for several months under the care of the nuns who will undertake to carefully treat the defect. He is not suitable for boarding-out again until the defect is remedied.

8. Mrs Smyth, Crehane, Kinvara, has charge of her grandchild, Martin Smith 5½ years. This child is excellently cared for.

9. Mrs Brennan, Brackloon, Ardraghan has charge of grandchild Delia Burke, this child is in an excellent home.

10,11. Mrs Helly, Runamore, Ardraghan has charge of Maggie Galvin aged 12 and of Martin Howard aged 5 years. This is an excellent home.

12. Miss McDonough, Ruanmore, has charge of Mary Galvin aged 10 years. This child is suffering from a sore on the side of her foot which appears to be of tubercular origin. I would recommend that a medical report should be made showing whether removal for treatment to a Dublin Hospital is desirable. Her foster-home is good and much praise is due to the family with whom she is placed.

13. Mrs Furey, Caherapeepa, Craughwell has care of her grandchild Mary O'Connor aged 9. Unless a bed is provided for the child who sleeps at present on the floor on a made-up bed a bed should be removed.

14. Miss Thompson whose address is given... was absent with the nurse-child on the two occasions... at this address. It is desirable to know where... understand that the nurse-child Mary Connolly... for.

to be removed to hospital

*Mrs Thompson
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD.

DUBLIN, 3rd November 19 13

SIR,

I propose to inspect the York Rural District
on Wednesday next, the 5th Nov. The
following records relating to the District should be available at the Boardroom
of the Council on that day, at 11-45 o'clock, namely:—

The Minutes of Proceedings of the District Council under the Sanitary
Acts and Orders, and under the Dairies, Cow-sheds and Milk-
shops Orders and also in reference to the adulteration of food
products.

The Executive Sanitary Officer's Report Book.

The Sanitary Sub Officer's Report Books.

The maps of the systems of sewers and of water supply mains.

The Register of common lodging-houses.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Arthur J. J. J.
Local Government Board Inspector

The Executive Sanitary Officer,
York Rural District Council Office.

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"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

7th November, 1913

No. 58523/1913.
Gort Union.

leave now. This copy of Aut. due to her.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the further entry in Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union of the 1st instant, relative to the nursing out of the Workhouse, of the baby McTeigue; and the Board desire to state that the expenditure incurred in this case appears to be illegal, and they request that they may be informed why a nurse cannot be provided for the child in the Workhouse.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W.D.
J. R. Dunne
Assistant Secretary.

Clerk,
Gort Union.

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No. L 10,863 ; 1913.

Miscellaneous.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

DUBLIN, 12th November, 1913.

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to draw attention to their circular letter of the 8th August, 1904, respecting the salaries of union officers, and to state that, in accordance with the recommendation made therein, several Boards of Guardians have since framed graded scales of salaries for their officers, fixing a minimum salary, an increase by annual, triennial, or quinquennial increments, and the maximum to be ultimately attained. The advantage of such an arrangement is, as pointed out in the Board's circular, that the local authority are thereby relieved of the necessity of considering the numerous applications for increases of salary made from time to time by individual officers, totally irrespective of their length of service, and have only to determine at the end of each incremental period, whether each officer has performed his duties in such a manner as to entitle him to the increase of salary laid down by the approved scale. The Board would, therefore, suggest to Boards of Guardians and Rural District Councils, that they should now take into their consideration the advisability of formulating scales of salaries for the various officers.

In connection with this matter, I am to state that representations have recently been made to the Board, on behalf of the Clerks of Rural District Councils, that their duties have been largely increased by the additional work of a permanent character thrown on them, by reason of the completion of improvement schemes under the Labourers Acts, and asking that the Board should prescribe a scale of remuneration for such work. The Board are not, however, empowered to do so under Section 31 of the Labourers Act, 1906, as it applies only to the "carrying into execution of improvement schemes," and does not extend to work arising after the scheme has been completed. At the same time the Board consider it only fair that Clerks should receive reasonable remuneration for such additional work, and this can be done by the Councils taking the fact into account, and including remuneration therefor when measuring the graded scales of salaries above referred to.

As regards the remuneration of Clerks of Councils for carrying out new schemes under the Labourers Acts, the Board desire to state that they very carefully considered the question after the passing of the Act of 1906, and satisfied themselves that the scale then fixed by them afforded sufficient remuneration for the work that had, under ordinary circumstances, to be performed. While the Board recognise that considerable difficulty in obtaining building contractors for all the cottages authorised has been experienced in many cases, and that various reasons might operate to prevent contractors from finishing the works within the specified time, they would urge upon Councils the desirability of arranging for a graduated system of fines, to be imposed on dilatory contractors under the penalty clause of their bonds, with a view to providing a fund out of which officers could, with the approval of the Board, be compensated for the extra work imposed on them where the delay in completing the contracts has been unduly prolonged.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

To

The Clerk of each Union, and
The Clerk of each Rural District Council.

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JH*

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

21st November, 1913.

No. 62,118 : 1913.

Gort Union.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant and enclosures, relative to the application to the Board of Guardians of Gort Union for bedding for a widow named Davoren; and I am to inform you that as Mrs. Davoren is stated to be qualified to receive out door relief, the Local Government Board are not aware of any objection to such relief being afforded in the form of bedding.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Rawlin
Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk,

Gort Union.

1 mattress / 1 pair sheets

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Local Government Board, Dublin.

21st November, 1913.

No. 60,356 : 1913.
Gort Union.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the reports of the Relieving Officers for the month of October on the children boarded out from the Workhouse of Gort Union, together with the records of school attendances; and the Board desire to call attention to the irregular school attendances of Margaret Calvin, Mary Hurley, Mary Lally, and Bridget O'Dea, and also of Maria Connors who, however, was stated to have been ill.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Rawlin
Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk,
Gort Union.

62,657 : 1913.
Gort Union.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

DUBLIN, 25th November 1913.

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward herewith, for the information of the Board of Guardians of the Gort Union, a copy of the Report of the Auditor on his Audit of their accounts for the Half-year ended the 30th September 1913, with attested abstracts of the accounts.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

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W. H. Mas
Secretary.

The Clerk

Gort Union.

Copy/ No. 62,657 : 1913.
Gort Union.

Castleconnell,

22nd. November, 1913.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the Gort Union for the half-year ended 30th September, 1913, and beg to forward, herewith, three certified copies of the abstract.

The Master is far from regular in lodging monies received by him on behalf of the Guardians. In this connection I beg to refer to my report of 30th November, 1912.

The general accounts were of a normal character and call for no comment.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Cyril E. Browne,

Auditor.

Local Government Board,

DUBLIN.

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Local Government Board, Dublin.

25th November, 1913.

No. 60,358 : 1913.
Gort Union.

Sir,

Adverting to the entry on the subject in Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 18th ultimo, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to request that they may be informed what steps the Guardians have since taken with regard to the report of the Board's Inspector, Miss Fitzgerald Kenney, on the children boarded out and hired out from the Workhouse.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

[Signature]
Secretary.

The Clerk,
Gort Union.

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Local Government Board, Dublin.

28th November, 1913.

No. 61881/1913.

Gort Union.
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I have placed him in his home

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the particulars relating to the proposal of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union to board-out John Walsh, with Mrs M. Connors; and, in reference thereto, the Board desire to state that they are informed by their lady Inspector, Miss Fitzgerald-Kenney, that, in her opinion, this child should not be again boarded-out until the defect in his speech which she mentioned in her report on the children boarded-out in the Union is stated by the Medical Officer to have been remedied. Miss Fitzgerald Kenney considers that this child suffered considerable hardship in his previous foster home, and should remain in the Workhouse until he has recovered his strength. As an alternative the Guardians might consider the propriety of placing him in a school certified under the Pauper Children Act, 1898, such as the Nazareth Home, Sligo.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

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H. H. H. H.
Secretary.

Lerk,
t Union.

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MEMORANDUM.

Minutes 18th October 1913

The Clerk is requested to forward replies to
in the case of the substitute

Signed for Anne Barrett

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

GOVERNMENT BOARD,

Dublin, 3rd December 1913

5077 :1913.
Union.

Local Government Board, Dublin,

29th November, 1913.

Sir,
I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to inform the Board of Guardians of Gort Union that they have received the Report of their Medical Inspector, Sir Acheson MacCullagh, relating to his recent inspection of the Dispensary Districts of the Union; and I am to enclose extracts therefrom, and to request that the several important matters adverted to therein may receive the Guardians' consideration.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. S. M.
Secretary.

The Clerk,
Gort Union.

*copy of report
Notes have been written on all
vacuuming defuncts. The head office
are reported to send in their
of instructions of 6*

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Extracts from Report of Local Government Inspector, Sir Acheson
MacCullagh, dated: 25th November, 1913. No. 63077:1913.

GORT UNION.

Ardrahan Dispensary District.

There are no sanitary conveniences for the use of
patients at Lavelly Dispensary.

No arrangements have been made by the Guardians for
examination of the Dispensary Records of the District.

The Dispensary Midwife's Register of Cases is not
submitted to the Guardians for examination.

There were 63 Vaccination defaulters returned in
last report of the District.

With regard to the administration of the Vaccination
Acts, there are too many defaulters in the District.

Gort Dispensary District.

The list of all instruments provided for Dispensary
use is not submitted to the Clerk of the Union.

The Dispensary Midwife's Register of Cases was not
produced for inspection.

There were 42 Vaccination defaulters returned in
last report on the district.

With regard to the administration of the Vaccination
Acts, there are too many defaulters in the District.

Kinvara Dispensary District.

The roof of the Dispensary buildings requires to be
seen to, and rain also comes in under entrance door.

There is not adequate provision made for having fires
regularly maintained in the consulting and waiting rooms of
the Dispensary buildings, as the stove is out of order.

The

The notice board, Form O, affixed outside the Dispensary requires repainting and midwife's name should be affixed thereto.

There is no arrangement made by the Guardians for examination of the Dispensary records.

The list of instruments provided for dispensary use is not submitted to the Clerk of the Union for examination.

There were 51 defaulters returned in last Vaccination report of the district.

There are too many defaulters under the Vaccination Acts returned in the district.

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"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

5th December, 1913.

No. 64,389/1913.

Gort Union.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 29th ultimo when the Guardians had under consideration the Board's letter of the 25th ultimo, communicating the report of the Auditor on his Audit of the Union Accounts for the half-year ended the 30th of September last; and the Board desire to point out that the attention of the Master should be drawn to that portion of the report which refers to his failure to lodge money to the credit of the Guardians in due time.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Rawlin
Assistant Secretary.

ref salary JB

The Clerk,

Gort Union.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

DUBLIN, 4th December, 1913.

OVERDUE ACCOUNTS.

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to advert to their circular letters of the 19th February, 1903, and the 2nd May, 1905, on the subject of Overdue Accounts, and I am again to call special attention to the time within which the payment of every debt, claim, or demand which is directly or indirectly payable out of the poor rate must be made, having regard to the statutory requirements of Section 51 (7) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, as amended by Section 4 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902.

In spite of the warnings contained in their circular letters, the Local Government Board still receive a large number of applications for extensions of time for the payment of accounts which have not been paid within the time allowed by law, and it is evident that considerable laxity prevails at the present time in this respect.

After upwards of fourteen years working of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, it might reasonably be expected that such applications would be of rare occurrence, but as this is not the case, the Board feel that the time has now arrived when they must insist on a strict compliance with the law. There are many payments, such as rents, salaries, fees, &c., of fixed amounts, which should be paid at regular stated periods without the necessity of application being made, and it appears to the Board that any delay in submitting the necessary orders for payment at the appropriate finance meeting must arise from the want of a proper system of keeping the accounts by the accounting officer.

The Public Bodies Order, 1904, and the Union Accounts Order, 1905, require that special notice of the provisions of Section 51 (7) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, is to be given on all orders issued by local authorities, and the Board can therefore no longer regard ignorance of the law as a sufficient excuse for delay in obtaining payment of debts within the prescribed period. The Board have accordingly decided that they will not authorise in future extensions of time for the payment of overdue accounts unless satisfactory evidence is produced showing that the delay which has occurred has been unavoidable.

This decision should be communicated to contractors and other creditors of the local authority, and should be carefully noted by every accounting officer, as future neglect to comply with the law on the subject will in the opinion of the Local Government Board be "negligence or misconduct" within the meaning of Section 20 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

To

The Secretary of each County Council.
The Town Clerk of each County Borough.
The Clerk of each Rural District Council.
The Clerk of each Urban District Council.
The Clerk of each Union.
The Resident Medical Superintendent of each District Asylum.
The Secretary of each Agricultural and Technical Committee for Counties.

No. 64389 1913.

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Yost Union.

Local Government Board, Dublin,

5th December 1913

Sir,

With reference to minutes of proceedings of the Board of Guardians of *Yost* Union, on the 29th ult., the Local Government Board for Ireland have directed to be transmitted herewith questions for answers respecting the persons who may be appointed as Nurses in the Workhouse in place of Sister M. S. Brennan and Sister M. A. Irvine.

When the questions shall have been answered and signed you will be good enough to return them to this Office.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

To

The Clerk of the

Yost Union.

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"LOCAL DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

11th December, 1913.

No. 65,443/1913.
Gort Union.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant in which you refer to a query form stated to have been furnished in October last, respecting the temporary employment of Nurse C. Fay in the Workhouse Infirmary of Gort Union; and I am to inform you that there is no record in this office of the receipt of the document in question.

A query form for a temporary nurse is enclosed, herewith.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. P. Stokes

Secretary.

The Clerk,
Gort Union.

No. 67547 1913.

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Yort Union.

Local Government Board, Dublin,

29th December 1913.

Sir,

With reference to minutes of proceedings of the Board of Guardians of *Yort* Union, on the 13th instant the Local Government Board for Ireland have directed to be transmitted herewith questions for answers respecting the person who may be appointed as Matron of the Workhouse in place of Miss M. D. Doyle, resigned.

When the questions shall have been answered and signed you will be good enough to return them to this Office.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARRIS,

Secretary.

To

The Clerk of the

Yort Union.

No. 141 : /M. 1913.

Miscellaneous.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

IMMEDIATE.

DUBLIN, 2nd January, 1914.

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to request that you will be so good as to forward to them, *with the least possible delay*, two returns, prepared in the enclosed form, showing with respect to the inmates of the Workhouse on the 31st ultimo:

- I. The name and description of each person of unsound mind, and
- II. The number of persons *not* of unsound mind who were afflicted with epilepsy.

If there should be any difference between the numbers of these classes in the special return hereby applied for and the numbers in the ordinary relief return for the week ended on the preceding Saturday it should be explained by a note on the face of the special return.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

To

The Clerk of each Union.

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Dublin."
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"LOCAL DUBLIN."

No. 65,677 : 1913.
Gort Union.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward, to be laid before the Board of Guardians of Gort Union, the accompanying enclosure giving the substance of a report which the Board have received from their Inspector, Mr. Pack Beresford, consequent on his recent inspection of the Workhouse; and, I am to request that the matters adverted to therein may receive the attention of the Guardians.

I am to direct the special attention of the Guardians to Mr. Pack Beresford's observations respecting Mrs. Curtin, who takes charge of the children when they are not at school. The Board consider the state of things described as open to serious objection, and unless other arrangements are made for the accommodation of Mrs. Curtin's daughter, they will not be prepared to allow the Workmistress to remain in charge of the children.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. J. [Signature]
Secretary.

Report to be submitted to the day for the 11th

Local Government Board, Dublin.

4th January, 1914.

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Union.

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"LOCAL DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

13th January, 1914.

No. 64,389/1913.
Gort Union.

For Visiting Committee

Sir,
Adverting to the entry on the subject in Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 29th of November last, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to request that they may be informed if the Master has yet reported as to whether accommodation could be provided for the female tramps elsewhere than in their present apartment.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

B. *W. M. W. W.*
Secretary.

The Clerk,
Gort Union.

Galway County Council Archives

No. 68,546 : 191 3

Gort Union.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

DUBLIN, 13th January, 1914

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of replies to their inquiries respecting the appointment of Sister M. Francis Lucy

as Nurse of the Workhouse of Gort

Union, and I am to state that the Board have approved of the appointment

on the terms specified, namely, at a salary of Twenty Pounds a year with allowances as specified in the replies to queries in this case.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

M. J. ...
Secretary.

To

The Clerk of the

Gort Union.

No. 68,633 : 1913

Gort Union.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

DUBLIN, 13th January, 1914

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of replies to their inquiries respecting the appointment of Sister Mary Ita Byrne

as Nurse in the Workhouse of Gort

Union, and I am to state that the Board have approved of the appointment

on the terms specified, namely, at a salary of Twenty Pounds a year with allowances as specified in the replies to queries in this case.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

V. J. [Signature]
Secretary.

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

2274:1914.
Gort Union.

Local Government Board, Dublin.

16th January, 1914.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland observe from Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 10th instant, that the Master is confined to the Workhouse owing to an accident; and, in reference thereto, the Board request that the Master may be asked to furnish a report from the Medical Officer stating how long he is likely to be so confined.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

[Signature]
Secretary.

The Clerk,
Gort Union.

[Handwritten initials]

227A : 1914.

Gort Union.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

DUBLIN, 23rd January 1914.

Sir,

With reference to Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 10th instant, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have sanctioned the payment of a sum of Twelve Pounds

to the Porter of the Workhouse.

for his services for a period of twelve months in driving the ambulance, taking charge of the horse, and doing the other work set forth in the Guardians resolution.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Rawlin
Assistant Secretary.

M.D.

The Clerk,

Gort Union.

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Assistant Secretary.

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The Clerk,

Gort Union.

3045 : 1914

Gort Union.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

DUBLIN, 23rd January, 1914

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of replies to their inquiries respecting the appointment of Sister Mary Dominic Fox

as Matron in the Workhouse of Gort

Union, and I am to state that the Board have approved of the appointment on the terms specified, namely, at a salary of Fifty Pounds a year, with allowances to the estimated weekly value of One Shilling and Eightpence.

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I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. R. Smith
Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk of the

Gort Union.

M.D.

Local Government Board, Dublin,

29th January, 1914.

No. 948/1914.

Miscellaneous.

Sir,

Adverting to their Circular Letters of the 17th February, 1903 and the 10th February, 1905 the Local Government Board for Ireland desire again to invite the attention of the Board of Guardians to those provisions in the Prescribed Forms of contract and bond for the supply of Medicines and Medical and Surgical Appliances under which Contractors are bound to deliver goods, as ordered and required at the Workhouse and the respective Dispensaries in the Union, and also to arrange for the packing of the empties and for their conveyance back from the Workhouse and Dispensaries to the Railway Stations.

The Board understand that in some Unions the Contractors experience much difficulty in obtaining reliable carriers, and that the charges are generally high and oftentimes wholly exorbitant. Disputes frequently arise, too, respecting the demands for the services in connection with the return of the empties.

The Board would point out that the Guardians ultimately bear the local charges for cartage and also the expenses entailed by the return of the empties. The contractors in drawing up their tenders must necessarily take account of the probable outlay, and their estimates have no doubt been sufficiently high to safeguard their own interests, but in consequence of the want of accurate information as to these local expenses the terms offered to the Guardians are not so favourable as could otherwise have been the case.

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The Clerk
of each Union.

It would therefore, promote the competition for the contracts and in that way be an advantage to the ratepayers if a definite scale of charges could be framed for the local cartage and for the return of empties. Arrangements might also, if possible, be made under which the Railway Companies would accept delivery of the empties without prepayment so as to obviate delays. The Board would be glad if the Guardians would refer this question to the Clerk of the Union and the Medical Officers and ask them to frame a workable scheme on reasonable terms to suit the conditions of the Union. The details of the scheme, when settled, might be communicated to this Department and also furnished on application to intending contractors.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. H. Harlas
Secretary.

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Gant Upton

MEMORANDUM.



The Clerk is requested to
the goodness to complete the
said return by entering
necessary particulars in
columns 3 and 4, Table H,
the Indoor portion,

to send it back, together
this memorandum, to
office by next post, without
delay.

G. Gant

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

Dublin, 3rd January 1914

Wt. 6055-7.10,000.1/13. A.T. & Co., Ltd.
Wt. 4402-194.10,000.10/13.

No. 139/M. 1913.
Miscellaneous.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,
DUBLIN, 2nd February, 1914.

SUPERANNUATION OF OFFICERS.

SIR, The Local Government Board for Ireland direct me to state that a great diversity of practice prevails with regard to the amounts granted to officers by way of superannuation allowance by the various local authorities throughout the country. The power to grant such pensions is derived from the Union Officers (Ireland) Superannuation Act, 1865, which under Section 83 (11) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, is made applicable to officers of County and Rural District Councils other than the County Surveyor and any officer of a County Borough. The amount awarded in each case is subject to the consent of the Local Government Board, and in their circular letter of 25th November, 1881, the Board stated that in giving this consent they would be governed as far as circumstances might permit by the rules applicable to the superannuation of Civil Servants of the Crown under the Superannuation Act of 1859. The scale prescribed by Section 2 of that Act is as follows:—

Service.	Proportion of annual salary and emoluments which may be granted.
10 years and under 11 years,	10/60ths.
11 years and under 12 years,	11/60ths.

and in like manner a further 1/60th in respect of each additional year of service up to a maximum not exceeding 40/60ths or two-thirds of the annual salary and emoluments.

In their circular above referred to the Board pointed out that in cases where, for the due and efficient discharge of the duties of any officer, professional or other special qualifications were required, a number of years not exceeding ten might, for the purpose of computation, be added to the actual service of the officer. The Board observe, however, that this concession has come to be regarded more or less as a right rather than as a reward for good service, or on account of special qualifications. The Board also note that in many instances the number of years proposed to be added would, if allowed to be computed, result in the amount of pension being entirely disproportionate to the officer's length of service. In this connection it should be borne in mind that the grant of superannuation allowances affects not only present but future ratepayers, and the Board are of opinion that only in cases where efficient services have been rendered should they be asked to allow additional years to be reckoned for the purpose of pension.

With a view of securing more uniform treatment than hitherto in such cases, the Board consider it desirable to set out below the scale of added years to which, in ordinary circumstances, they will be prepared to assent, viz.:—

From 10 to 15 years completed service, an addition of 5 years.	7 years.
" 15 to 20 " " " " "	10 years.
Over 20 " " " " "	

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,
Secretary.

To

The Secretary of each County Council.
The Clerk of each Rural District Council.
The Clerk of each Union.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,
DUBLIN, 2nd February 1914

1914 M. 4954

RECOMMENDATION OF GUARDIANS

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 24th ultimo, when the Guardians had under consideration the recommendations of the Visiting Committee on the matters referred to in the last Half Yearly Report of the Board's Inspector Mr. Pack Beresford, on the Union; and, in reference thereto, the Board request that the Guardians will be so good as to consider at an early date the question of painting, so that the work can be commenced in the early spring.

Yours obedient servant,

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The Secretary of each County Council,
The Clerk of each Rural District Council,
The Clerk of each Union.

FORM IN DUBLIN 1914 A. T. & C. 111.

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Local Government Board,
Dublin."

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

4th February, 1914

No. 4954/1914
Gort Union.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 24th ultimo, when the Guardians had under consideration the recommendations of the Visiting Committee on the matters referred to in the last Half Yearly Report of the Board's Inspector Mr. Pack Beresford, on the Union; and, in reference thereto, the Board request that the Guardians will be so good as to consider at an early date the question of painting, so that the work can be commenced in the early spring.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Rawlin
Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk,
Gort Union.

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Local Government Board, Dublin.

4th February, 1914.

No. 5819/1914
Gort Rural District.

as his. The same amount to remove to Dowd's and allowed for yard. definite quantity of stone during the year to 30 Sep next at his call for his tender for his

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward you, to be laid before the Gort Rural District Council, the enclosed copy of a letter which they have received from Mr. John McCallen, Ballyaneen, Gort, with reference to the non-acceptance of his tender by the Council, and I am to request that the Board may be furnished with the observations of the Council on the matter.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. L. Martin
Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk,
Rural District Council,
Gort.

Advertise sale of broken stone to 30 Sep next @ 2/10 per yard

COPY.

Ballaneen,
Gort.

29th January, 1914.

To The Sec. L. Government
Board
Dublin.

Sir,

I sent a tender for broken stones on the 10th January, 1914, to the Gort board Guardians, my price was 2/7d per yard on my tender.

Another man named Nelly tendered at 2/6d which the Chairman allowed to amend his tender in the Gort Board Room to my Price which was accepted by the Chairman.

I think if this business is carried out it is very irregular thing to do. Awaiting a reply in the meantime. From you.

Yours respectfully

John McCallen

Ballyaneen,
Gort.

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Local Government Board, Dublin.
4th February, 1914.

No. 4954 : 1914.
Gort Union.

Sir,

With reference to Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 24th ultimo, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have sanctioned the proposed expenditure of a sum not exceeding Ten Shillings in the purchase of dresses for each of the Wardsmaids in the Workhouse.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Rowlin
Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk,
Gort Union.

J. B.

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Local Government Board,
Dublin, 13th February, 1914.

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Gort Union.

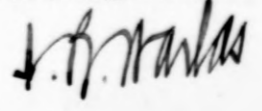
Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the proposal of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union of the 24th ultimo, to allow Frank Caffrey £12 : 17 : 6 (as in 1912) for plumbing work in the Workhouse from the 30th of September, 1913 to the 30th September, 1914 - exclusive of repairs to roofs which he included in his tender in error; and, in reference thereto, the Board request that they may be informed whether this contract was advertised in the usual manner, and also that they may be informed of the date on which the similar arrangement with this contractor was made in 1912.

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accepted for all
work
the date
of the
tender
is
1912*

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J.B. 

Secretary.

The Clerk,
Gort Union.

On 23 Aug 13 the Guardians advertised for tenders for (a) Plumbing work in Workhouse and (b) Reaping roofs &c in repair - both for 12 months to 30 Sep 14. In his tender Caffrey included both items at £12-17-6 which was accepted. When asked to sign bond he discovered his mistake, and in December new advertisements were received but no tender was received. In the meantime he had been working (at 2a) and to avoid complications the Guardians on 26 Jan decided to allow £12-17-6 for the work which was also the amt of tender accepted in Dec 13.

J.B.

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No. 37 M : 1914.
Office.

Local Government Board,
DUBLIN : 18th February, 1914.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state, for the information of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union, that they have appointed Mr. William Boughey, Local Government Auditor, to take charge of the Ennis Audit District from the 1st March proximo. He will, therefore, audit the accounts of the Guardians until further notice.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. R. Devlin
Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk,
Gort Union.

J. R.

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Local Government Board, Dublin.

16th February, 1914.

No. 7574/1914.
Gort Union.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the entry in Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 7th instant, relative to the bond for the recently elected Matron of the Workhouse; and, in reference thereto, the Board request that the Guardians will be so good as to comply with the requirements of Article 37 of the General Regulations in this case.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Rowlin
Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk,
Gort Union.

No. 12/M/1914. Miscellaneous.

**CONTRACTS FOR MEDICINES AND MEDICAL AND SURGICAL
APPLIANCES.**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,
DUBLIN, 17th February, 1914.

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to transmit, herewith, their Prescribed List of Medicines, and their Prescribed List of Medical and Surgical Appliances for the year commencing on the 1st April next. In advertising the contracts for the ensuing year, the Board of Guardians should stipulate that all tenders must be lodged with the clerk of the union not later than 12 o'clock noon on Saturday, the 7th of March, 1914, in sealed envelopes endorsed, respectively, "Tenders for Medicines," and "Tenders for Medical and Surgical Appliances." If the ordinary day of meeting of the guardians falls on that date, the contracts should be decided at that meeting. Should, however, the guardians not meet on that date the tenders should be placed *unopened* in a packet securely sealed up and carefully preserved until the next ordinary meeting after the 7th March, when the packet should be opened in the presence of the guardians. The Chairman should first see that the envelopes containing the tenders have not been interfered with, and cause the tenders to be opened, and the guardians should then proceed to declare the contracts. The date on which the contracts will be decided should be mentioned in the advertisement. The provisions with regard to recoupment from the Local Taxation (I.) Account are unaltered; and the Board wish it to be understood that recoupment cannot be allowed in any case where the guardians accept a tender other than the lowest, unless it can be clearly shown to the satisfaction of the Board that there are good and sufficient grounds for adopting that course.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary

To the Clerk of each Union.

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PHIC ADDRESS:
"DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.
20th February, 1914.

No. 8376/1914.
Gort Union.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the reports of the Relieving Officers for the month of January on the children boarded out from the Workhouse of Gort Union, together with the records of school attendances and the Board desire to draw attention to the irregular attendance of Mary Brennan who was absent from school on six days during the month and Mary Connors who was absent on nine days.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. R. Swlin
Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk,
Gort Union.

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

20th February, 1914.

No. 5087/1914.

Gort Union.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the particulars relating to the proposal of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union to hire out Mary Glynn, aged 13½ years, with Mrs M. Ward; and the Board request that they may be informed whether the certificate of proficiency required by Section 2,1,11, of the Irish Education Act, 1892, has been produced in this case.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. R. Martin

Assistant Secretary.

Clerk,

Gort Union.

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"LOCAL DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

20th February, 1914.

No. 64389/1913.
Gort Union.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 29th of November last, when the Guardians had under consideration the recommendations of the Committee on the matters referred to in the last Report of the Board's Inspector, Miss Fitzgerald Kenney, on the children boarded out from the workhouse; and, in reference thereto, the Board desire to point out that the Guardians should deal with the question of appointing a Ladies' Committee to look after the interests of these children as this is a matter of the greatest importance in connection with the successful working of the boarding out system.

As regards the settle beds at present in use for some of the children the Board desire to state that the Relieving Officers should be instructed to pay special attention to their condition as they cannot be considered sanitary, and the Guardians should endeavour to secure that suitable beds which can easily be kept clean should gradually be provided as the Local Government Board do not approve of the permanent use of settle beds for nurse children.

The Board, at the same time, request that they may be informed whether the Relieving Officer has yet furnished the required report on the condition of the house of Mrs Carr.

The Clerk,
Gort Union.

and

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and they desire to state that, having regard to the terms of Miss Fitzgerald Kenney's report, they are of opinion that the child Michael Birmingham should be removed from the care of Mrs. Donohoe.

The Board further request that they may be informed whether a bed has been provided, for the child Mary O'Connor by her foster parent Mrs. Furey.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

B

J. R. Dowling

Assistant Secretary.

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Local Government Board, Dublin.

20th February, 1914.

No. 7574 : 1914.
Gort Union.

Sir,

With reference to the entry on the subject in Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 7th instant, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they would be glad to be furnished with a copy of the report submitted by the Committee appointed by the Guardians in connection with the proposal to amend the Galway Hospital Act, 1892.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. Dublin

Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk,
Gort Union.

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

27th February, 1914.

No. 10557/1914.

Galway Hospital.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge with thanks, the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant forwarding to this Department copies of your memorandum as adopted by a Committee of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union in connection with the proposed reconstitution of the Galway Hospital.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

G. M. J.
J. P. Harlow
Secretary.

The Clerk,

Gort Union.

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Local Government Board, Dublin.

6th March 1914.

No. 10244/1914.
Gort Union.

*minutes names
then known
not*

Sir,
Adverting to Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 21st ultimo, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to request that you will inform them of the names of those ladies from the list contained in the Minutes, who have consented to act on the Committee proposed to be formed to look after the interests of boarded out children in the Union.

H. J. ...

I am
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

The Clerk,
Gort Union,

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

13th March 1914.

No. 12989/1914.
Gort Union.

*Recd 26 January 1914
d/p 14/3/14*

Sir,

With reference to Minutes of Proceedings of
the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 7th
instant, I am directed by the Local Government
Board for Ireland to request that they may be
informed of the date of admission to the Workhouse
of the girl Kate Forde who recently gave birth
to an illegitimate child.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]
Assistant Secretary

The Clerk,
Gort Union.

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Gort Union.

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Local Government Board, Dublin.

27th March, 1914.

Sir,

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The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the reports of the Relieving Officers for the month of February regarding the condition of the children boarded-out from the Workhouse of Gort Union together with the school attendance records; and, with reference thereto, the Board desire to point out that except in cases of illness children should not be kept from school, and that when a child is absent owing to illness a medical certificate should be furnished.

J.P.
I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

J.P.
Assistant

The Clerk,
Gort Union.

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Gort Union.

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Local Government Board, Dublin.

27th March, 1914.

Sir,

Adverting to Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 21st instant, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that as it appears from the Report submitted by Relieving Officer Leech regarding the children boarded-out in his Relief District that the child Birmingham was still in a condition indicating want of proper care, the Board consider that the Guardians should no longer delay in removing the child from the custody of the present foster parent, Mrs. Donohoe.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. Sullivan
Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk,
Gort Union.

to be taken to the workhouse

clerk

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Gort Union.

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Local Government Board, Dublin.

27th March, 1914.

Sir,

Adverting to Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 7th instant, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to request that they may be informed whether the names of the ladies willing to act on the Committee to look after the interests of boarded-out children in the Union are yet available.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. R. White
Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk,
Gort Union.

Resolved - That the Committee consist of the Ladies named in the Minutes before

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CLERK'S OFFICE,

Gort, 28 March 1904

Sir,

Referring to your letter of 27th inst. and to previous correspondence on the subject I have to report that the following Ladies have consented to act on the Committee to look after the interests of the boarded-out children in the Union:—

- 1 Mrs. Thos. Taylor
- 2 Mrs. D. Connolly
- 3 Mrs. Walsh
- 4 Miss Madden
- 5 Miss Muckelton
- 6 Miss Conroy

Four Ladies have declined to act, and five have not replied.

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
Wm. B. [Signature]
Clerk

The Secretary
Local Govt. Board
Dublin

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