whether they treat it as a contractual obligation because the statute imposed the obligation as part of a contract binding upon all members of the Church in Wales as though they had agreed to be bound thereby.²⁸

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