

*Registry and Synod Assessment.*

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AN ORDINANCE to provide for parochial contributions to the Expenses of the Synod and the Diocesan Registry.

*Assented to 2 October, 1895. Amended 28 August, 1896 )*

WHEREAS it is expedient to make better provision for defraying the necessary expenses of the Synod and of the Diocesan Registry the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney in pursuance of the powers 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 it ordains and rules as follows:—

1.—The Synod shall from time to time as hereinafter provided assess the amount to be contributed annually by each Parish and Mission District and Conventional District in the Diocese at present existing or which shall hereafter be formed for or towards defraying the expenses of the Synod and of the Diocesan Registry.

2.—For the purposes of this Ordinance the Incumbent and the Churchwardens of each Parish and the Clergyman in charge and Church Officers of each District shall forward to the Standing Committee within one month after the Annual Vestry Meeting in the year 1896 a Return in a form to be supplied by the Standing Committee of the income received from Pew Rents and Offeratories and Collections made in Church on behalf of each such Parish and District during the preceding three years and thereafter within one month after the Annual Vestry Meeting in each year a similar Return of the said income received during the year.

3.—Prior to the next Session of the Synod and there-

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after prior to the First Session of each Synod the Standing Committee shall prepare a statement showing an estimate of the amount required for the Synod expenses and the maintenance of the Registry together with the existing and probable annual revenue receivable from any source through the Registry and the sums to be annually contributed for the purpose aforesaid by each of the said Parishes and Districts based upon an assessment thereof at such rate per centum upon the average annual income of such Parish or District derived from Pew rents and Offertories and Collections made in Church and from such other sources as the Standing Committee shall from time to time determine for the last preceding three years less the sum of fifty pounds in every case as will in the aggregate produce the amount to be annually contributed by the Parishes and Districts for the purposes aforesaid. Provided that Offertories and Collections made in Church for special purposes Parochial or otherwise shall not be included in such annual income. Provided also that in the case of such Parishes or Districts as have not made complete Returns or have not been in existence for three years the said income shall be estimated by the Standing Committee. Provided further that in the case of Parishes which have not been in existence three years at the time of the preparation of the said Statement and Mission Districts and Conventional Districts the rate per centum of the assessment shall be one-half of that adopted in the case of other Parishes.

4.—A printed copy of the Statement to be prepared as herein provided shall be forwarded by post or otherwise by the Standing Committee to the Churchwardens of each Parish and District in the Diocese not later than the 30th day of June in the year in which it is made. The said Churchwardens may if they think fit appeal to

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the Standing Committee with reference to the sum to be annually contributed by the Parish or District represented by them.

5.—A printed copy of the said Statement amended as may seem desirable to the Standing Committee shall be forwarded by post or otherwise by the Standing Committee to each Member of the Synod and to the Churchwardens of each Parish and District in the Diocese not less than fourteen days before the first day of the next Session of the Synod and thereafter not less than fourteen days before the first Session of each Synod.

6.—The said Statement amended or otherwise shall be laid upon the table of the Synod by the Standing Committee on the first day of the next Session of the Synod and thereafter on the first day of the first Session of each Synod and a notice of motion for its adoption shall be given.

7.—The sum to be annually contributed by the Parishes and Districts for the purposes aforesaid during each Synod shall be regulated in amount by and be paid in accordance with the Statement which shall have been adopted by the Synod subject to any amendment thereof which may from time to time have been made by the Synod.

8.—Contributions under this Ordinance shall be held to be due on the first day of April 1897 and thereafter on the first day of April in each year and shall be paid annually to the Standing Committee on or before the 30th day of June. Until the said first day of April, 1897, the present system of assessment and contribution for the purpose aforesaid shall continue in force.

9.—The Standing Committee shall have control of all expenditure on account of the Diocesan Registry and

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of the Synod in all cases in which such control has not been exercised by the Synod itself.

10.—The provisions of this Ordinance shall be applied to the Ecclesiastical District of Saint Andrew as if it were a Parish and to the Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Saint Andrew as if they were Churchwardens.

11.—The Registry and Synod Assessments Ordinance of 1894 is hereby repealed. Provided that such repeal shall not affect anything done under the said Ordinance prior to the repeal thereof.

12.—This Ordinance may be cited as "The Registry and Synod Assessments Ordinance of 1895."

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