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AN ORDINANCE for accepting and adopting a certain Ordinance passed by the Provincial Synod, Session 1901, intituled "An Ordinance to give effect to Determination II., General Synod, Session, 1886, as amended by Determination I, General Synod, Session 1900, by providing an additional method for the election of the Metropolitan of the Province of New South Wales."

(Assented to 23 September, 1901.)

WHEREAS a certain Ordinance was made by the Provincial Synod of the Province of New South Wales on the eighth day of August, 1901, intituled "An Ordinance to give effect to Determination II., General Synod, Session 1886, as amended by Determination I., General Synod, Session 1900, by providing an additional method for the election of the Metropolitan of the Province of New South Wales," a copy of which is contained in the Schedule attached to this Ordinance And whereas it is expedient that the said Ordinance 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 Ordinance shall be and is hereby accepted and adopted, and shall so far as the same is applicable, be applied to the management of the Church in this Diocese in like manner as if the said Ordinance had been ordained and ruled by the Synod of this Diocese.

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SCHEDULE.

AN ORDINANCE to give effect to Determination II., General Synod, Session 1886, as amended by Determination I., General Synod, Session 1900, by providing an additional method for the election of the Metropolitan of the Province of New South Wales.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to give effect to Determination II., General Synod, Session 1886, as amended by Determination I., General Synod, Session 1900, the Provincial Synod of the Province of New South Wales ordains and rules as follows:—

Additional method of electing Metropolitan.

1. Whenever the Metropolitan See of Sydney shall become vacant, it shall be competent to the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney, in place of proceeding according to either of the provisions of Rule six of Determination I, General Synod, Session 1881, made applicable to the Diocese of Sydney by Rule one of Determination I., General Synod, Session 1900, to elect a duly qualified person by any method that the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney may enact, who, if his election be confirmed as hereinafter provided by the Bishops of the Province of New South Wales, or a majority of them, shall be Metropolitan of the Province of New South Wales and Archbishop of the Metropolitan See of Sydney.

Proceedings after election.

2. When a person shall have been elected as Archbishop of the Metropolitan See of Sydney in pursuance of the provisions of this Ordinance, the President of the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney shall transmit the name of such person, together with a certificate of his election, to the Senior Bishop of the Province then within the Province, and on receiving such certificate, the

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said Bishop shall forthwith communicate the election to the other Bishops of the Province, and if the Bishops of the Province, or a majority of them, be satisfied with the fitness of the person so elected, the election of such person shall be duly confirmed under the hand and seal of such Senior Bishop, and such confirmation shall be forthwith communicated by him to the President of the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney.

3. If the confirmation of such election shall be formally refused it shall be competent to the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney to take any steps for filling the vacancy in the See that may be in accordance with any provisions in that behalf in force in the same manner as if no proceedings under this Ordinance had been taken.

4. If such election shall have neither been confirmed nor formally refused confirmation at the expiration of three months from the receipt by the said Senior Bishop of such certificate of election as aforesaid, the said Senior Bishop shall forthwith notify to the President of the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney the reason for such delay, and if at the expiration of a further period of six weeks the said election shall not have been confirmed the said election shall be held to be null and void, and it shall be competent to the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney to take any steps for filling the vacancy in the See that may be in accordance with any provisions in that behalf in force in the same manner as if no proceedings under this Ordinance had been taken.

Short Title.

5. This Ordinance may be cited as "An Ordinance to provide an additional method for electing the Metropolitan, 1901."