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THE PATRONAGE ORDINANCE, 1914.

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Preamble.

Whereas it is desirable to provide for the appointment of Clergymen to the separate cure of souls in Parishes and Parochial Districts within the Diocese of Grafton, and for their removal therefrom, and also in regard to exchanges between Clergymen:

Be it therefore ordained by the Synod of the Diocese of Grafton:—

Mode of Appointment.

1. The appointment to the cure of souls in any vacant Parish shall be made in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance, and the like appointment in any Parochial District shall be vested solely in the Bishop.

Procedure on Vacancy in Parish.

2. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the cure of any Parish the Bishop shall forthwith notify the same by letter to the secretary of the Parochial Council and such Council may within twenty-one days from such notification suggest to the Bishop the name or names of one or more Clergymen in full orders for appointment to such vacancy and the Bishop shall if he think fit nominate to the Diocesan Council one of such Clergymen willing to accept the vacant cure and if the Clergyman so nominated be approved by a majority of the votes of those present and forming a quorum at the meeting of the Diocesan Council at which such nomination is made then the said Clergyman may be appointed accordingly.

If no suggestion shall be made by the Parochial Council as aforesaid or if the Bishop shall disapprove thereof the sole right of nomination shall vest in the Bishop but the Bishop shall prior to making such nomination submit the name of the Clergyman whom he proposes to nominate to the Parochial Council and the Parochial Council shall have the right within fourteen days to object to such proposal by a majority of three-fourths of the members of such Council and such objection shall be considered by the Diocesan Council when dealing with the nomination.

Nomination may be made by post.

3. If it appear to the Bishop inexpedient or impracticable to summon a meeting of the Diocesan Council to consider any

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such nomination, he may forward such nomination in writing through the post to each member of the said Council, giving full particulars concerning the Clergyman so nominated, and unless within ten days from the despatch of such nomination the Bishop shall receive a statement in writing from as many several members as constitute a majority of the whole Council, disapproving of the said nomination, the Clergyman nominated may be instituted to the vacant cure.

## Further Nominations if necessary.

4. If any Clergyman nominated be so disapproved as aforesaid or be not instituted, the Bishop shall make a fresh nomination so soon as conveniently may be, and so on as often as may be found necessary.

## Vicars may exchange.

5. Any Vicar of a Parish in the Diocese may effect an exchange with any other such Vicar but no such exchange shall be made without the previous consent of the Bishop-in-Council and the concurrence of the Parochial Councils of the two Parishes affected thereby.

## Incapacity or Inefficiency.

6. If the Bishop shall be of opinion that any Clergyman appointed to be Vicar of a Parish within the Diocese is incapable of or inefficient in the discharge of the ministerial duties (which shall be deemed to include not only the proper and regular conduct of Divine Service, but also such other duties as ought to be performed by him as Vicar), he shall report to the Diocesan Council the circumstances upon which such opinion is founded, and a copy of such report shall be forwarded to such Vicar who shall be entitled to make such answer thereto as he may think fit within fourteen days from such copy being furnished to him and the Diocesan Council may thereupon by resolution carried by not less than ten members present at the meeting at which such report and answer (if any) are dealt with declare such Clergyman to be removed from his office as such Vicar, and may make such provision for the apportionment of any emoluments appertaining to that office between such Clergyman and his successor as it shall think fit. And such resolution shall be conveyed by registered letter to such Clergyman, who shall within such reasonable time not being less than one month as the Diocesan Council shall determine cease to act as such Vicar, and shall give up possession of the vicarage house and the lands appertaining thereto to the Churchwardens pending the induction of his successor. Any Clergyman so removed shall have the opportunity of accepting another appointment within the Diocese.

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## Rights of Bishop.

7. The Bishop shall have the absolute right at his own discretion to remove any Clergyman appointed to be Clerk-in-charge of a Parochial District or to hold any other position in the Diocese, except that of Vicar of a Parish.

## Title.

8. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Patronage Ordinance, 1914."

I assent to the above Ordinance,

23rd June, 1914.

CECIL H. GRAFTON.