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GRAFTON CHURCH ORDINANCE, 1914.

1914. No. 12.

Preamble.

Whereas it is expedient to make provision for the several matters hereinafter mentioned: Be it therefore enacted by the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of the Diocese of Grafton in Synod assembled, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon the Synod by the Constitution for the management and good government of the Church of England within the State of New South Wales, as follows:—

Title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Grafton Church Ordinance 1914." Its Sections are arranged in parts as follows:—

Part 1. Appointment, Rights, Powers and Duties of Trustees.

Part 2. Appointment, Rights, Powers and Duties of Churchwardens.

Part 3. Appointment, Rights, Powers and Duties of Parochial Councils.

Part 4. Rights of Ministers.

Part 5. Miscellaneous.

PART I.—APPOINTMENT, RIGHTS, POWERS AND DUTIES
OF TRUSTEES.

Lands to be conveyed to Trustees.

2. Whenever any person or persons shall be desirous of providing for the use of the members of the Church of England a Site for the erection of a Church, Parsonage, School House, or other Building, or any Glebe or Burial Ground or other Lands he or they having first obtained the sanction of the Bishop shall cause to be conveyed or transferred to the Corporate Trustees of the Diocese the Land so desired to be conveyed or transferred.

Plans, etc., to be approved by the Bishop.

3. The approval of the Bishop shall be obtained prior to erection alteration or use for the site plans and specifications of any Church Parsonage School House or other Building or any alterations therein for the use of the members of the Church of England to be erected altered or used on Church Lands.

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Transfer of Lands to Corporate Trustees.

4. The Trustees of any Church Land may if they think fit convey or transfer such land to or under Section 4 of the Church of England Trust Property Incorporation Act 1881 vest such land in the Corporation styled the Corporate Trustees of the Diocese of Grafton upon the original Trusts and such conveyance or transfer when it has been accepted by the said Corporation shall discharge such conveying, transferring or vesting Trustees from all subsequent duties in respect of such Trust.

Land to be vested in Corporate Trustees.

5. All lands now the property of the Church of England vested in local Trustees shall on the death resignation or removal of the present Trustees be vested in the Corporate Trustees.

Registration of Trustees.

6. The name occupation and residence of every local Trustee and every change in the Trusteeship of any Church Land shall be registered in the book or books kept for that purpose by the Registrar of the Diocese and entries in such book or books shall be prima facie evidence of the Trusteeship.

Causes for which Local Trustees may be removed.

7. The Bishop-in-Council may if he see fit by writing under his hand remove a local Trustee from his office for any of the causes hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:—

1. Refusal or omission to execute a declaration of Trust within a period of one month after having been requested to do so by the Bishop.
2. Absence from New South Wales for a period of twelve consecutive months without leave of absence previously obtained from the Bishop-in-Council.
3. Sequestration of his estate as an insolvent.
4. Commission of any offence punishable by Law being sinful in itself.
5. Drunkenness or unchastity.
6. Incapacity from mental or physical infirmity to perform the duties of his office.
7. Refusal to conform to Ordinances of Synod assented to by the Bishop.
8. Conduct implying secession from the Church of England.

Resignation of Trustee.

8. Any Trustee desiring to be discharged from his Trusteeship may by application in writing under his hand addressed to the Bishop be so discharged.

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PART II.—APPOINTMENT, RIGHTS, POWERS AND DUTIES OF CHURCHWARDENS.

Building to be Consecrated or Licensed as a Church.

9. So soon as may be after the erection or approval of a building for use as a Church and upon its being provided with all things requisite for the celebration of Divine Service the Minister and two or more subscribers shall petition the Bishop to consecrate or license the same as a Church for the celebration of Divine Service according to the law and usage of the Church of England.

Election of ad interim Churchwardens.

10. The Minister shall before or so soon as conveniently may be after a building has been so consecrated or licensed as a Church as aforesaid call a meeting of subscribers to the Church and at such meeting three Churchwardens shall be appointed or elected and the meeting conducted as far as circumstances will admit in a manner similar to that of the Annual Vestry Meeting, but the functions of occupiers of seats shall at this meeting be exercised by subscribers. And if from any cause the appointment or election of any of the Churchwardens has not been made within two months of the Church being ready for service the Bishop may make the appointment. At such meeting the subscribers shall determine whether the seats in the Church shall be free or partly free and partly rented and if any part of the seats are to be rented shall also determine the rent thereof and shall reserve a sufficient number of the sittings to be always appropriated to the gratuitous use of the Minister. Provided that at least one-half of the seats shall be always free, and the determinations of such meeting shall be binding on all Trustees and Churchwardens and all persons using the Church until such determinations shall be varied or altered by an Annual Vestry Meeting. Provided also that if no determination with reference to the seats has been made the seats shall be free and unappropriated until determined otherwise by an Annual Vestry Meeting. Provided also that all seats in all Churches shall be free after the commencement of Divine Service.

Qualification of Churchwarden.

11. Any person shall be qualified to be appointed or elected a Churchwarden who is a male aged not less than 21 years a Communicant and an occupier of a seat in the Church for which the election is to be held. Provided that if there shall not be a sufficient number of Communicants practically available it shall be lawful to appoint or elect persons otherwise qualified.

Nomination of Churchwardens.

12. The nominations for the position of Churchwardens to be elected must be made in writing to the Minister or his deputy as hereinafter provided by at least two electors with the written consent of the person or persons nominated not later than the Saturday preceding the day of the election.

Annual Vestry Meeting and Qualification of Electors.

13. The Minister and Churchwardens of each Consecrated or Licensed Church shall convene by at least seven days' public notice stating the time and place in such a way as the Minister or his deputy shall deem best, a meeting to be held not later than the fourteenth day of August in the year 1915 and in each year thereafter for the purpose of receiving and passing the accounts of Churchwardens and for electing Churchwardens for the current year, and for appointing one or more persons to audit the accounts of the Churchwardens and for other business connected with the Church and such meeting shall be called and known as the Annual Vestry Meeting and all persons of the age of twenty-one years and upwards (who shall if required by the Chairman sign a declaration to the effect that they are members of the Church of England and occupiers of seats within the meaning of this Ordinance) shall be qualified to vote and take part in the proceedings of such meeting. Provided that in the event of the Minister and Churchwardens neglecting to convene such meeting the Bishop shall have power to convene the same. Provided also that the first statement of accounts after the passing of this Ordinance shall be for the eighteen months ending June 30 1915.

Meeting—When Constituted.

14. The Minister, or in his absence, his deputy, shall act as Chairman of the meeting, and as soon as five other persons being qualified as aforesaid or if the Minister be absent six such persons shall be present, the meeting shall be held to be duly constituted and may proceed to business; but if the meeting shall not be constituted as aforesaid within half-an-hour after the time appointed for the meeting then the meeting shall stand adjourned for seven days the place and time for the adjourned meeting being the same as those for which the first meeting was convened. And as soon as at such adjourned meeting five persons duly qualified as hereinbefore mentioned or if the Minister be absent six such persons shall be present, the meeting shall be held to be duly constituted, and may proceed to business; but if it shall not be so constituted within half-an-hour of the time appointed, the meeting shall lapse. Provided that any meeting once duly constituted may from

time to time be adjourned to such time and place as the meeting may determine.

Chairman.

15. At such meeting or adjourned meeting if the Minister or his deputy be not present the meeting shall before proceeding to business elect a Chairman.

Election of Churchwardens.

16. At such meeting or adjourned meeting if the Church be vested in Trustees other than the Bishop or the Corporate Trustees, the said Trustees or a majority of them shall appoint or signify in writing the appointment of one qualified person as a Churchwarden until the Annual Vestry Meeting next ensuing and one other qualified person shall be elected from those previously nominated as aforesaid by a majority of the votes of the persons present at such meeting to act as a Churchwarden for the same period and the Minister shall appoint or signify in writing the appointment of one other qualified person to act as a Churchwarden for the same period. Provided that if the Church be vested in the Bishop or the Corporate Trustees or if the Trustees herein empowered to appoint a Churchwarden shall have failed to do so two qualified persons shall be elected from those previously nominated as aforesaid by a majority of the votes of the persons present at the meeting to act as Churchwardens. And the three persons so appointed and elected shall execute the office of Churchwarden and any act done by them or the majority of them as Churchwardens at a duly-convened meeting shall be taken and deemed to be the act of the Churchwardens.

Lapsed Meetings—Consequence of.

17. If in consequence of the meeting lapsing or from any other cause any failure shall occur to appoint or elect the persons or any of them as hereinbefore mentioned as Churchwardens, the conveners of the meeting or one of them shall forthwith communicate such failure to the Bishop, and the Bishop shall appoint such qualified person or persons as he may deem best to act as Churchwarden or Churchwardens until the Annual Vestry Meeting next ensuing, and if any dispute shall at any time arise regarding the appointment or election of any Churchwarden, the same shall be referred to the Bishop who shall decide the same, and his decision shall be final.

Summoning Vestry Meetings, other than annual.

18. The Minister and Churchwardens of each consecrated or licensed Church may when they shall think fit summon a Vestry Meeting other than the Annual Vestry Meeting for the transaction of business connected with the Church, and

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the Minister may and by direction of the Bishop or upon written requisition of five electors, shall summon a general meeting of parishioners other than the Annual Vestry Meeting for the transaction of special business, such business and no other being transacted thereat, and the provisions herein contained regarding the method of summoning the Annual Vestry Meeting the conduct of the same and the qualifications of persons entitled to attend and vote thereat shall apply to the case of any meeting summoned under this clause.

Vacancies in Office of Churchwarden.

19. Any Churchwarden may resign his office by signifying the same in writing to the Minister. Whenever any person appointed Churchwarden by the Minister or by the Trustees, or by the Bishop in lieu of such Minister or Trustees shall die, resign, or become bankrupt, lunatic, or otherwise disqualified or incapable of acting at any time during the period for which he was appointed, then, and in every such case, the person or persons having the right to appoint as hereinbefore mentioned shall within thirty days appoint a qualified person to be a Churchwarden until the Annual Vestry Meeting next ensuing, in the place of the person so dying, resigning, or becoming disqualified or incapable of acting.

20. When ever any person elected as a Churchwarden or appointed as such by the Bishop through failure to elect as aforesaid, shall die, resign, or become bankrupt, lunatic, or otherwise disqualified or incapable of acting during the period for which he was elected, the Minister and Churchwardens shall, within thirty days after the occurrence of such vacancy convene a meeting of members of the Church qualified as aforesaid, for the purpose of electing a Churchwarden; and such meeting shall be conducted, as far as circumstances will admit, in a manner similar to that of the Annual Vestry Meeting, and at such meeting or at any adjournment thereof the persons present shall elect a qualified person to be a Churchwarden until the Annual Vestry Meeting next ensuing in the place of the Churchwarden who has so died, resigned, or become disqualified or incapable of acting.

21. If from any cause whatever a vacancy occurring in the number of Churchwardens appointed or elected as hereinbefore mentioned, shall not be filled up as hereinbefore provided it shall be lawful for the Bishop to appoint a Churchwarden to act until the next Annual Vestry Meeting, in the place of the Churchwarden whose death, resignation, disqualification, or other incapacity has occasioned the said vacancy.

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22. The rights, powers, and duties of Churchwardens shall be:

1. To provide the bread and wine for the Holy Communion and all things necessary for Public Worship.
2. To have the care of the Church and its furniture and of other things appertaining to the celebration of Divine Service, and to see that everything is fit and in proper order for the due performance thereof.
3. To keep order in the Church and Churchyard and to see that as far as can be worshippers are accommodated in the Church.
4. To have the superintendence and direction of all matters connected with the arrangement, assignment, and letting of seats in the Church. Provided that at least one-third of the seats be always free.
5. To pay to the Parochial Council, unless otherwise directed by the donor, all moneys received from subscriptions and other sources and unless otherwise mutually agreed upon at least three-fourths of all moneys received for ordinary collections in Church and Seat Rents.
6. To keep the Church, School, and the premises respectively attached thereto in good order and repair and to pay all rates and taxes and all charges for insurance thereon.
7. To provide the Minister with sufficient means for the safe custody of all Parish Registers and Records.
8. To provide for keeping order in the Church and Churchyard during Divine Service, but nothing herein contained shall be deemed to confer any power or authority on Churchwardens as regards the order and arrangement of Divine Service the whole control of which is vested in the Minister.
9. To report to the Bishop any grave irregularities in the performance of Divine Service any wilful neglect of duty or any flagrant misconduct on the part of the Minister.

PART III.—APPOINTMENT, RIGHTS, POWERS AND DUTIES OF PAROCHIAL COUNCILS.

Constitution of Parochial Council.

23. In each Parish or Parochial District except in the case of the Cathedral Parish there shall be a body called the Parochial Council consisting of the following members:—The

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Bishop as President, the Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry in which the Parish or Parochial District is situate and the Minister of the Parish or Parochial District as Vice-Presidents, and the Churchwardens of each licensed Church within the Parish or Parochial District, all the foregoing being ex-officio members, together with four, eight or twelve members elected and appointed as hereinafter provided.

Determination of Minister of elected Councillors.

24. Each Parochial Council shall before the fifteenth day of June in each year determine the number of members for the following year to be elected and appointed under the preceding clause.

Qualification of Councillors.

25. Any person shall be qualified to be appointed or elected a member of the Parochial Council who is a male aged not less than 21 years, a Communicant, and a regular attendant at any service in the Parish or Parochial District provided that if there are not a sufficient number of Communicants available it shall be lawful to elect persons otherwise qualified.

Annual Meeting.

26. An Annual Meeting of Parishioners for the election and appointment of Parochial Councillors and the transaction of other business shall be held not later than the fourteenth day of August, in the year 1915, and in each year thereafter and may follow immediately upon the Annual Vestry Meeting of the Parish Church for the election of Churchwardens thereof.

Convening Annual Meeting.

27. The said Annual Meeting shall be convened by the Minister who shall provide that notice thereof shall be given at all services on two Sundays at least before the meeting and nominations in writing invited to be made to him; and a similar notice must be attached to the door of the Parish Church at least fourteen days prior to the date of such Annual Meeting and also be inserted in a newspaper circulating in the Parish or Parochial District at least twice during the said fourteen days.

Appointment by Minister.

28. The Minister shall appoint one-fourth of the number of Parochial Councillors and the remainder shall be elected as hereinafter provided.

Nomination of Councillors.

29. Nominations for the position of Councillors to be elected must be made in writing to the Minister or his deputy as

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hereinafter provided by at least two electors with the written consent of the person or persons nominated not later than the Saturday preceding the day of the election and a list of such nominations shall on the following day be published on the door of the Parish Church.

Chairman of Annual Meeting.

30. The Minister or his deputy shall preside at such Annual Meeting, but in the absence of both the meeting may elect its own Chairman.

Electors to sign Declaration.

31. Every elector before voting at the Annual Meeting shall if required by the Chairman sign the following Declaration in a book to be provided for the purpose:—

I the undersigned do hereby declare that I am an adult member of the Church of England, that I have resided within the Parish or Parochial District of during the last three months, and that I am in the habit of attending Church of England Services within the said Parish or Parochial District.

Quorum and Adjournment.

32. At such Annual Meeting five Electors in addition to the Minister or his deputy shall form a quorum and business shall be proceeded with as soon as a quorum is present but if no quorum be present within half-an-hour of the time appointed the meeting shall be postponed for not more than a week to a day to be determined by the Minister or his deputy; and any meeting duly constituted may be adjourned as it shall itself determine.

Report and Balance Sheet.

33. The outgoing Council shall at such Annual Meeting present a written and signed Report and the Treasurer shall present a Balance-sheet duly signed and audited made up to the previous 30th day of June setting forth clearly all receipts and expenditures and including a statement of Assets and Liabilities. Provided that the first Report and Balance-sheet after the passing of this Ordinance shall be for the eighteen months ending June 30, 1915.

Election of Councillors.

34. After the Report and Balance-sheet have been dealt with, if the number of nominations does not exceed the number required, the Chairman shall declare such to be duly elected; if there be an excess of nominations the meeting shall proceed to elect by ballot.

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Other Elections.

35. The said Annual Meeting shall also elect one or more Auditors for the ensuing year provided that no member of the Council shall be eligible for the position of Auditor.

Vacancy in Office of Auditor.

36. The death, resignation or removal from the Parish of any Auditor shall be forthwith reported by the Minister or his deputy to the Bishop who shall fill the vacancy.

New District.

37. In case of the formation of a new Parish or Parochial District the Bishop shall require the Minister to convene within one month by at least fourteen days' notice a meeting of Parishioners at such time and place as shall to him seem convenient, for the election and appointment of Parochial Councillors as hereinbefore provided, the number thereof to be determined by the Bishop and the members so elected and appointed shall with the ex-officio members form the Parochial Council of such Parish until the Annual Meeting next ensuing provided only that if the status of a Parochial District be raised to that of a Parish the existing Parochial Council shall continue its full time in office.

Clerk-in-Charge may appoint Deputy.

38. It shall be competent for the Minister with the approval of the Bishop to appoint by notice given in writing to the Secretary of the Parochial Council a deputy to act in all or any of the functions assigned to him in this Ordinance.

Councillors to sign Declaration.

39. Every Parochial Councillor shall on the first occasion of his being present at a meeting of the Council after his election or appointment, and before taking part in the business of such meeting be required by the Chairman to sign the Declaration of Submission to Synod as set forth in the Sub-mission to Synod Ordinance 1914 and in the event of his refusal to do so the Chairman shall thereupon declare his seat vacant.

Appointment of Secretary and Treasurer—By-Laws.

40. At its first meeting each Parochial Council shall appoint from among its own members a Secretary and a Treasurer whose full names and addresses shall be forwarded by the Chairman without delay to the Registrar of the Diocese; and each Council may make from time to time such by-laws for the conduct of its business as may be necessary, provided that the Minister shall have a casting vote, but not a deliberative one except on the occasions when either Bishop or Archdeacon

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presides, when he shall have all the powers of an ordinary member.

Convening of Council Meetings.

41. Meetings of Parochial Councils shall be convened by the President or one of the Vice-Presidents at least once in three months.

Tenure of Office.

42. All members of the Parochial Council shall remain in office until the new Council has been elected. Provided that if any member absents himself without leave from three consecutive meetings of the Council his seat shall become vacant.

Vacancies.

43. In the event of any vacancy the Minister in the case of appointed members and the Parochial Council in the case of elected members shall have power to fill the same for the remainder of the year.

Duty of Council.

44. Subject to the powers of Churchwardens as herein defined and the regulations at any time laid down by Synod or the conditions required by donors it shall be the duty of each Parochial Council to receive and arrange for the collection of funds and with the consent of the Minister to determine what special efforts shall be made to provide funds for purposes of Church work within their Parish or Parochial District to assess if they see fit the various centres in the Parish or Parochial District where services are held at some fixed amount annually, to administer such funds and to transact such other temporal business as may from time to time be necessary or may be allotted to them by Synod.

Clergy Stipends.

45. The amount of Stipend payable to the Minister and to his Curate or Curates if any shall be determined from time to time by arrangement between the Parochial Council and the Bishop or Archdeacon, and the amount so determined shall be registered in the Diocesan Registry and shall be a first charge upon the Parochial Church Fund.

Parochial Church Fund.

46. All contributions received by each Parochial Council unless otherwise specially directed by donors, shall be paid into a Fund to be called the Parochial Church Fund, which Fund shall be chargeable with:—

1. The Stipend of the Minister, and of any Curate or Lay Reader.

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2. The cost of maintenance of the Parsonage, if any, including rates, taxes, and insurance thereon.
3. Diocesan dues.
4. Other general Parish expenses as provided under Clause 44.

47. It shall also be the duty of Churchwardens and other officers who receive or collect moneys for any extra-Parochial purpose to pay the same into the Parochial Church Fund, and the Treasurer of the Parochial Council shall duly remit the same without delay or deduction to the proper quarter.

Separate Accounts.

48. Whenever for convenience of administration the Parochial Church Fund is banked along with other funds, the Treasurer shall keep each account carefully separated in his books, so that the condition of each separate fund may be always readily ascertained, and so that proper and separate Balance-sheets may be presented at the end of each Financial year.

Extraordinary General Meetings.

49. The Minister of any Parish or Parochial District may and by direction of the Bishop or upon written requisition signed by five Parochial Councillors or ten electors, shall call a general meeting of Parishioners other than the Annual Meeting for the transaction of special business, such business and no other being transacted thereat, provided that parishioners who are duly qualified electors shall alone be permitted to take part in such general meeting.

50. When the President is in the chair he shall have a deliberative as well as a casting vote, but otherwise the chairman shall have a casting vote only.

PART IV.—RIGHTS OF MINISTERS.

No Person to Officiate Unless Duly Licensed.

51. No person shall be permitted to celebrate Divine Service or to administer the Sacraments, or perform any other rite or ordinance of the Church of England or to preach any sermon in any consecrated or licensed Church unless he be first licensed or approved by the Bishop.

Rights of Ministers.

52. The Minister shall have free access and admission into the Church at all such times as he shall think fit, and may celebrate Divine Service, administer the Sacraments, and perform all other Rites and Ordinances of the Church of England therein, without any hindrance from any person whomsoever, and shall

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for such purposes have custody of the keys of the Church and Churchyard; and such Minister shall during such times as aforesaid freely have use, possess and enjoy the Parsonage, garden, appurtenances and, except as hereinafter provided, the Glebe, and receive the rents and profits thereof. Provided that in case the Minister shall cease to hold his license he shall thereupon ipso facto forfeit and be absolutely deprived of all and singular his rights in or respecting the Church, Churchyard, Parsonage, school house, garden, Glebe and appurtenances.

53. The School-house and other Parochial buildings may be freely used by the Minister for such Parochial purposes as he may deem desirable and he shall have custody of the keys thereof.

Custody of Parish Records.

54. The Minister shall have the charge and be responsible for the safe custody of all Church Registers and records in his Parish or district. During a vacancy in the cure such custody and responsibility shall belong and attach to the Churchwardens.

Church not to be used except for Celebration of Divine Service unless with the Express Sanction of the Bishop.

55. A Church after it has been consecrated or licensed shall not be used for any other purpose than the celebration of Divine Service, the administration of the Sacraments, or the performance of the Rites and Ordinances of the Church of England, or the giving of Religious Instruction except with the consent of the Minister and of the Bishop, and no person except the Bishop shall be allowed to perform any clerical office in the Church, whether consecrated or licensed except with the consent of the Minister or in case there shall not be a Minister with the consent of the Bishop.

Appointment and Removal of Officers.

56. The Organist and Choir shall from time to time be appointed and removed by the Minister and all other officers except as herein otherwise provided for shall be appointed and removed by the Churchwardens with the concurrence of the Minister.

Part V. MISCELLANEOUS.

Monuments.

57. The Churchwardens with the consent of the Minister may permit any monument to be placed in any part of the Church or Churchyard upon payment of such charges and subject to such regulations as shall be prescribed or approved by the Bishop and the person so placing such monument as aforesaid and his executors and administrators shall maintain and keep

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up the same. Provided always that no monument shall be placed within, or on the walls of the Church without a faculty from the Bishop.

Alteration in the Church.

58. It shall not be lawful to make any alteration in the fabric or internal arrangement of the Church when consecrated or licensed except with the sanction of the Bishop to be obtained upon the application of the Minister and the Churchwardens.

Ornament.

59. No ornament which would be illegal in England shall be placed or allowed to remain in any Church nor shall any ornaments be placed in or removed from the Church except by the authority of the Minister with the concurrence of the Churchwardens, and in case of disagreement the matter shall be referred to the Bishop whose decision shall be final.

Glebe Lands.

60. Whenever any Glebe land may in the judgment of the Trustees thereof be improved by building upon the same or otherwise, it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, with the consent in writing of the Bishop and as to any part of the said land which may be in the possession or occupation of the Minister with the further consent of such Minister to let the said Glebe land upon leases for any term not exceeding twenty-eight years (except with the consent of the Synod which may be given for any longer period, not exceeding fifty years), reserving the rents and profits thereof to the Trustees for the time being, who shall hold the said rents and profits upon trust if the net rents and profits shall not exceed one hundred and fifty pounds yearly to pay such net rents and profits to the Minister for his own use; but if such rents and profits shall exceed one hundred and fifty pounds yearly then upon trust to pay thereout in the first instance to the Minister for his own use such a yearly sum as the Trustees shall think fit being not less than one hundred and fifty pounds nor more than three hundred pounds yearly and in the next place if the Trustees shall think fit in payment of a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds yearly towards the stipend of a Curate or Lay Reader of the said parish or district, and in the next place, if it be necessary, with the consent of the Bishop, to apply the same, or any part thereof, in or towards building, repairing, improving or enlarging any Church or Churches, School or Schools, or Parsonage for or of the parish or district in connection with which such Glebe land is held, and afterwards upon trust, with the consent of the Bishop to apply the same or any part thereof in or towards the building repair or improvement of Schools or Churches elsewhere in the Diocese and Parsonages for Ministers

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thereof, and in payment to such last-named Ministers of annual sums not exceeding one hundred pounds for each such Minister for such term or terms as the said Trustees with the like consent shall determine. Provided that if the said Trustees shall at any time think it inadvisable to apply the said rents and profits according to the trust lastly hereinbefore contained, it shall be lawful for them with the consent of the Bishop to apply the said rents and profits for any term of years they may think fit in payment to any Minister or Ministers of annual sums not exceeding one hundred pounds for each such Minister, or in repairing, improving, or enlarging any Church or School, or Parsonage or other building for the use of members of the Church of England in the Diocese. Provided also that notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, in cases where the Parsonage shall be situate upon the Glebe, the Trustees shall reserve any portion of such Glebe not exceeding one-fifth of the whole, which shall be approved by the Bishop, to be appropriated to the personal use and occupation of the Minister, in addition to the amount per annum to be paid to him as aforesaid from the rents and profits of such Glebe.

Synod may submit Trustees' Accounts to Auditors.

61. The Synod of the Diocese shall have authority to submit the accounts of all Trustees to Auditors appointed for that purpose by such Synod.

Lands or Property Exempted.

62. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be held to apply to any lands or property which may be by any Ordinance specially exempted from the provisions thereof.

Interpretation Clause.

63. In this Ordinance the word "Bishop" shall be held to signify the Bishop of the Diocese and the word "Minister" shall be held to signify the Vicar or Clerk-in-charge of a Parish or Parochial District duly licensed thereto by the Bishop or the Administrator of the Diocese or (subject to such limitations as the said Minister or if the cure be vacant then as the Bishop or the Administrator of the Diocese may prescribe) the Minister duly licensed to officiate in the place of the said Minister or during a vacancy in the cure. The words "the Church of England" shall be held to signify the Church formerly styled the United Church of England and Ireland within the State of New South Wales. The word "subscriber" shall be held to signify any member of the Church of England having subscribed and paid one pound toward the erection of the Church; and the words "occupier of a seat" shall be held to signify

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any member of the Church of England aged not less than twenty-one years having usually attended during the preceding three months the celebration of Divine Service in the Church. The word "Elector" or "Parishioner" shall be held to include a woman aged not less than twenty-one years whether married or unmarried.

Powers of Bishop.

64 Where any accidental or unavoidable impediment, misfeasance or omission shall have happened in carrying out the provisions of this Ordinance, the Bishop may take all such measures as may be necessary for removing such impediment or rectifying such misfeasance or omission and may declare any act done to be valid notwithstanding such misfeasance or omission and may enlarge the time within which this Ordinance declares any matter shall be done, and may appoint any person other than the person herein named to do any act, matter, or thing or to conduct any election and in case of failure to elect or appoint any or all of the Parochial Councillors directed by this Ordinance may appoint the necessary number of qualified persons to give full effect to the provisions hereof.

I assent to the above Ordinance

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CECIL H. GRAFTON.