

## A BILL.

*Intituled a Statute to provide for organsiation of Church Work amongst the Members of the Maori Race and the episcopal supervision, thereof.*

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to provide for the further organisation of Church Work among the members of the Maori Race and the episcopal supervision thereof.

Be it therefore by the Bishops, Clergy and Laity of the Province in General Synod assembled enacted as follows:—

1. That a Diocese is hereby created to be styled the Diocese of Aotearoa hereinafter referred to as the said Diocese.

2. That in respect of the said Diocese the provisions and regulations set forth in this Canon shall apply, anything in the other Canons of the General Synod to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided that any question which may arise in regard to the application of any Canon to the said Diocese shall be determined by the Standing Commission.

3. That the boundaries of the said Diocese shall be those set forth in the first schedule hereto.

4. That the jurisdiction of the Bishop of the said Diocese shall with the consent in writing of any other Diocesan Bishop, extend to, and include all members of the Maori Race domiciled in the Diocese of such other Bishop and such Europeans as may be exclusively licensed for church work amongst the members of the Maori Race in such other Diocese. Provided that such consent shall be effective until revoked by the Bishop conferring the same or by his successor. Provided further that any Maori who is or may hereafter be registered in the Churchwarden's book of any European Parish or Parochial District as provided in Clause 11 or Clause 13 of Canon V. Title B. shall while so registered cease to be under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of the said Diocese.

5. That until other provision shall have been made by General Synod in this behalf the Synod of the said Diocese shall proceed to the Nomination of a Bishop in the manner following:—

- (a) There shall be elected at each ordinary Session of the Synod of the said Diocese a Delegation consisting of five Clergy elected by the Clerical members of the Synod and five laymen elected by the Lay members thereof.
- (b) The Delegation so elected shall before the nomination of the Bishop confer with the Bishops for the time being of the Province. Provided that the presence of not less than half the number of Bishops then