

*Appointment of Archbishops.*

8/1900  
 AN ORDINANCE to provide for the appointment of Archbishops to the See of Sydney.

(Assented to 5 October, 1900. Amended 2 October, 1906.)

*Preamble.*

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the appointment of Archbishops to the See and Diocese of Sydney so as to give effect to the provisions in that behalf contained in the sixth Section of Determination Number I. of the General Synod Session 1881. The Synod of the Diocese of Sydney in pursuance of the powers in that behalf conferred upon it by the Constitutions for the management and good government of the United Church of England and Ireland within the Colony of New South Wales and of all other powers vested in the said Synod ordains and rules as follows:—

*Ordinance repealed.*

1.—The Ordinance passed in the third Session of the fifth Synod intituled "An Ordinance for the appointment of Bishops to the See of Sydney," is hereby repealed. Provided that such repeal shall not affect or invalidate any act done or appointment made under or by virtue of the said Ordinance.

*Proceedings on a vacancy—Meeting of Synod.*

2.—When any vacancy shall occur in the See of Sydney, the person who shall then be next in Ecclesiastical rank or degree to the Archbishop in the Diocese and resident therein shall within ten days after the passing of a resolution in that behalf by the Standing Committee of the Synod summon a meeting of the Synod for filling up the vacancy of the See, the meeting to be holden within one month from the passing of the said resolution, and on such day and at such time and place as to the person so summoning the meeting shall seem expedient.

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*Proceedings of Synod—alternative proposition to be submitted.*

3.—When the Synod shall have assembled, the person so summoning the Meeting as aforesaid, or in his absence the person present next in Ecclesiastical rank or degree in the Diocese shall be President of the Synod. The roll of Members shall be called, and the President shall then address the Synod and conclude his address by submitting the following proposition for determination by the Synod, namely, whether the See of Sydney having become vacant, the Synod will in order to fill up such vacancy nominate two duly qualified persons to the Bishops of the Province of New South Wales for the purposes in the sixth section of Determination I. (General Synod) Session 1881, in that behalf mentioned, or will appoint a Committee to act with the Bishops of the said Province or with a Committee of such Bishops appointed by them for the purpose in the said sixth section in that behalf mentioned. And after debate each alternative of the proposition shall be submitted to the vote, and the alternative approved of by a majority of both Orders present and voting, shall be the mode adopted for filling up the said vacancy of the See. And if neither alternative shall obtain a majority of both orders, each alternative of the proposition shall be again submitted to vote, and the alternative approved of by a majority of the Synod voting collectively, shall be the mode adopted for filling up the said vacancy of the See.

*Adjournment of Synod.*

4.—So soon as one or other of the alternatives submitted to the Synod as hereinbefore mentioned shall have been adopted the President shall adjourn the Synod to the next day of sitting.

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*Mode of nominating two persons to the Bishops of the Province.*

5.—When the Synod shall meet in pursuance of the said adjournment if the mode adopted by the Synod to fill up the said vacancy of the See be to nominate two duly qualified persons to the Bishops of the said Province for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned or referred to, the following proceedings shall take place, that is to say:—

(a.)—Each member of the Synod present including the President shall if he so desire propose in a Voting Paper to be supplied to him by the Secretaries of the Synod and initialed by them the names of not more than two persons being Bishops or Priests canonically qualified to be Bishops of the Church of England as persons to be nominated to the Bishops of the Province. And the President having appointed one Clergyman and one Layman to act as Scrutineers for all purposes of the Meeting, such papers shall be handed to the President folded, who with the assistance of the Scrutineers shall examine the same, and all persons whose names shall be proposed in not less than two Voting Papers shall be held to be duly proposed for nomination. And such names shall then be placed on a List in order according to the number of Voting Papers in which they are proposed beginning with the greatest number, and when any are proposed in an equal number of Voting Papers the order in which they shall be placed on the List shall be determined by the President by lot.

(b.)—The names of the persons so duly proposed shall then be read aloud by the President and shall be submitted one by one to the Synod in the order in which they stand on the List, and the votes of the Synod shall be taken by Orders. And if a majority of the votes of each Order, amounting to two-thirds of those

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present and voting shall be given for the person whose name is submitted; such person shall be held to be duly nominated. And the submitting of names and voting thereon shall cease so soon as the two persons are so duly nominated.

(c.)—If two persons are not duly nominated out of the said List the proposing of names and placing them on a List and submitting and voting upon them shall be repeated as if the said List had not been made, save only that the number of names to be proposed in the Voting Papers shall not exceed the number of persons still required to be nominated to the Bishops of the Province, and also that if when the name of any person duly proposed on the Second List shall be submitted to the Synod a majority of the votes of each Order shall be given for that person, such person shall be held to be duly nominated.

(d.)—If two persons are not duly nominated by the means hereinbefore prescribed, the proposing of names and placing them on a list and submitting and voting upon them as directed with regard to the Second List shall be repeated *toties quoties* until two persons shall be duly nominated by the Synod.

(e.)—So soon as conveniently may be after the two duly qualified persons have been nominated as hereinbefore mentioned the President shall transmit to the Bishops of the Province of New South Wales the names of the two persons so nominated as aforesaid with a request that the said Bishops will forthwith give effect with regard to such two persons to the provisions in that behalf contained in the said sixth Section of Determination I. (General Synod) Session, 1881.

*Mode of appointing Committee to act with the  
Bishops of the Province.*

6.—When the Synod shall meet in pursuance of

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the said adjournment provided for in the fourth Section of this Ordinance, if the mode adopted by the Synod to fill up the vacancy of the See be to appoint a Committee to act with the Bishops of the said Province of New South Wales or with a Committee of such Bishops appointed by them for the purposes in the said sixth Section of Determination I. (General Synod) Session 1881, in that behalf mentioned, the following proceedings shall take place, that is to say, the Synod shall voting by orders in the first instance, and, failing a decision, then collectively elect four Clerical and four Lay Representatives who together with the President shall form a Committee. And such Committee shall have power to act with the Bishops of the said Province, or with a Committee of such Bishops appointed by them, and by means of concurrent majorities to elect a duly qualified person to be Archbishop of Sydney.

*Failure in filling up vacancy.*

7. In case a failure shall occur, from any cause whatever, in filling up the vacancy of the See, as hereinbefore mentioned, the proceedings hereinbefore directed shall be repeated until such vacancy shall be filled up.

*Notification of election of Archbishop.*

8. When the President shall have been officially informed that the vacancy in the See has been filled up, he shall cause such information to be publicly notified in the Cathedral Church of the Diocese during the time of Divine Service on the next Sunday, the terms of such notification being as follows:—

“The Reverend (or Right Reverend, or Most Reverend) \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ has been duly elected Archbishop of this Diocese, and as such Archbishop he is also Metropolitan of the Province of New South Wales.”

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*Proceedings after election of Archbishop.*

9. So soon as any person shall have been declared to be elected Archbishop, the President shall take the necessary steps to give effect to such election as the Synod may direct.

*Short Title.*

10. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Ordinance for the appointment of Archbishops to the See of Sydney, 1900."

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