

Australian College of Theology.

5/1900

AN ORDINANCE for accepting and adopting a certain Determination of the General Synod, Session 1900, intituled, "Amended Rules for the establishment of a College of Theology and for the granting of Certificates by the same."

(Assented to 5 October, 1900.)

WHEREAS a certain Determination being Determination No. V. was made by the General Synod of the Dioceses in Australia and Tasmania, on the fourth day of September, 1900, intituled "Amended Rules for the establishment of a College of Theology and for the granting of Certificates by the same," 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 United Church of England and Ireland within the Colony of New South Wales, ordains and rules as follows:—

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.

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General Synod of the Dioceses in Australia and
Tasmania.

DETERMINATION V.—SESSION 1900.

AMENDED RULES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COLLEGE
OF THEOLOGY AND FOR THE GRANTING OF CERTIFI-
CATES BY THE SAME.*Constitution of the College.*

1. A College of Theology to foster and direct the systematic study of Divinity especially among the Clergy shall be and is hereby re-constituted by the General Synod and shall be called and known as the Australian College of Theology.

2. The College shall consist of the Bishops of the Dioceses in Australia and Tasmania all Clergymen holding their license who have a Degree of Doctor in Divinity from any recognised University or conferred by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury as Fellows and all Fellows holding Certificates of Fellowship as hereinafter provided and until such time as there be twelve Fellows holding such certificates of Theology such other persons being in Holy Orders and learned in Theology as a majority of the Bishops shall concur in recommending who shall thereby become Fellows of the College.

3. The Most Rev. the Primate shall be the President of the College and shall summon and preside at its meetings but in his absence a Chairman shall be elected when required seven shall form a quorum.

4. The business of the College shall be conducted as far as circumstances may admit or require by correspondence every Fellow shall have a right to vote either by letter or by proxy.

5. The Meetings of the College shall be convened by the President at or about the time of the Session

of the General Synod and at other convenient times at his discretion or on requisition by a majority of the Fellows.

6. The College shall elect from among the Fellows a Council of five Delegates who shall hold office for a period of five years and shall under the general instructions of the College specify the subjects have the Examination Papers prepared arrange for the Examinations and report to the College the result thereof upon which report the College shall at its discretion award Certificates in Theology and shall also have power to revoke the same.

7. Vacancies in the Council may be provisionally filled by the Council itself from the members of the College with the approval of the Primate and members of the Council may be removed therefrom by a vote of an absolute majority of the College taken on two separate occasions with an interval of not less than one month between them.

Certificates of the College.

8. The following certificates shall be issued after examination only except as hereinafter provided:—

(a) Th. A. or Associate in Theology.—it shall be open to all members of the Church of England in the Dioceses in Australia and Tasmania and to others at the discretion of the College.

(b) Th. L. or Licentiate in Theology:—it shall be open to Candidates for Holy Orders and all Clergymen holding a Bishop's license who are duly accredited from an approved Theological College or are Members of a recognised University and to such other Candidates for Holy Orders and duly licensed Clergymen as shall be approved by the College.

(c) Th. Schol. or Scholar in Theology:—it shall be

open to all Clergymen holding license as aforesaid who are:—

- (1.) Licentiates in Theology of five years' standing.
- (2.) Licentiates in Theology of three years' standing who have passed in honours.
- (3.) Graduates of any recognised University who are of five years' standing in Priest's Orders.
- (4.) Clergy of five years' standing in Priest's Orders who are holders of the Certificate of the First Class in the Oxford and Cambridge Preliminary Theological Examination or are holders of the Certificate in Grade IV. of the Board of Theological Studies of the Church of New Zealand.
- (5.) Licentiates in Theology who are of seven years' standing in Priest's Orders.
- (6.) Clergy of fifteen years' standing in Priest's Orders.

(d.) Th. Soc. or Fellow of the "College of Theology":—it shall be open to all Clergyman holding license as aforesaid who shall have held the Th. Schol. Certificate of the first class for a period of five years This Certificate may be conferred *honoris causa* on distinguished Divines without Examination by an absolute majority of the Fellows.

9. These Certificates with the exception of that of Th. A. shall confer authority for wearing a distinctive Hood.

Examinations

10. The subjects for Examination shall be determined by the College.

11. The Examiners shall receive a sum sufficient

Australian College of Theology.

12. The cost of carrying on the work of the College shall be charged to the General Synod and shall be defrayed by the Synod out of—

(a.) The fees paid by Candidates.

(b.) A levy on the Dioceses in Australia and Tasmania to meet any balance that may remain.

13. The establishment of Scholarships and Prizes in Books shall be invited as likely to stimulate Students to offer themselves for Examination encourage them to diligence and afford them assistance in their studies.

14. The College shall forward an Annual Report of its proceedings and operations to the Primate and the Bishops of Australia and Tasmania and shall lay a summary of such Reports before the General Synod on the first day of every Session.

15. The College may frame Rules and Regulations for the carrying out of this Determination and may from time to time repeal alter or amend the same.

16. Determination III. Session 1891 is hereby repealed.
