

APPENDIX No. 34.

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ORDINANCE—A. B. M. AMENDED CONSTITUTION.

(As Passed.)

AN ORDINANCE for accepting and adopting a certain Determination of the General Synod, Session 1916 (No. I.), intituled, "Amended Rules for the Constitution of a Board of Missions of the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania."

WHEREAS a certain Determination being Determination (No. I.) was made by the General Synod of the Dioceses in Australia and Tasmania on the thirteenth day of October, 1916, intituled "Amended Rules for the Constitution of a Board of Missions of the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania" a copy of which is contained in the Schedule annexed to this Ordinance AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the said Determination shall be accepted by the Church in this Diocese. 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 Church of England within the State of New South Wales ordains and rules as follows:—

1. That the said Determination and the Rules therein contained and each and every of them shall be and the same are and is hereby accepted and adopted and shall so far as the same are applicable be applied to the management and government of the Church in this Diocese in like manner as if the said Determination and the Rules therein contained and each and every of them had been ordained and ruled by the Synod of this Diocese.

2. The Diocesan Missionary Committee referred to in the 7th and 14th Sections of the said Determination shall consist of six Clergymen and six Laymen and the name of such Committee shall be determined by the Standing Committee with the approval of the Archbishop.

3. The first members of the said Committee shall be elected at the present session and shall continue in office until the 1st Session of the next ensuing Synod and until a new election shall have taken place under the 4th Section hereof.

4. At the 1st Session of each Synod a new election of persons as members of the said Committee shall take place and the persons so elected shall continue in office until the 1st Session of the following Synod and until a new election shall have taken place under this Ordinance.

5. A vacancy or vacancies in the membership of the said Committee shall be deemed to arise in case of death, resignation, or omission of election at the 1st or any Session of a Synod, and may be filled by election at any Diocesan Synod other than the 1st Session thereof. Provided that when the Synod is not in Session a vacancy or vacancies may be filled by election by the Standing Committee of the Synod and the person or persons so elected shall continue in office until the 1st day of the Session next ensuing or if such Session be the 1st Session of a Synod then until a new election shall have taken place under this Ordinance.

SCHEDULE.

GENERAL SYNOD OF THE DIOCESES IN AUSTRALIA AND TASMANIA.

DETERMINATION I., GENERAL SYNOD, SESSION 1916.

(Made 13th October, 1916.)

AMENDED RULES for the Constitution of a Board of Missions of the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania.

1. "The Board of Missions of the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania," constituted by Determination III., Session 1872, and now existing, shall be styled in future "The Australian Board of Missions of the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania," and shall consist of:—

The Primate, who shall be the President.

A Chairman, who shall be also the Executive Officer of the Board for routine purposes.

An Honorary Treasurer to be elected by the Board.

Four Diocesan Bishops, to be elected by the General Synod.

Four Bishops, who may or may not be Diocesan Bishops, to be elected by the House of Bishops.

Clergymen and Laymen, who need not be members of any Synod nor locally resident, to be elected as follows:—

Five, of whom two at least shall be Clergymen and two at least shall be Laymen, by the Representatives in the General Synod of the Dioceses in the Province of New South Wales.

Two Clergymen and two Laymen by the Representatives in the General Synod of the Dioceses in the Province of Victoria.

One Clergyman and one Layman by the Representatives in the General Synod of the Dioceses in the Province of Queensland.

One Clergyman or one Layman by the Representatives in the General Synod of the Dioceses in the Province of West Australia, and the Diocese of North-West Australia jointly.

One Clergyman or one Layman by the Representatives in the General Synod of the Dioceses of South Australia jointly.

One Clergyman or one Layman by the Representatives in the General Synod of the Diocese of Tasmania.

Five Women, that is to say, one for each of the four Provinces above-named, and one for extra-provincial Dioceses jointly who shall be co-opted by the Board.

Such Representatives of Missions or Missionary Agencies as may be elected as hereinafter provided.

The above elections shall take place at every ordinary Session of the General Synod. All vacancies occurring when the General Synod is not in Session shall be filled by the persons to whom the power of election is herein given. Provided that the Executive Committee of the General Synod shall in this respect act on behalf of the General Synod.

All members of the Board shall hold office until their successors are elected or appointed.

2. The Chairman of the Board may be either a Bishop, Priest, Deacon, or Layman, and shall be elected by the Board, of which he may or may not be already a member. In the absence of the Primate, he shall preside over the deliberations of the Board. Both the President and Chairman shall when presiding have a second or casting vote. The Chairman shall be elected for a period of not more than five years, and shall hold office on such conditions as the Board shall from time to time determine, and shall be eligible for re-election.

3. There shall be appointed by the Board a Secretary, and such other officers as may be necessary, who shall discharge

such duties and hold office on such conditions as the Board shall from time to time determine.

4. The functions of the Board shall be:—

- (i.) To promote the missionary work of the Church among—
 - (a) The aboriginal inhabitants of Australia, Papua, and Melanesia.
 - (b) The various immigrant non-Christian races.
 - (c) The non-Christians in other lands.
- (ii.) To seek out, train, and support missionaries.
- (iii.) To raise funds for missionary purposes, and to administer the same.
- (iv.) To arouse missionary interest, and co-ordinate missionary effort at the home base.
- (v.) To act as trustee for such missionary funds as may be entrusted to it, and for this purpose to form a corporate trust in such manner as may be found advisable, and to aid as far as possible the work of all Missions and Missionary Agencies recognised as hereinafter provided.

5. The Board shall meet once a quarter, but special meetings may be summoned at the request of the President or of the Chairman by the Secretary, and shall be so summoned at the request of any five members of the Board, provided that at least ten days' notice be given. Ten shall form a quorum. The Board shall have power to defray travelling expenses of members to and from the place of meeting. The Board shall be summoned to meet at an hour not later than 11 a.m. on the day for which it is summoned, and shall sit with only necessary adjournments until its work is concluded.

6. It shall be the duty of the Board to estimate carefully year by year the amount that each Diocese ought to raise for all Missionary work. The apportionment fixed for each Diocese shall be its just percentage of the whole sum needed for Missionary purposes, and the estimate shall take into consideration all moneys raised by Agencies and Missions recognised by the Board in addition to the direct work of the Board. It is not intended that this apportionment shall be legally enforceable.

7. Diocesan Missionary Committees to assist the Board shall be elected or appointed by each Diocesan Synod in such manner as such Synod shall determine. The members of the Diocesan Missionary Committees need not be members of any Diocesan Synod. Provided that all the Dioceses of a Province may agree

in Provincial Synod to organise themselves for Missionary work under conditions to be approved by the Board, and not inconsistent with this Determination.

8. The President shall, on receipt of a request signed by five Diocesan Bishops, other than those who are members of the Board, and specifying the reasons therefor, summon an Extraordinary Meeting of the Board, provided that notice summoning the meeting be despatched at least twenty-eight days before the meeting.

9. The Board may recognise Missions or Missionary Societies as Agencies of the Church in her missionary work in connection with the Board. The Church Missionary Society of Australia and Tasmania shall be deemed to be so recognised. Missions or Missionary Societies so recognised shall have power to vary their respective Constitutions from time to time, provided that such variation shall not be inconsistent with this Determination, and may form, appoint, or arrange for the appointment of Associations, Committees, or Branches throughout the Commonwealth of Australia. Such Agencies shall work under their respective Constitutions, with power to create organisations for the purpose of raising funds and otherwise furthering their work, and the Board shall not have any right to dispose of or to administer such funds unless asked to do so by the Agency concerned, and may participate in the management of its internal affairs only when invited so to do. A statement of such funds so raised in any Diocese shall be furnished annually to the Diocesan Missionary Committee, and shall be published by the Board, and a report of the work undertaken and the Missionaries maintained shall be sent each year to the Board for publication. Such Agencies shall recognise the authority of the Diocesan Missionary Committee in the arrangement of Missionary campaigns.

10. Nothing in this Determination shall be held to limit the rights of a Bishop in his own Diocese.

11. All Missionaries shall hold the license or authority of the Bishop in whose Diocese they work as Missionaries.

12. The Board shall have power--

(a) to frame rules and regulations for the conduct of its own business, the same not being inconsistent with the provisions of this Determination.

(b) to appoint Committees who shall report to the Board.

13. In addition to such Committees, the Board may appoint Committees of Administration in connection with each Missionary Diocese, Mission, or Group of Missions, which is financially assisted by the Board.

These Committees shall be appointed by the Board, but the Bishop or Bishops, of the Diocese or Dioceses, on behalf of which they work, shall have in each case the right to appoint, under such conditions as the Board may determine, additional members who need not necessarily be members of the Board. These Committees shall have, in each case, such administrative and other authority as such Bishop or Bishops shall, through the Board, appoint. It shall be within their province to watch both the internal interests of their respective Missions, and also their external interests in relation to the Board.

14. All disputes arising in any Diocese concerning Missionary work under this Determination shall be decided by the Diocesan Missionary Committee subject to an appeal to the Board, whose decision shall be final.

15. Any Agency which has raised annually in Australia and Tasmania during the previous period of five years, exclusive of office expenses, an average sum of over £5000 shall be entitled at the time of each ordinary Session of the General Synod or within one month thereafter to elect one clerical or one lay representative on the Board; one raising over £10,000 one clerical and one lay representative, and one over £20,000 three representatives, of whom one at least shall be a layman.

16. The Board shall publish an annual report, and shall also present a full report to the General Synod at every ordinary Session, and a discussion of the quinquennial report shall be made the first order of the day for one of the first three evenings of the session. If the Chairman be not a member of the Synod, he shall be entitled nevertheless to be present during such consideration, and to speak, but not to vote.

17. The first elections under this Determination other than those pursuant to Rule 15 shall take place during the present Session after the passing of this Determination as regards the elections, to be made by the General Synod and the House of Bishops. The other elections shall be initiated and regulated by the Metropolitans in conference severally with their com-provincial Bishops, by the Bishop of Adelaide in conference with the Bishop of Willochra, and by the Bishop of Tasmania respectively after the rising of the Synod.

18. This Determination shall not come into force, and the Board shall not be deemed to be constituted until this Determination has been accepted by at least two-thirds of the Dioceses constituting the General Synod.

19. As soon as two-thirds of the Dioceses have accepted this Determination the Primate shall notify the Bishops of the accept-

ing Dioceses, and shall convene the first meeting of the Board constituted under this Determination at not less than sixty days' notice by letter directed to the recorded address of each member of the Board.

20. The present Board and the Executive Council shall continue in existence and in office until the Primate shall declare this Determination to have been accepted, and the new Board constituted under this Determination shall enter upon its duties and take over the property, money and other assets on the date named by the Primate under Rule 19 hereof, when Determination IX. of 1905 shall stand repealed, but such repeal shall not revive any previously repealed Determination.

We hereby certify that the foregoing Determination was made by the General Synod of the Dioceses in Australia and Tasmania this thirteenth day of October, 1916.

F. W. SAMWELL } *Secretaries*
W. R. BEAVER } *of the Synod*

I certify that the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as reported.

E. W. MOLESWORTH,
Chairman of Committees.

We certify that this Ordinance was passed on 5th December, 1916.

E. CLAYDON } *Secretaries of*
W. R. BEAVER } *the Synod.*

I assent to this Ordinance.

JOHN CHARLES SYDNEY.

5th December, 1916.