

STATUS OF PARISHES REGULATION ORDINANCE,

1933

PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS by the provisions of the Parochial Ordinance, 1918, the status of a parish is granted upon the fulfilment of certain requirements and whereas by Section 40 of the Diocesan Funds (Consolidated) Ordinance, 1931, the payment of that portion of the yearly quota required of a parish for the maintenance of the Church Management Fund is included in requirements of a parish and WHEREAS it is desirable that the status and local rights of a parish be regulated by the fulfilment of such requirements BE IT THEREFORE enacted by the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Grafton assembled in Synod as follows:—

SHORT TITLE.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as "The Status of Parishes Regulation Ordinance, 1933."

AMENDMENTS.

2. Part 1, Section 4 (as amended, 1924 and 1931) and Section 6, Part 2, Section 1, Part 7, Sections 4 and 12, and the Schedule to Part 1 of the Parochial Ordinance, 1918, and all Ordinances and parts of Ordinances relating to the requirements of parishes and of the officers of parishes and local rights of parishes shall so far as may be necessary for the purposes of this Ordinance be read as amended and supplemented by this Ordinance.

RIGHT OF PRESENTATION.

3. A parish shall have local rights of presentation which has—

- (a) Paid in full the stipend of its late Rector.
- (b) Paid to the Diocesan Treasurer the amount by Ordinance required of it for the maintenance of the Church Management Fund.
- (c) Satisfied the Bishop of its ability to provide for the payment of a stipend of not less than £300 per annum.

ESSENTIAL QUOTA.

4. Payment of the amount required for the Church Management Fund hereinafter called the Essential Quota shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Part 5, Sections 39 and 40, of the Diocesan Funds (Consolidated) Ordinance, 1931, or of any Ordinance of Synod replacing the same.

RESIGNATION OF RECTOR.

5. If when the Rector of a parish notifies the Bishop of his intention to vacate his office or a vacancy of the cure should

upwards in arrears in payment of the Essential Quota the Bishop shall cause a copy of the Ordinance, together with a statement of the amount outstanding, to be delivered to the parish and a period of one month allowed for settlement.

REGULATION OF STATUS.

6. If at the expiration of the said month no settlement has been made the parish shall cease to be a parish within the meaning of the Parochial Ordinance, 1918, and shall be deemed a Parochial District and any appointment to the cure shall be made by the Bishop in conformity with the section of the same Ordinance relating to Parochial Districts.

RESTORATION OF STATUS.

7. Such Parochial District may make application to the Bishop-in-Council for the restoration of its status as a parish on the payment of all arrears in the Essential Charge up to date of such application and on receipt of a certificate signed by the Vicar and Churchwardens of the said Parochial District that the conditions of Part I clause 4, of the Parochial Ordinance, 1918, will be fulfilled and the Bishop-in-Council shall then declare that Parochial District reinstated as a parish.

PATRONAGE COMMITTEE.

8. Parish representatives of the Patronage Committee shall be elected and hold office subject to the provisions of this Ordinance.

SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES.

9. The seats, rights and obligations of elective representative members of the existing Synod for a parish subject to the operation of this Ordinance shall not be deemed to be affected thereby.

REMISSION OF ESSENTIAL CHARGE.

10. Upon proof to the satisfaction of the Bishop-in-Council that any parochial charge has been vacant continuously for a period exceeding six successive weeks or that the parishioners of such parochial charge have been through no neglect of the Churchwardens thereof left without Clerical ministrations for that period the proportionate part of the Essential Charge may be remitted and the payment thereof dispensed with by the Bishop-in-Council.

PENALTY CLAUSES.

11. If, in the opinion of the Bishop-in-Council a parish is in default either in the stipend of its departing Clergyman or in its essential quota through causes beyond its control the penal clauses in this Ordinance may not be enforced.

DATE OF OPERATION.

This Ordinance shall come into operation and take effect from the date of the Bishop's assent.

We hereby certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Grafton on the 27th September, 1933.

F. S. DUTTON, Clerical Secretary.

I. C. DIGHT, Lay Secretary.

I assent to this Ordinance,

JOHN WILLIAM GEAFFTON.

September 27, 1933.