

the Town Clerk at his office at the Municipal Offices, Bacup; as regards the parish of Dunnoekshaw, with the Clerk to the Parish Council at the School House, Dunnoekshaw, near Burnley; and as regards the parish of Habergam Eaves with the Clerk to the Parish Council at his office at 18, Nicholas-street, Burnley.

Printed copies of the Bill for the intended Act will be deposited at the Private Bill Office, House of Commons, on or before the 17th day of December, 1906.

Dated this 15th day of November, 1906.

JAMES WHALLEY, Town Clerk, Rawtenstall,  
ROBERTS and Co., 11, Carteret-street, Westminster, S.W., Parliamentary Agents.

In Parliament.—Session 1907.

#### UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

(Authorizing the Union of the Methodist New Connexion, the Bible Christians and the United Methodist Free Churches under the Name of "The United Methodist Church"; Dealing with Real and Personal Property belonging to the said Churches or Denominations; Providing for the Vesting of Property in Trust for the United Church so formed; The Assimilation of the Trusts thereof; and other Purposes.)

NOTICE is hereby given, that application is intended to be made to Parliament in the ensuing Session by the Methodist New Connexion, the Bible Christians and the United Methodist Free Churches (hereinafter respectively called the Methodist New Connexion Church, the Bible Christian Church and the United Methodist Free Churches) for leave to bring in a Bill for all or some of the following purposes (that is to say):—

To authorize the respective annual assemblies or conferences of the Methodist New Connexion Church, the Bible Christian Church and the United Methodist Free Churches respectively to unite and sit together as one united conference, and to provide for the appointment of the President and Secretary of the United Conference and for the regulation of its procedure.

To confer upon the United Conference power by resolution carried as in the Bill provided to declare that the said churches or denominations shall be united in and form one united church or denomination under the name of "the United Methodist Church" and under such constitution and upon such terms and conditions as may be declared and defined in a deed poll of foundation to be settled and adopted by the said United Conference as in the Bill provided.

To authorize the United Conference by resolution carried as in the Bill provided to settle and adopt a deed poll of foundation declaring and defining the constitution and doctrinal tenets of the said united church or denomination under the name of "the United Methodist Church" and the terms and conditions of such union as aforesaid and containing all such provisions as to the election powers, duties and privileges of the conference of the United Methodist Church and all such other provisions (including powers to alter, amend or repeal the

provisions of such deed poll or constitution, and to adopt new provisions relating thereto) as in the judgment of the United Conference may be necessary or desirable for the government and discipline of the United Methodist Church and the management and administration of the affairs thereof.

To provide for the signing, sealing and delivering of the deed poll of foundation and the enrolment thereof in the Central Office and upon such enrolment for the Methodist New Connexion Church, the Bible Christian Church and the United Methodist Free Churches becoming united in and forming one united church or denomination under the name of "the United Methodist Church" and under the constitution terms and conditions and provisions defined and declared in the said deed poll of foundation.

Until the meeting of the first annual conference of the United Methodist Church to empower the United Conference to exercise all powers, rights, authorities and discretions, and to require it to discharge all duties vested in or imposed upon the annual conference of the United Methodist Church under or by virtue of the constitution thereof as declared and defined by the deed poll of foundation, and to make valid and effective all acts done by the United Conference or under the authority of the same in the exercise or performance of any such power, right, authority, discretion or duty.

To declare that (except as in the Bill otherwise provided) on and after the date of union, all church lands of the Methodist New Connexion Church, the Bible Christian Church, and the United Methodist Free Churches respectively, whether held upon the trusts of their model, deeds or otherwise howsoever, shall as from the date of union be held in trust for or for the purposes of the United Methodist Church under the constitution declared and defined in the deed poll of foundation for or for the purposes of the society, institution or charity subsidiary or ancillary to the United Methodist Church, corresponding to any society, institution or charity subsidiary or ancillary to any of the said churches or denominations or for, or for the purposes of which such church lands were previously held, and as if the words "United Methodist Church" were substituted for any words referring to or describing the Methodist New Connexion Church, the Bible Christian Church or the United Methodist Free Churches or any of the several bodies which have become merged or united in the last mentioned church or denomination, wherever such words occur in any declaration of trust or other instrument relating to any of such church lands, but in other respects upon the existing trusts and with and subject to the existing powers and provisions upon and with and subject to which the same were held at the date of union or upon, with and subject to similar trusts, powers and provisions, but subject and without prejudice to any mortgage, charge, incumbrance, lien, lease or agreement at the date of union affecting the same respectively.

To enable the United Conference by resolution carried as in the Bill provided to settle and adopt a model trust deed for the settlement by reference of any church lands which shall as in the Bill provided be held or any building lands, tenements or hereditaments which shall at any time after the date of union be acquired by or on behalf of or in connection with the United Methodist