

Diocesan Funds (Consolidated) Ordinance, 1931, Amending Ordinance, 1935.

AN ORDINANCE.

To amend or repeal Sections 9, 15 as amended 1933, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 39, 40, of the Diocesan Funds (Consolidated) Ordinance, 1931.

The Bishop, the Clergy and the Laity of the Diocese of Grafton in Synod assembled, declare, ordain and enact as follows:—

The Sections herein referred to are Sections of the Diocesan Funds (Consolidated) Ordinance, 1931.

Section 9 shall be, and hereby is, amended by the addition of the following:—"Provided that in the case of any parish where the said collections have not been remitted as required the whole of the quota of that parish shall thereupon become an essential charge upon the revenue of the parish and payable accordingly."

Section 15 shall be and hereby is amended by the omission of sub-sections (f) and (g).

Section 16 shall be and hereby is repealed and the following substituted therefore:—

16. The Bishop and every Clergyman at present licensed in this Diocese shall upon the passing of this ordinance become and continue a subscriber for full benefits either of The Australian Clergy Provident Fund or The Clergy Provident Fund (Sydney) or other Provident Fund approved by the Bishop-in-Council and in the case of married Clergy also of a Clergy Widows and Orphans' Fund unless exempted by the Bishop-in-Council on good and sufficient reason shown and every Clergyman hereafter licensed in the Diocese shall be required to sign an agreement to the effect of Form I hereunder.

FORM I.

I, the undersigned of years being in the State of New South Wales, aged years being married (unmarried), do hereby undertake and agree with the Bishop-in-Council of the Diocese of Grafton to be bound and in all respects to conform to the provisions of the Clergy Provident Fund Ordinance, being Part IV of the Diocesan Funds (Consolidated) Ordinance, 1931, or any other amendments thereof as relating to Superannuation and if or when married Widows and Orphans' Pensions and to make all payments therein required so long as I hold a license in connection with the said Diocese.

Dated at in the State of New South Wales this day of

Signed

Witness

Section 17 shall be and hereby is repealed and the following substituted in lieu thereof:—

17. The objects of the Clergy Provident Fund shall be:—

(a) To assist the Bishop and the Clergy of the Diocese in the payment of premiums to the Australian Clergy Provident Fund or the Clergy Provident Fund (Sydney) or other recognised Superannuation Fund actuarially constituted as hereinafter provided. And in the case of married Clergy to any approved Clergy Widows and Orphans' Fund.

(b) To provide or assist in providing a retiring pension to a Bishop of Grafton and the widow of such Bishop.

Section 18 shall be and hereby is repealed and the following substituted in lieu thereof:—

ALLOCATION OF PREMIUMS.

18. The amount required for the annual premium of each subscriber shall be allocated as follows:—

(a) From the Clergy Provident Fund (Revenue Account) Bishop-in-Council shall appropriate an amount sufficient to pay on account of each subscriber licensed in the Diocese prior to the 1st July, 1935, three-quarters the annual premium and on account of each subscriber licensed in the Diocese subsequent to the 1st July, 1935, an amount sufficient to pay three-quarters the annual premium or £15, whichever shall be the smaller. Provided, nevertheless, that the liability of Bishop-in-Council in respect of such payments shall not in any year exceed the amount received into the fund.

(b) Each subscribing member shall pay the remainder required to complete the amount of the premium.

(c) Payments shall be made quarterly.

Section 19 shall be and hereby is repealed and the following substituted in lieu thereof:—

19. The Bishop-in-Council shall from the Revenue of the fund or from any other available source pay to the Right Reverend John William Ashton, D.D., Bishop of Grafton, on retirement a life pension at the rate of one hundred and seventy pounds (£170) per annum. Payable quarterly, and if survived by a widow then to the said widow a life pension of fifty pounds (£50) per annum, payable quarterly.

Section 20 shall be and hereby is repealed and the following substituted in lieu thereof:—

20. The total amount to be contributed to the Clergy Provident Fund by the parishes shall be included in the yearly Budget under the provisions of section 36 hereto and the portion of such amount to be contributed by each parish shall be and is hereby declared to be an essential charge on the income of the parish.

Section 21 shall be and hereby is repealed.

Section 22 shall be and hereby is repealed and the following substituted in lieu thereof:—

22. The stipend of each subscriber shall be liable to the deduction of the necessary amount to provide his portion of the annual premium or premiums. If so required by the Bishop-in-Council, the Churchwardens shall deduct such necessary amount from the stipend of the subscribers and forward it to the Registrar whose acknowledgement in such case shall be a full and sufficient discharge to the Churchwardens of this portion of the subscriber's stipend.

Section 23 shall be and hereby is amended by omitting the words:—
"or unassurable Clergyman."
"or deposit."

Section 27 shall be and hereby is repealed and the following substituted in lieu thereof:—

27. Five per centum of the gross revenue of the fund shall be paid into the Church Management Fund to cover costs of management.

28 Shall be and hereby is repealed.

29 Shall be and hereby is repealed.

Section 39 shall be and hereby is amended by omitting sub-sections (a) and (b) and substituting in lieu thereof:—

"(a) The amount of the Budget for the Church Management Fund and the Clergy Provident Fund shall be first satisfied.

(b) The remainder shall be apportioned amongst the other funds of the Budget pro rata, provided always that if in any year the sum received shall fail to reach the sum of the Budget, the Bishop-in-Council may vary the allocations.

(c) Collections shall be paid into the fund towards which they have been so collected.

Section 40 shall be and hereby is repealed and the following substituted in lieu thereof:—

40. Those portions of the yearly quota payable into the Church Management Fund and the Clergy Provident Fund by each parish shall be and hereby are declared to be essential charges on the revenue of each and every parish within the Diocese and shall be held to be included in the provisions of the Parochial Ordinance, 1918, and the Status of Parishes Regulation Ordinance, 1933, relating to the requirements of parishes and of parochial districts or of any other Ordinance of Synod relating to the requirements of parishes and parochial districts.

DECLARATION.

The Ordinance amended by this Ordinance is hereby declared so amended subject and without prejudice to any estate.

right, privilege, obligation or liability vested, acquired, accrued or incurred under the said Ordinance.

SHORT TITLE.

This Ordinance may be cited as "The Diocesan Funds (Consolidated) Ordinance, 1931, Amending Ordinance, 1935."

We hereby certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Grafton on the 17th day of September, 1935.

F. S. DUTTON, Clerical Secretary.

I. C. DIGHT, Lay Secretary.

I assent to this Ordinance,

JOHN WILLIAM GRAFTON.

Date, September 27, 1935.