

Church of the Province of
South Africa

ORDER OF SIMON OF CYRENE

Letters of Appointment:
Order of Simon of Cyrene

WHEREAS by resolution of Provincial Synod in the year of our Lord 1960 the Order of Simon of Cyrene was authorized for Distinguished Lay Service to the Church of the Province of South Africa.

AND WHEREAS the name of our well-beloved in Christ, Mary Davidson has been submitted to us by Citation for such recognition.

WE, R. O. B. E. R. T. by Divine Providence Lord Archbishop of Cape Town and Metropolitan of the Church of the Province of South Africa do by these presents confer the aforesaid honour upon ~~him~~ her on the grounds

following: Mary Davidson arrived in South Africa and settled on a farm at Vaalwater in 1898. Together with her husband and neighbours she collected funds to build the Church of St. John the Baptist, 24 Rivers, which was duly consecrated in 1915. Here she has worshipped regularly and since 1938 she has played the organ at all services, and continues to do so. Also for the past thirty five years she has twice weekly travelled to the Church to clean it. She has had an unflinching interest in Mission Work and at her expense built a school and later St. Anne's Church for Africans on her farm. In order to teach Africans to sew she herself held classes at the school in this art. Through this she has always extended generous hospitality to Clergy, Church Workers and Worshipers. In doing that she has helped to develop a close Christian Fellowship amongst Anglicans there. In the years that she has been at 24 Rivers, she has spared neither herself nor her financial resources for the development of God's work, and she continues to do this.

AND we do grant unto him/her the rights and privileges of wearing the insignia of the Order upon such authorized

Diocesan and Provincial occasions as are determined within the Diocese or by the Metropolitan in consultation with the Bishops of the Province.

R. Robert Capricorn

GIVEN under our hand and seal this fifth day of December in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and sixty eight in the year of our Consecration the twenty eighth and of our Translation the fourth

