This Private Bill originated in the Legislative Council, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, Sydney, 13th July, 1911. JOHN J. CALVERT, Clerk of the Parliaments.

## New South Wales.



ANNO SECUNDO

### GEORGII V REGIS.

An Act to sanction and confirm the constitution of the New Zealand conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia as an independent conference; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand Preamble. is an integral portion of the Methodist Church of Australasia and is governed by an annual conference which is itself comprised in and governed by the general conference of the Methodist Church of 5 Australasia: And whereas the general conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia, held at Adelaide in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten, unanimously consented to the constitution of the said annual conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand as an independent conference with the powers contained 10 in and in accordance with and upon and subject to a plan of independence which is fully set forth in the printed minutes of the said general conference subject to the consent of each of the annual conferences

conferences of the said Methodist Church of Australasia, namely, the New South Wales conference, the Victoria and Tasmania conference, the South Australia conference, the New Zealand conference, the Queensland conference, and the Western Australia 5 conference, and the sanction of the Parliament of each of the Australian States and New Zealand: And whereas each of the said conferences has agreed to the constitution of the said New Zealand annual conference as an independent conference in accordance with the plan aforesaid: And whereas in the Methodist Church Property 10 Acts, 1889-1902, of the State of New South Wales, and in the Methodist model deed of New South Wales (as by the said Acts or either of them altered and modified) and in the Book of Laws referred to in the said model deed the said Methodist Church in New Zealand is referred to either expressly or by implication as forming an integral

15 portion of the Methodist Church of Australasia, and the said New Zealand conference is referred to as one of the conferences comprised in and governed by the general conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia: Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council

20 and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:-

1. This Act may be cited as the "Methodist Church Act, Short title. 1911," and shall be read and construed as one with the Methodist Church Property Acts, 1889-1902.

2. In this Act the following terms shall have the meanings Interpretation. 25 herein respectively assigned to them unless inconsistent with the subject or context:-

"New Zealand Church" means the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand.

"General conference" means the general conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia.

3. The constitution of the said annual conference of the New Constitution of New Zealand Church as an independent conference with the powers as independent contained in and in accordance with and upon and subject to the plan conference 35 of independence hereinbefore referred to is hereby sanctioned and sanctioned. confirmed.

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4. A printed copy of the Government Gazette of the Common-Government Gazette wealth of Australia or of the State of New South Wales containing a evidence of date of independence. notification fixing the date on which the annual conference of the 40 New Zealand Church shall be constituted an independent conference, and purporting to be under the hand of the president for the time being of the said general conference shall be conclusive evidence in the State of New South Wales of the fact of the constitution as aforesaid of such independent conference and of the date on which it is to 45 take effect.

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5. The said Methodist Church Property Acts, 1889–1902, and Construction of Acthe said Methodist model deed of New South Wales as therein referred to and the said Book of Laws shall from and after the date fixed as aforesaid for the constitution of such independent conference be read and construed as if the references therein either expressed or implied to the Methodist Church of New Zealand as forming part of the Methodist Church of Australasia and to the New Zealand conference as being one of the conferences comprised in and governed by the said general conference had not been contained therein.

6. A printed copy of the latest edition of the Book of Laws of Printed Book of the Methodist Church of Australasia, purporting to be published by Laws, evidence or under the authority of the said general conference, and on the face of it to be signed by the president for the time being of the general conference, shall be taken and received in the State of New South

15 Wales in all legal and other proceedings before any court of justice, or before any person having, by law or consent of parties, authority to hear, receive, and examine evidence as prima facie evidence of the laws of the said church for the time being, subject to any alterations thereof or addition thereto shown by the minutes of any general

20 conference held after the publication of such edition of the Book of Laws.

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## A BILL

To sanction and confirm the constitution of the New Zealand conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia as an independent conference; and for other purposes.

(As amended and agreed to in Select Committee.)

WHEREAS the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand Preamble. is an integral portion of the Methodist Church of Australasia and is governed by an annual conference which is itself comprised in and governed by the general conference of the Methodist Church of 5 Australasia: And whereas the general conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia, held at Adelaide in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten, unanimously consented to the constitution of the said annual conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand as an independent conference with the powers contained 10 in and in accordance with and upon and subject to a plan of independence which is fully set forth in the printed minutes of the said general conference subject to the consent of each of the annual conferences

conferences of the said Methodist Church of Australasia, namely, the New South Wales conference, the Victoria and Tasmania conference, the South Australia conference, the New Zealand conference, the Queensland conference, and the Western Australia conference, and the sanction of the Parliament of each of the 5 Australian States and New Zealand: And whereas each of the said conferences has agreed to the constitution of the said New Zealand annual conference as an independent conference in accordance with the plan aforesaid: And whereas in the Methodist Church Property Acts, 1889-1902, of the State of New South Wales, and in the 10 Methodist model deed of New South Wales (as by the said Acts or either of them altered and modified) and in the Book of Laws referred to in the said model deed the said Methodist Church in New Zealand is referred to either expressly or by implication as forming an integral portion of the Methodist Church of Australasia, and the said New 15 Zealand conference is referred to as one of the conferences comprised in and governed by the general conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia: Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled 20 and by the authority of the same as follows:-

Short title.

Interpretation.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Methodist Church Act, 1911." and shall be read and construed as one with the Methodist

Church Property Acts, 1889-1902.

2. In this Act the following terms shall have the meanings 25 herein respectively assigned to them unless inconsistent with the

subject or context:-

"New Zealand Church" means the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand.

"General conference" means the general conference of the 30

Methodist Church of Australasia.

3. The constitution of the said annual conference of the New Constitution of New Zealand Church as an independent conference with the powers contained in and in accordance with and upon and subject to the plan of independence hereinbefore referred to is hereby sanctioned and 35 confirmed.

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> 4. A printed copy of the Government Gazette of the Commonwealth of Australia or of the State of New South Wales containing a notification fixing the date on which the said New Zealand conference annual conference of the New Zealand Church shall be constituted an 40 independent conference, and purporting to be under the hand of the president for the time being of the said general conference shall be conclusive evidence in the State of New South Wales of such independence the fact of the constitution as aforesaid of such independent conference and of the date on which it is to take effect. 45

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5. The said Methodist Church Property Acts, 1889-1902, and Construction of Acts the said Methodist model deed of New South Wales as therein referred and Book of Laws.

to and the said Book of Laws shall from and after the publication of such Government Gazette in the State of New South Wales date fixed as aforesaid for the constitution of such independent conference be read and construed as if the references therein either expressed or implied to the Methodist Church of New Zealand as forming part of the Methodist Church of Australasia and to the New Zealand conference 10 as being one of the conferences comprised in and governed by the said

general conference had not been contained therein.

6. A printed copy of the latest edition of the Book of Laws of the Methodist | Church of Australasia published by or under the authority of the said general conference shall be taken in the State of New South Wales as prima facie evidence of the laws of the said 15 Church for the time being subject to any modifications thereof shown by the minutes of any general conference held after the issue of such Book of Laws.

6. A printed copy of the latest edition of the Book of Laws of Printed Book of the Methodist Church of Australasia, purporting to be published by or Laws, evidence. 20 under the authority of the said general conference, and on the face of it to be signed by the president for the time being of the general conference, shall be taken and received in the State of New South Wales in all legal and other proceedings before any court of justice, or before any person having, by law or consent of parties, authority to 25 hear, receive, and examine evidence as prima facie evidence of the laws of the said church for the time being, subject to any alterations thereof or addition thereto shown by the minutes of any general

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### New South Wales.



ANNO SECUNDO

### GEORGII V REGIS.

An Act to sanction and confirm the constitution of the New Zealand conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia as an independent conference; and for other purposes. [Assented to, 26th October, 1911.]

WHEREAS the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand Preamble. is an integral portion of the Methodist Church of Australasia and is governed by an annual conference which is itself comprised in and governed by the general conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia: And whereas the general conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia, held at Adelaide in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten, unanimously consented to the constitution of the said annual conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand as an independent conference with the powers contained in and in accordance with and upon and subject to a plan of independence which is fully set forth in the printed minutes of the said general conference subject to the consent of each of the annual conferences

conferences of the said Methodist Church of Australasia, namely, the New South Wales conference, the Victoria and Tasmania conference, the South Australia conference, the New Zealand conference, the Queensland conference, and the Western Australia conference, and the sanction of the Parliament of each of the Australian States and New Zealand: And whereas each of the said conferences has agreed to the constitution of the said New Zealand annual conference as an independent conference in accordance with the plan aforesaid: And whereas in the Methodist Church Property Acts, 1889-1902, of the State of New South Wales, and in the Methodist model deed of New South Wales (as by the said Acts or either of them altered and modified) and in the Book of Laws referred to in the said model deed the said Methodist Church in New Zealand is referred to either expressly or by implication as forming an integral portion of the Methodist Church of Australasia, and the said New Zealand conference is referred to as one of the conferences comprised in and governed by the general conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia: Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:-

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Methodist Church Act, 1911," and shall be read and construed as one with the Methodist

Church Property Acts, 1889–1902.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act the following terms shall have the meanings herein respectively assigned to them unless inconsistent with the subject or context:-

"New Zealand Church" means the Methodist Church of

Australasia in New Zealand.

"General conference" means the general conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia.

Constitution of New Zealand conference as independent conference sanctioned.

3. The constitution of the said annual conference of the New Zealand Church as an independent conference with the powers contained in and in accordance with and upon and subject to the plan of independence hereinbefore referred to is hereby sanctioned and confirmed.

Government Gazette evidence of date of independence.

4. A printed copy of the Government Gazette of the Commonwealth of Australia or of the State of New South Wales containing a notification fixing the date on which the annual conference of the New Zealand Church shall be constituted an independent conference, and purporting to be under the hand of the president for the time being of the said general conference shall be conclusive evidence in the State of New South Wales of the fact of the constitution as aforesaid of such independent conference and of the date on which it is to take effect. 5.

- 5. The said Methodist Church Property Acts, 1889-1902, and Construction of Act the said Methodist model deed of New South Wales as therein referred and Book of Laws. to and the said Book of Laws shall from and after the date fixed as aforesaid for the constitution of such independent conference be read and construed as if the references therein either expressed or implied to the Methodist Church of New Zealand as forming part of the Methodist Church of Australasia and to the New Zealand conference as being one of the conferences comprised in and governed by the said general conference had not been contained therein.
- 6. A printed copy of the latest edition of the Book of Laws of Printed Book of the Methodist Church of Australasia, purporting to be published by Laws, evidence. or under the authority of the said general conference, and on the face of it to be signed by the president for the time being of the general conference, shall be taken and received in the State of New South Wales in all legal and other proceedings before any court of justice, or before any person having, by law or consent of parties, authority to hear, receive, and examine evidence as prima facie evidence of the laws of the said church for the time being, subject to any alterations thereof or addition thereto shown by the minutes of any general conference held after the publication of such edition of the Book of Laws.

By Authority: WILLIAM APPLEGATE GULLICK, Government Printer, Sydney, 1911.

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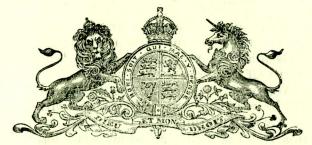
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I Certify that this Private Bill, which originated in the Legislative Council, has finally passed the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

Legislative Council Chamber, Sydney, 18th October, 1911. JOHN J. CALVERT, Clerk of the Parliaments.

### New South Wales.



ANNO SECUNDO

### GEORGII V REGIS.

An Act to sanction and confirm the constitution of the New Zealand conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia as an independent conference; and for other purposes. [Assented to, 26th October, 1911.]

WHEREAS the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand Preamble. is an integral portion of the Methodist Church of Australasia and is governed by an annual conference which is itself comprised in and governed by the general conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia: And whereas the general conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia, held at Adelaide in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten, unanimously consented to the constitution of the said annual conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand as an independent conference with the powers contained in and in accordance with and upon and subject to a plan of independence which is fully set forth in the printed minutes of the said general conference subject to the consent of each of the annual conferences

conferences of the said Methodist Church of Australasia, namely, the New South Wales conference, the Victoria and Tasmania conference, the South Australia conference, the New Zealand conference, the Queensland conference, and the Western Australia conference, and the sanction of the Parliament of each of the Australian States and New Zealand: And whereas each of the said conferences has agreed to the constitution of the said New Zealand annual conference as an independent conference in accordance with the plan aforesaid: And whereas in the Methodist Church Property Acts, 18:9-1902, of the State of New South Wales, and in the Methodist model deed of New South Wales (as by the said Acts or either of them altered and modified) and in the Book of Laws referred to in the said model deed the said Methodist Church in New Zealand is referred to either expressly or by implication as forming an integral portion of the Methodist Church of Australasia, and the said New Zealand conference is referred to as one of the conferences comprised in and governed by the general conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia: Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Methodist Church Act, 1911," and shall be read and construed as one with the Methodist Church Property Acts, 1889–1902.

Interpretation.

- 2. In this Act the following terms shall have the meanings herein respectively assigned to them unless inconsistent with the subject or context:—
  - "New Zealand Church" means the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand.
  - "General conference" means the general conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia.

Constitution of New Zealand conference as independent conference sanctioned.

3. The constitution of the said annual conference of the New Zealand Church as an independent conference with the powers contained in and in accordance with and upon and subject to the plan of independence hereinbefore referred to is hereby sanctioned and confirmed.

Government Gazette evidence of date of independence.

4. A printed copy of the Government Gazette of the Commonwealth of Australia or of the State of New South Wales containing a notification fixing the date on which the annual conference of the New Zealand Church shall be constituted an independent conference, and purporting to be under the hand of the president for the time being of the said general conference shall be conclusive evidence in the State of New South Wales of the fact of the constitution as aforesaid of such independent conference and of the date on which it is to take effect.

- 5. The said Methodist Church Property Acts, 1889-1902, and Construction of Acts the said Methodist model deed of New South Wales as therein referred and Book of Laws. to and the said Book of Laws shall from and after the date fixed as aforesaid for the constitution of such independent conference be read and construed as if the references therein either expressed or implied to the Methodist Church of New Zealand as forming part of the Methodist Church of Australasia and to the New Zealand conference as being one of the conferences comprised in and governed by the said general conference had not been contained therein.
- 6. A printed copy of the latest edition of the Book of Laws of Printed Book of the Methodist Church of Australasia, purporting to be published by Laws, evidence. or under the authority of the said general conference, and on the face of it to be signed by the president for the time being of the general conference, shall be taken and received in the State of New South Wales in all legal and other proceedings before any court of justice, or before any person having, by law or consent of parties, authority to hear, receive, and examine evidence as prima facie evidence of the laws of the said church for the time being, subject to any alterations thereof or addition thereto shown by the minutes of any general conference held after the publication of such edition of the Book of Laws.

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty I assent to this Act.

W. P. CULLEN, Lieutenant-Governor.

State Government House. Sydney, 26th October, 1911. The second process of the second of the seco

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This Private Bill originated in the Legislative Council, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, Sydney, 20th September, 1911. JOHN J. CALVERT, Clerk of the Parliaments.

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### GEORGII V REGIS.

An Act to sanction and confirm the constitution of the New Zealand conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia as an independent conference; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand Preamble.

is an integral portion of the Methodist Church of Australasia and is governed by an annual conference which is itself comprised in and governed by the general conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia: And whereas the general conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia, held at Adelaide in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten, unanimously consented to the constitution of the said annual conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand as an independent conference with the powers contained in and in accordance with and upon and subject to a plan of independence which is fully set forth in the printed minutes of the said general conference subject to the consent of each of the annual conferences

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conferences of the said Methodist Church of Australasia, namely, the New South Wales conference, the Victoria and Tasmania conference, the South Australia conference, the New Zealand conference, the Queensland conference, and the Western Australia 5 conference, and the sanction of the Parliament of each of the Australian States and New Zealand: And whereas each of the said conferences has agreed to the constitution of the said New Zealand annual conference as an independent conference in accordance with the plan aforesaid: And whereas in the Methodist Church Property

10 Acts, 1889-1902, of the State of New South Wales, and in the Methodist model deed of New South Wales (as by the said Acts or either of them altered and modified) and in the Book of Laws referred to in the said model deed the said Methodist Church in ew Zealand is referred to either expressly or by implication as forming an integral

15 portion of the Methodist Church of Australasia, and the said New Zealand conference is referred to as one of the conferences comprised in and governed by the general conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia: Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council 20 and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled

and by the authority of the same as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Methodist Church Act, Short title. 1911," and shall be read and construed as one with the Methodist Church Property Acts, 1889-1902.

2. In this Act the following terms shall have the meanings Interpretation. 25 herein respectively assigned to them unless inconsistent with the subject or context:

"New Zealand Church" means the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand.

"General conference" means the general conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia.

3. The constitution of the said annual conference of the New Constitution of New Zealand Church as an independent conference with the powers as independent contained in and in accordance with and upon and subject to the plan conference 35 of independence hereinbefore referred to is hereby sanctioned and sanctioned.

4. A printed copy of the Government Gazette of the Common-Government Gazette wealth of Australia or of the State of New South Wales containing a evidence of date of independence. notification fixing the date on which the annual conference of the

40 New Zealand Church shall be constituted an independent conference, and purporting to be under the hand of the president for the time being of the said general conference shall be conclusive evidence in the State of New South Wales of the fact of the constitution as aforesaid of such independent conference and of the date on which it is to

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- 5. The said Methodist Church Property Acts, 1889–1902, and Construction of Acts the said Methodist model deed of New South Wales as therein referred and Book of Laws. to and the said Book of Laws shall from and after the date fixed as aforesaid for the constitution of such independent conference be read and construed as if the references therein either expressed or implied to the Methodist Church of New Zealand as forming part of the Methodist Church of Australasia and to the New Zealand conference as being one of the conferences comprised in and governed by the said general conference had not been contained therein.
- 10 6. A printed copy of the latest edition of the Book of Laws of Printed Book of the Methodist Church of Australasia, purporting to be published by Laws, evidence or under the authority of the said general conference, and on the face of it to be signed by the president for the time being of the general conference, shall be taken and received in the State of New South

  15 Wales in all legal and other proceedings before any court of justice, or before any person having, by law or consent of parties, authority

to hear, receive, and examine evidence as prima facie evidence of the

laws of the said church for the time being, subject to any alterations thereof or addition thereto shown by the minutes of any general 20 conference held after the publication of such edition of the Book of Laws.

This Private Bill originated in the Legislative Council, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, Sydney, September, 1911.

Clerk of the Parliaments.

# New South Wales.



ANNO SECUNDO

# GEORGII V REGIS.

An Act to sanction and confirm the constitution of the New Zealand conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia as an independent conference; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand Preamble. is an integral portion of the Methodist Church of Australasia and is governed by an annual conference which is itself comprised in and governed by the general conference of the Methodist Church of 5 Australasia: And whereas the general conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia, held at Adelaide in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten, unanimously consented to the constitution of the said annual conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand as an independent conference with the powers contained 10 in and in accordance with and upon and subject to a plan of independence which is fully set forth in the printed minutes of the said general conference subject to the consent of each of the annual conferences

conferences of the said Methodist Church of Australasia, namely, the New South Wales conference, the Victoria and Tasmania conference, the South Australia conference, the New Zealand conference, the Queensland conference, and the Western Australia 5 conference, and the sanction of the Parliament of each of the Australian States and New Zealand: And whereas each of the said

conferences has agreed to the constitution of the said New Zealand annual conference as an independent conference in accordance with the plan aforesaid: And whereas in the Methodist Church Property

10 Acts, 1889-1902, of the State of New South Wales, and in the Methodist model deed of New South Wales (as by the said Acts or either of them altered and modified) and in the Book of Laws referred to in the said model deed the said Methodist Church in New Zealand is referred to either expressly or by implication as forming an integral

15 portion of the Methodist Church of Australasia, and the said New Zealand conference is referred to as one of the conferences comprised in and governed by the general conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia: Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council 20 and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled

and by the authority of the same as follows:-

45 take effect.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Methodist Church Act, Short title. 1911," and shall be read and construed as one with the Methodist Church Property Acts, 1889-1902.

2. In this Act the following terms shall have the meanings Interpretation. 25 herein respectively assigned to them unless inconsistent with the subject or context :-

"New Zealand Church" means the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand.

"General conference" means the general conference of the 30 Methodist Church of Australasia.

3. The constitution of the said annual conference of the New Constitution of New Zealand Church as an independent conference with the powers as independent contained in and in accordance with and upon and subject to the plan conference 35 of independence hereinbefore referred to is hereby sanctioned and sanctioned. confirmed.

wealth of Australia or of the State of New South Wales containing a evidence of date of independence. notification fixing the date on which the annual conference of the 40 New Zealand Church shall be constituted an independent conference, and purporting to be under the hand of the president for the time being of the said general conference shall be conclusive evidence in the State of New South Wales of the fact of the constitution as aforesaid of such independent conference and of the date on which it is to

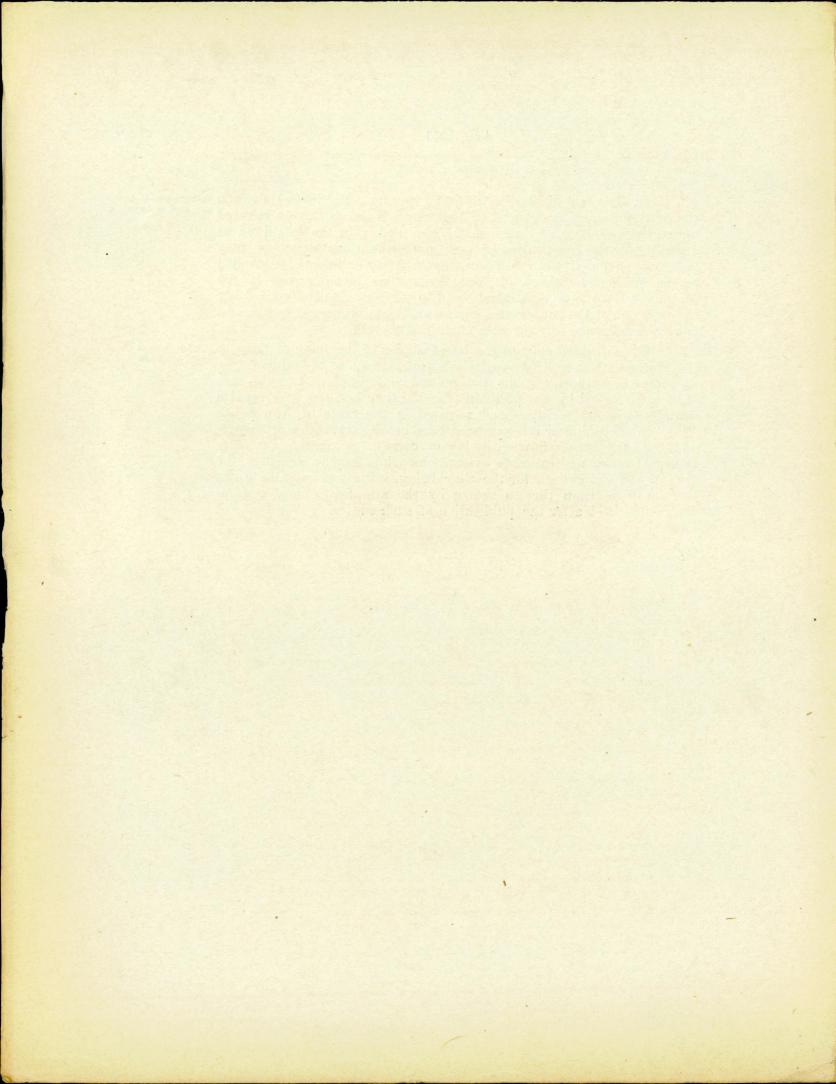
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5. The said Methodist Church Property Acts, 1889–1902, and Construction of Act the said Methodist model deed of New South Wales as therein referred to and the said Book of Laws shall from and after the date fixed as aforesaid for the constitution of such independent conference be read and construed as if the references therein either expressed or implied to the Methodist Church of New Zealand as forming part of the Methodist Church of Australasia and to the New Zealand conference as being one of the conferences comprised in and governed by the said general conference had not been contained therein.

10 6. A printed copy of the latest edition of the Book of Laws of Printed Book of the Methodist Church of Australasia, purporting to be published by or under the authority of the said general conference, and on the face of it to be signed by the president for the time being of the general conference, shall be taken and received in the State of New South

15 Wales in all legal and other proceedings before any court of justice, or before any person having, by law or consent of parties, authority to hear, receive, and examine evidence as prima facie evidence of the laws of the said church for the time being, subject to any alterations thereof or addition thereto shown by the minutes of any general 20 conference held after the publication of such edition of the Book of

Laws.



## A BILL

To sanction and confirm the constitution of the New Zealand Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia as an Independent Conference and for other purposes.

WHEREAS the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand Preamble. is an integral portion of the Methodist Church of Australasia and is governed by an Annual Conference which is itself comprised in and governed by the General Conference of the Methodist Church of 5 Australasia. And whereas the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia held at Adelaide in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten unanimously consented to the constitution of the said Annual Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand as an Independent Conference with the powers contained 10 in and in accordance with and upon and subject to a plan of independence which is fully set forth in the printed Minutes of the said General Conference subject to the consent of each of the Annual Conferences of the said Methodist Church of Australasia namely The New South Wales Conference, The Victoria and Tasmania 15 Conference, The South Australia Conference and the Western Australia Conference and the sanction of the Parliament of each of the Australian States and New Zealand And whereas each of the said Conferences has agreed to the constitution of the said New Zealand Annual Conference as an Independent Conference in accordance with the 20 plan aforesaid And whereas in the "Methodist Church Property Acts 1889-1902" of the State of New South Wales and in "The Methodist Model Deed of New South Wales" (as by the said Acts or either of them altered and modified) and in the Book of Laws referred to in the said Model Deed the said Methodist Church in New Zealand is 25 referred to either expressly or by implication as forming an integral portion of the Methodist Church of Australasia and the said New Zealand \_

Zealand Conference is referred to as one of the Conferences comprised in and governed by the General Conference of the Methodist Church Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled 5 and by the authority of the same as follows:-

Short Title.

1. This Act may be cited as "The Methodist Church Act 1911" and shall be read and construed as one with the "Methodist Church Property Acts 1889-1902"

Interpretation.

- 2. In this Act the following terms shall have the meanings 10 herein respectively assigned to them unless inconsistent with the subject or context
  - "New Zealand Church" means the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand
  - "General Conference" means the General Conference of the 15 Methodist Church of Australasia
- 3. The constitution of the said Annual Conference of the New Constitution of New Zealand Church as an Independent Conference with the powers Zealand Conference contained in and in accordance with and upon and subject to the plan of independence hereinbefore referred to is hereby sanctioned and confirmed 20

sanctioned. evidence of date of Independence.

Conference

4. A printed copy of the Government Gazette of the Common-Government Gazette wealth of Australia or of the State of New South Wales containing a Notification fixing the date on which the said New Zealand Conference shall be constituted an Independent Conference and purporting to be under the hand of the President for the time being of the said General 25 Conference shall be conclusive evidence in the State of New South Wales of such Independence as aforesaid and of the date on which it is to take effect

Construction of Acts and Book of Laws

5. The said "Methodist Church Property Acts 1889-1902" and the said "Methodist Model Deed of New South Wales" and the said Book 30 of Laws shall from and after the publication of such Government Gazette in the State of New South Wales be read and construed as if the references either expressed or implied to the Methodist Church of New Zealand as forming part of the Methodist Church of Australasia and to the New Zealand Conference as being one of the Conferences 35 comprised in and governed by the said General Conference had not been contained therein

Printed Book of Laws Evidence.

**6.** A printed copy of the latest edition of the "Book of Laws" of the Methodist Church of Australasia published by or under the authority of the said General Conference shall be taken in the State 40 of New South Wales as prima facie evidence of the laws of the said Church for the time being subject to any modifications thereof shown by the Minutes of any General Conference held after the issue of such "Book of Laws"



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