

AT the Court at Windsor, the 26th day of November, 1897.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the sixteenth and seventeenth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to amend the laws concerning the burial of the dead in England beyond the limits of the Metropolis, and to amend the Act concerning the burial of the dead in the Metropolis," it is enacted that, in case it appears to Her Majesty in Council, upon the representation of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, that, for the protection of the public health, the opening of any new burial-ground in any city or town, or within any other limits, save with the previous approval of one of such Secretaries of State, should be prohibited, or that burials in any city or town, or within any other limits, or in any burial-grounds or places of burial, should be wholly discontinued, or should be discontinued subject to any exception or qualification, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order that no new burial-ground shall be opened in any city or town, or within such limits, without such previous approval, or (as the case may require) that, after a time mentioned in the Order, burials in such city or town, or within such limits, or in such burial-grounds or places of burial, shall be discontinued wholly, or subject to any exceptions or qualifications mentioned in such Order, and so from time to time as circumstances may require; provided always, that notice of such representation, and of the time when it shall please Her Majesty to order that the same be taken into consideration by the Privy Council, shall be published in the London Gazette, and shall be affixed on the doors of the churches or chapels of, or on some other conspicuous places within, the parishes affected by such representation, one month before such representation is so considered; provided also that no such representation shall be made in relation to the burial-ground of any parish until ten days' previous notice of the intention to make such representation shall have been given to the Incumbent and Vestry Clerk or Churchwardens of such parish:

And whereas by another Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the eighteenth and nineteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act further to amend the laws concerning the burial of the dead in England," it is, amongst other things, enacted that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, from time to time to postpone the time appointed by any Order in Council for the discontinuance of burials, or otherwise to vary any Order in Council made under any of the Acts recited in the said Act, or under the said Act (whether the time thereby appointed for the discontinuance of burials thereunder, or other operation of such Order, shall or shall not have arrived), as to Her Majesty, with such advice as aforesaid, may seem fit:

And whereas the Right Honourable Sir Matthew White Ridley, Baronet, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, after giving to the Incumbent and the Churchwardens of the parish hereinafter named ten days' previous notice of his intention to make such representation, has made a representation stating that he is of opinion, that the Order of Her Majesty in Council of the fourth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, in so far

as it affects burials in the churchyard of Saint Peter (Saint Albans), should be varied, by substituting the directions hereinafter set forth for those contained in the said Order:

And whereas Her Majesty was pleased, by Her Order in Council of the thirteenth day of October one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, to give notice of such representation, and to order that the same should be taken into consideration by a Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council on the twenty-fourth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and such Order has been published in the London Gazette and copies thereof have been affixed as required by the said first-recited Act:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the following directions be substituted for those contained in the Order in Council of the fourth April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, affecting burials in the parish of Saint Peter (Saint Albans), viz.:

SAINT ALBANS.—That burials be discontinued forthwith and entirely in Saint Peter's Churchyard, within forty feet of any dwelling house; and also in the rest of the churchyard, except as follows:—

(a.) In such vaults and wholly walled graves as are now existing in the churchyard burials may be allowed on condition that every coffin buried therein be separately enclosed by stonework or brickwork properly cemented;

(b.) In such partly walled and earthen graves as are now existing, provided that the earth above them can be opened to the depth of five feet without exposing coffins or disturbing human remains, burials may be allowed of so many of the relations of those interred therein at the date of this Order as can be buried at or below that depth.

C. L. Peel.

Privy Council Office, 26th November, 1897.

THE following Statute, made on the twelfth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, by the Governing Body of Magdalene College, Cambridge, amending Statute VIII of the Statutes of the College, has been submitted for the approval of Her Majesty in Council and notice of its having been so submitted is published in accordance with the provisions contained in "The Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877":—

Statute VIII as proposed to be amended.

The Dean and his office.

The Master, if he shall think fit, may appoint one of the Fellows in Holy Orders to the office of Dean. If the Master make no such appointment within six months from the date of any vacancy, the Governing Body shall appoint one of its members to the office of Dean. The appointment shall in any case be subject to confirmation by the Governing Body after a period of three years.

A majority of the Governing Body shall have power at any time to remove the Dean. In case of a vacancy the Master shall be empowered with the approval of a majority of the Governing Body to make temporary provision for the duties of the office.

It shall be the duty of the Dean, if he is in Holy Orders, to provide for the decorous performance of Divine Worship in the College Chapel,