

Church Extension Fund, 1914.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND ORDINANCE, 1914.

1914. No. 8.

Preamble.

Whereas it is desirable to provide for the due administration of the Church Extension Fund: Be it therefore ordained by the Synod of the Diocese of Grafton as follows:—

Fund—How Administered.

1. The Church Extension Fund already existing under the provisions of the Church Extension Fund Ordinance 1899 shall from and after the passing of this Ordinance be administered as hereinafter provided.

Capital of Fund.

2. The Capital of the Fund shall consist of the amount of all outstanding loans made from the Church Extension Fund of the Diocese of Grafton and Armidale allocated to the Diocese of Grafton any sums which from time to time at the discretion of the Bishop-in-Council may be transferred from the accrued income of the Fund donations to Capital bequests which may hereafter be made and a percentage of five per cent. on all collections made as hereinafter provided and on all annual subscriptions to income which have not been specially appropriated.

Income of Fund.

3. The Income of the Fund shall consist of—
(i.) The amount standing to credit of the Fund in the Bank of New South Wales at the time of the passing of this Ordinance.

(ii.) Interest derived from Capital.

(iii.) Voluntary subscriptions.

(iv.) Offerories or other collections in every licensed Church in the Diocese and in Parishes and Parochial Districts when the Clergyman is receiving a fixed income of not less than £180 a year in every other building in which Divine Service is usually held not less frequently than once a month within the Diocese upon the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity or when there is no service on that day upon the next when service shall be held.

(v.) Half the Offerory or other collections at all Confirmations, Ordinations, Consecrations of Churches and Diocesan Services.

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Duty of Churchwardens.

4. It shall be the duty of the Churchwardens of the Church in which Offerory or other Collections are made to hand in such Collections without delay or deduction to the Treasurer of the Parochial Council in the Parish or Parochial District who must forward same immediately together with Collections made in buildings other than Churches and other contributions to the Fund to the Registrar of the Diocese who must acknowledge receipt thereof.

Registrar to Receive and Pay Moneys.

5. All moneys payable to the Fund shall be received by the Registrar of the Diocese and paid by him to an account at a Bank in Grafton to be named by the Bishop-in-Council and all drafts thereon shall be signed by the Treasurer of the Diocese or in his absence by some other person appointed by the Bishop-in-Council and countersigned by the Registrar.

Disposition of Income.

6. The Income of the Fund shall be available—

(i.) To augment the stipends of Clergy and Stipendiary Lay Readers in the newly formed and poorer Parishes and Parochial Districts of the Diocese.

(ii.) To aid by grant in the purchase, erection, repair or enlargement of Churches, Vicarages and Schoolrooms and in obtaining sites for Church purposes.

(iii.) To aid in the maintenance of approved candidates for Holy Orders in the Diocese during their Collegiate Course and in the payment of the cost of their tuition.

(iv.) To assist in defraying the expenses connected with the introduction of Clergy or Lay Readers into the Diocese and when necessary those incurred by change of cure within the Diocese.

(v.) To aid in providing for the endowment of Parishes and Parochial Districts.

(vi.) And generally to aid all such Church work as may be connected with the Extension of the Church throughout the Diocese.

Bishop-in-Council to Administer.

7. The Fund shall be administered by the Bishop-in-Council.

Loans to be Made from Capital.

8. The Bishop-in-Council may from time to time make loans from the Capital of the Fund towards the purchase erection

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repair or enlargement of Churches Vicarages and Schoolrooms and in obtaining glebe lands and sites for Church purposes and may also from the said capital make investments at his discretion.

Investments to be in Name of Corporate Trustees.

9. All investments shall be made in the name of the Corporate Trustees of the Diocese of Grafton.

Report and Balance-sheet.

10. A report of the Fund shall be presented to each ordinary session of Synod together with a balance-sheet duly audited by the Diocesan Auditors.

Grants Refusable if Diocesan Obligations Unfulfilled.

11. The Bishop-in-Council may refuse grants from the Fund to any clergyman lay reader parish or parochial district failing to fulfil financial and other Diocesan obligations.

By-Laws.

12. The Bishop-in-Council may from time to time make By-laws for the Regulation of the Fund.

Short Title.

13. This Ordinance may be cited and known as "The Church Extension Fund Ordinance 1914."

I assent to this Ordinance

22nd June, 1914.

CECIL H. GRAFTON.