

(APPENDIX—No. X.)

ORDINANCE.

An Ordinance for accepting and adopting a certain Determination of the General Synod entitled "Resolutions for the Constitution of a Board of Missions of the Church in the Dioceses of Australia and Tasmania."

WHEREAS a certain Determination being Determination No. III., was made by the General Synod of the Dioceses in Australia and Tasmania on the 29th day of October, 1872, entitled Resolutions for the Constitution of a Board of Missions of the Church in the Dioceses of 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 Constitution for the management and good government of the United Church of England and Ireland within the Colony of New South Wales ordains and rules that the said Determination and the Resolutions and Provisions 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 of the Church in this Diocese in like manner as if the said Determination and the Resolutions and Provisions therein contained and each and every of them had been ordained and ruled by the Synod of this Diocese.

SCHEDULE.

DETERMINATION No. III.

[Made Tuesday, October 29th, 1872.]

Resolutions for the Constitution of a Board of Missions of the Church in the Dioceses of Australia and Tasmania.

1. The Bishops forming the House of Bishops in the General Synod shall

be, and are hereby constituted, "The Board of Missions of the Church in the Dioceses of Australia and Tasmania."

2. The functions of the Board shall be to promote the Mission work of the Church among the Aborigines in Australia and in the Islands adjacent; to assist in carrying out the Missions established by the Church of England through her Missionary Societies; to co-operate in supporting the Melanesian Mission and other Missions to the Heathen, especially in Australia; to seek out, train, and support Missionaries, to labour in such Missions as the Board may direct or may originate; and, generally to further unity of effort in the Missions of the Church. Provided that the Board shall not interfere with existing Missionary Institutions, except so far as they may place themselves under its direction.

3. There shall be an Executive Council under the Board of Missions consisting of one of the Bishops as President, to be elected by the House of Bishops and five clerical and five lay members to be elected by the General Synod at each ordinary meeting. And the duties of such Council shall be, to carry out the determinations of the Board, to be the medium of communication between the Board and existing Missionary Societies, to organize Missionary operations, and provide means for their support, under the direction of the Board.

4. Each Diocese shall be invited to form a Diocesan Corresponding Committee of the Board of Missions, under the presidency of the Bishop of the Diocese. And such Diocesan Committee shall assist the Executive Council in carrying out the work of the Board within the Diocese, by communicating local wants and local efforts, by raising funds for the support of Missions, and by promoting generally the cause of Missions in the Diocese.

5. The Board of Missions shall make a report of its operations, and of the state of mission work generally in the Dioceses, to the General Synod at each ordinary meeting. And an annual report with statement of accounts shall be made by the Executive Council to the Board, and on approval by the Board shall be communicated to the Diocesan Committees, for the purpose of its publication in the respective Dioceses.

I certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod on the 18th day of June, A.D. 1873.

H. A. PALMER,
Secretary to the Synod.

I hereby signify my assent to this Ordinance. Assented to June 20th, A.D. 1873.

F. SYDNEY.