

" We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the third and fourth years of your Majesty's reign, intituled " An Act to carry " into effect, with certain modifications, the fourth " report of the Commissioners of Ecclesiastical " Duties and Revenues;" and of an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the fourth and fifth years of your Majesty's reign, intituled " An Act to explain and amend two several " Acts relating to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners " for England," have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme, for making additional provision for the cure of souls, in certain parishes where such assistance is most required.

" Whereas by the first-recited Act it is enacted, that, except as therein otherwise specified, all the monies and revenues to be paid to us, and all the rents and profits of the lands, tithes, and other hereditaments vested and to be vested in us by and under the authority of the same Act, together with all accumulations of interest produced by and arising therefrom, shall be from time to time carried over by us to a common fund, and by payments or investments made out of such fund, or, if in any case it be deemed more expedient, by means of an actual conveyance and assignment of such lands, tithes, or other hereditaments, or of a portion thereof, additional provision shall be made, by the authority therein provided, for the cure of souls in parishes where such assistance is most required, in such manner as shall, by the like authority, be deemed most conducive to the efficiency of the Established Church: provided always, that in making any such additional provision out of any tithes, or any lands or other hereditaments allotted or assigned in lieu of tithes, so vested or to be vested in us, or out of the rents and profits thereof, due consideration shall be had of the wants and circumstances of the places in which such tithes now arise or have heretofore arisen:

" And whereas, by virtue of the said recited Acts, and for the purposes thereof, certain lands, tithes, and other hereditaments have become vested in us, and divers monies and revenues, rents, and profits have been received by us, and other lands, tithes, and other hereditaments will become vested in us, and other monies and revenues, rents and profits will be yearly and every year receivable by us:

" And whereas, after having carefully considered how provision may best be made for the cure of souls, in conformity with the intent and meaning of the said Acts, it appears to us to be fit and proper, that grants should be made, either in augmentation of the incomes of, or towards providing fit houses of residence for, the incumbents of certain benefices and churches, with cure of souls, that is to say, being either parish churches, or churches or chapels with districts legally belonging or assigned thereto; in certain classes; subject to such limitations, as are herein-after mentioned, or as may from time to time be determined on: and we are of opinion,

" That the first class should consist of grants, made unconditionally, to benefices or churches with cure of souls as aforesaid, being in public patronage, namely, in the patronage of your Majesty, either in right of the Crown or of the Duchy of Lancaster, of the Duke of Cornwall, of any archbishop or bishop, of any dean and chapter, dean, archdeacon, prebendary, or other dignitary or officer in any cathedral or collegiate church, or of any rector, vicar, or perpetual curate, as such;

" That the second class should consist of grants, made to benefices or churches with cure of souls as aforesaid; whether in public patronage as aforesaid, or in private patronage, namely, any patronage whatsoever other than as aforesaid; upon condition of such grants being met by benefactions from other sources, either paid to us, on account of the same benefices or churches, or secured in perpetuity to the incumbents thereof; and

" That the third class should consist of grants, made to benefices or churches with cure of souls as aforesaid, in consideration of their being situate within the places in which any of the tithes vested in us now arise, or in which the tithes in lieu of which any of the lands or other hereditaments vested in us were allotted or assigned have heretofore arisen:

" And whereas it also appears to us, upon considering the amount of the funds now applicable to the purposes of the said recited Acts, to be expedient, that such grants as aforesaid should, at present, be respectively limited in the manner following, that is to say;