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RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION ORDINANCE, 1914.

1914. No. 19.

Preamble.

Whereas it is expedient to constitute a Council to promote the work of Religious Education in Sunday and Week-day Schools throughout the Diocese: Be it therefore ordained by the Synod of the Diocese of Grafton as follows:—

Objects of Council.

1. A Council shall be formed which shall be called the Religious Instruction Council of the Diocese of Grafton, for assisting to carry out the following objects:—

- (1) Increasing the numbers and efficiency of Church Sunday Schools throughout the Diocese.
- (2) Perfecting as far as possible the system of teaching in such Schools.
- (3) Advising and assisting Sunday School teachers in their work by encouraging the circulation of publications and promoting the delivery of lectures and addresses bearing on the organisation and management of Sunday Schools.
- (4) Recommending and organising specimen lessons, and special services for teachers and scholars.
- (5) The holding of examinations for Sunday School Teachers and for Scholars in—
 - (a) Sunday Schools, and when possible in
 - (b) Secondary Week-day Schools
 - (c) Public Schools.
- (6) Promoting the religious instruction of scholars in Public Schools and other Week-day Schools in the Diocese.
- (7) Promoting the erection, maintenance, and improvement of Sunday School buildings and providing the same with suitable fittings and apparatus.

Constitution of Council.

2. The Council shall consist of the Bishop, who shall be President, the Archdeacons, and a Sub-Committee to be appointed by the Bishop-in-Council.

Secretary to be appointed.

3. The Council shall appoint a Secretary who shall, subject to the direction of the Council, carry out the provisions of the Ordinance.

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Clergyman to appoint Superintendents.

4. Superintendents or Teachers in Sunday Schools in any Parish or District shall be appointed and recognised and may be removed by the Clergyman in charge thereof at his sole discretion.

List of Schools, etc., to be furnished annually.

5. It shall be the duty of each Clergyman to send to the Bishop annually a list of the Sunday Schools in his Parish with the names of Superintendents, the number of visitations to the respective State Schools in his Parish, and the number of lessons given therein, and such other information as the Bishop shall require.

Report to Synod.

6. The Council shall present a Report and Balance-sheet at every ordinary Session of Synod.

Powers of Council.

7. The Council shall have power to arrange for the collection of donations and subscriptions and to disburse the same for the current expenses of management, prizes for competitive examinations held under the provisions of this Ordinance, grants in aid of Sunday School apparatus or libraries, and other cognate purposes.

Title.

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

I assent to the above Ordinance,

23rd June, 1914.

CECIL H. GRAFTON.