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SCHOOL AT GIGGLESWICK**

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AGAINST

THE CHARITY COMMISSIONERS,

IN THE MATTER OF THE

ROYAL FREE GRAMMAR SCHOOL AT GIGGLESWICK.

SUBMITTED TO THE CONSIDERATION OF THE MEMBERS OF BOTH
HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT.

BY

MR. JAMES FOSTER.

"It is a settled and invariable principle in the laws of England, that every right when withheld must have a remedy, and every injury its proper redress."

BLACKSTONE, Book III., c. 7, § 4v.

LONDON:
BRADBURY AND EVANS, 11, BOUVERIE STREET.
1864.

PREFACE.

SINCE the completion of this pamphlet, a very able leading article on the Report of the Public School Commission appeared in *The Times* of March 18th, some parts of which entirely express the Author's sentiments. The concluding sentence of the following extract shadows forth, in a general and abstract manner, what has actually taken place in the case of Giggleswick School :

“The powers which they would assign to the ‘Governing Body’ of each foundation, as distinct from the Head Master, are very ample—perhaps too ample, for they embrace not only the whole financial control, but the regulation of attendance at Divine service, of all sanitary arrangements, of the times and length of the holydays, and of the plan of studies. Our readers may wonder what is left to the real working Head of the School, and will probably be relieved to find that he is still to have the absolute power of selecting and dismissing his assistants, of classifying the boys in divisions, of choosing the school-books though not the subjects of instruction, of maintaining discipline, and of administering punishment. We doubt whether these rights and prerogatives will suffice to protect him from the galling and humiliating thralldom in which many an able teacher and administrator has been held by the fussy interference of local trustees and governors.”

PREFACE.

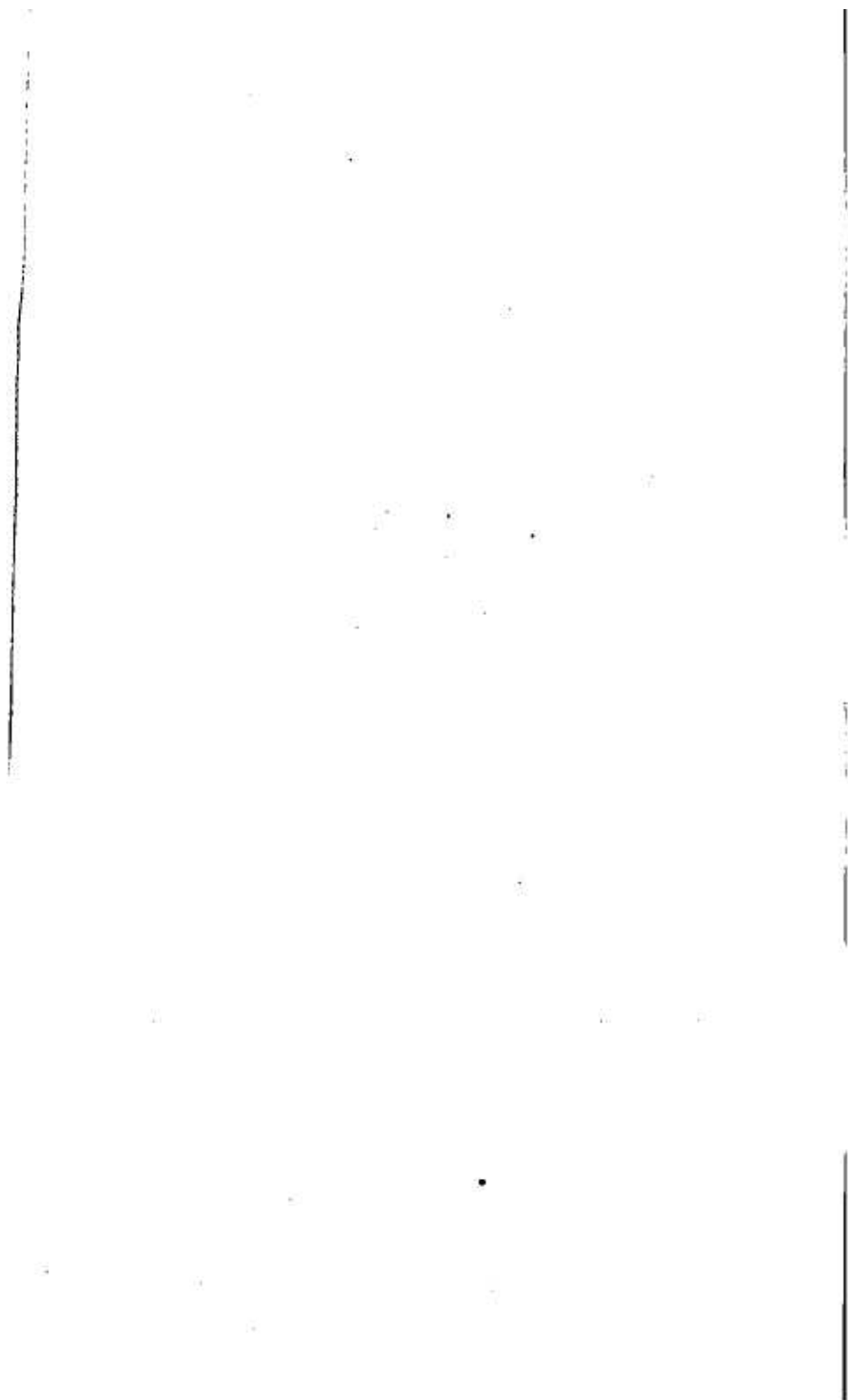
THE Author of the following pages having for nearly two years in vain solicited the interference of the Charity Commissioners in a case of gross wrong and oppression, immediately under their jurisdiction, is compelled, on their final refusal of justice, to appeal to the public, whose servants they are.

He believes that a more striking instance of dereliction of duty on the part of an official body, than that which his statement discloses, has seldom been made public. He has taken up this case on public grounds, and he is not without hope that the force of enlightened public opinion will deter the Charity Commissioners from a course which must, if pursued, defeat, in this case, one of the chief objects of their appointment. As the best proofs he can offer of his good faith, he gives his name with his statement, and declares himself ready to substantiate every allegation in it by the most convincing evidence before an impartial tribunal.

JAMES FOSTER.

MARK HOUSE LANE, WALTHAMSTOW,
March, 1864.

P.S. Whilst it will be seen that the Charity Commissioners refuse all investigation into the conduct of the Governors of the School, and reject the repeated protests against their being continued in office without an investigation, it is now reported that the Charity Commissioners have quite recently proposed, not only to continue the Governors in office, but to give them greatly increased support.



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