Twentiethly.—It is ordained that the Secretary and Registrar of this Order shall be appointed by Us, Our Heirs and Successors, and shall have the custody of the Archives of the Order, which shall be kept in the Office of Our Secretary of State for the Home Department. He shall attend the service of the Order, and shall execute such directions as he may receive from our Principal Secretaries of State.

Lastly.—We reserve to Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, full power of annulling. altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting, or dispensing with these Regulations, or any part thereof, by a notification under the Sign Manual of the Sovereign of the Order.

> Given at Our Court at Saint James' this ninth day of March one thousand nine hundred and twelve, in the second year of Our Reign.

> > By His Majesty's Command,

REGINALD M'KENNA.

SCOTTISH OFFICE, WHITEHALL, April 1, 1912.

The King has been pleased, by Warrants under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 1st instant, to make the following appointments:—

- John Wilson, Esquire, K.C., presently Sheriff of the Sheriffdom of Inverness, Elgin, and Nairn, to be Sheriff of the Sheriffdom of Renfrew and Bute, in the room of Neil John Downie Kennedy, Esquire, K.C., resigned.
- Alastair Oswald Morison Mackenzie, Esquire, Advocate, presently Sheriff-Substitute of the Sheriffdom of Lanark at Glasgow, to be Sheriff of the Sheriffdom of Inverness, Elgin, and Nairn.
- William Darling Lyell, Esquire, Advocate, presently Sheriff-Substitute of the Sheriffdom of Renfrew and Bute at Paisley, to be Sheriff-Substitute of the Sheriffdom of Lanark at Glasgow.
- Patrick James Blair, Esquire, Advocate, presently Sheriff-Substitute of the Sheriffdom of Stirling, Dumbarton, and Clackmannan at Dumbarton, to be Sheriff-Substitute of the Sheriffdom of Renfrew and Bute at Paisley.
- Duncan Stewart Macdiarmid, Esquire, Advocate, to be Sheriff-Substitute of the Sheriffdom of Stirling, Dumbarton, and Clackmannan at Dumbarton.

SCOTTISH OFFICE, WHITEHALL, April 1, 1912.

The Secretary for Scotland has appointed the following to be the Members of the Board of Trustees for the National Galleries of Scotland for a period of five years, as from 1st April 1912, when the existing appointments expire :—

David Erskine, Esq. (Chairman).

Sir John Maxwell Stirling-Maxwell, Bart.

Sir James Guthrie, President of the Royal Scottish Academy.

Sir William Bilsland, Bart.

James Murray, Esq.

John Ritchie Findlay, Esq.

The Hon. Hew Hamilton Dalrymple.

Education (Scotland) Act, 1908.

PROPOSED ORDER BY THE SCOTCH EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

SCHOOL BOARD OF BANFF (BURGH).

SCHOOL BOARD OF BANFF (LANDWARD) AND ORD.

W HEREAS by subsection (1) of section 22 of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1908 (8 Edward 7, cap. 63), it is enacted that where it is represented to the Department by a school board that it would be expedient that the district or part of a district of the said school board should be united with the adjacent district or part of district of another school board, so as for all purposes to constitute a district under one school board, the Department shall consult with the authorities concerned, and may cause a local inquiry to be held, and, if they are of opinion that the districts should be united, may by order provide for uniting the said districts as aforesaid :

And whereas it has been represented to the Department by the School Board of the Burgh of Banff that it would be expedient that the district of the said School Board should be united with the adjacent district of the School Board of the Parish of Banff (Landward) and Ord so as for all purposes to constitute a district under one school board :

And whereas the Department, after consulting with the authorities concerned and causing a local inquiry to be held, are of opinion that the said districts should be united as aforesaid :

And whereas it is expedient that the said districts should be united as aforesaid :

Now therefore the Department, in virtue of the powers in that behalf conferred upon them by the enactment above recited, do hereby order as follows, *videlicet* :---

1. The District of the School Board of the Burgh of Banff shall, from and after the date at which this Order shall commence to have effect, be united with the district of the School Board of the Parish of Banff (Landward) and Ord so as for all purposes to constitute a district under one school board.

2. The existing School Boards of the Burgh of Banff and of the Parish of Banff (Landward) and Ord shall cease to exist, and there shall be established in their room for the districts united as aforesaid one school board to be called "The School Board of Banff."

3. The said School Board of Banff (hereinafter referred to as "the School Board") shall consist of the fourteen members who at the date hereof constitute the said existing school boards. The said members shall hold office until the school board election to be held in the year 1914, in terms of the Education (Scotland) Acts, 1872