

the Vestry of the parish of Saint Mary-at-Hill, by the Vestry of the parish of Saint Andrew Hubbard, and by the united Vestry of the parishes of Saint George Botolph-lane and Saint Botolph, Billingsgate.

"And whereas it appears to us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England to be expedient that the said proposed union of the said two benefices should be effected and that such arrangements relating thereto and to the other matters hereinafter referred to should be made as hereinafter mentioned.

"And whereas the Right Reverend Arthur Foley, now Bishop of London, as such Bishop, and the patrons of the said two benefices, and the vestries of the said parishes respectively, are willing that the scheme for effecting the said union should embody certain modifications of the said proposals and this present scheme does embody the same modifications accordingly, but otherwise is based upon the said proposals.

"And whereas the said Richard Davis Odell, Sidney Lambert Odell, Percy Bence Trower, Ernest Frederic Calrow, Alfred Edward Ellen, Richard Joseph Grant, William Read, and Henry Alfred Roper, as the trustees on behalf of the parish of Saint Mary-at-Hill would be entitled to present to the said benefice of Saint Mary-at-Hill with Saint Andrew Hubbard, if the same were now vacant.

"Now therefore, with the consent of the said Arthur Foley, Bishop of London (in testimony whereof he has to this scheme set his hand and his episcopal seal) and with the consent of the said Richard Davis Odell, Sidney Lambert Odell, Percy Bence Trower, Ernest Frederic Calrow, Alfred Edward Ellen, Richard Joseph Grant, William Read, and Henry Alfred Roper (in testimony whereof they have signed and sealed this scheme) and with the consent of the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Frederick, Archbishop of Canterbury (in testimony whereof he has to this scheme set his hand and Archiepiscopal seal), and with the consent of the said Arthur James Balfour (in testimony whereof he has signed and sealed this scheme) and with the consent of the said Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Saint Paul, in London (in testimony whereof they have to this scheme set their common or capitular seal) and with the consents of the vestries of the said parishes of Saint Mary-at-Hill, Saint Andrew Hubbard, Saint George, Botolph-lane and Saint Botolph, Billingsgate (in testimony of which consent this scheme is signed, in the case of each of the said vestries, by the chairman of a meeting of the same vestry duly convened for the purpose of giving such consent) we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty in Council all that is in this scheme contained under the several parts or headings hereinafter mentioned as follows:—

"PART I.

"As to the proposed union itself and certain immediate incidents thereof, we recommend and propose:—

"1. That the said benefice of Saint Mary-at-Hill with Saint Andrew Hubbard, and the said benefice of Saint George, Botolph-lane, with Saint Botolph, Billingsgate, be united into one benefice under the style of 'The United Benefice of Saint Mary-at-Hill with Saint Andrew Hubbard, Saint George Botolph-lane and Saint Botolph Billingsgate,' which said united benefice is hereinafter called the united benefice.

"2. That if upon the day when any Order of

Your Majesty in Council ratifying this scheme shall be published in the London Gazette both of the said present benefices shall be vacant the union shall forthwith take effect, and if one only shall be then vacant, the said union shall also forthwith take effect if the incumbent of the other of the said present benefices shall consent to become the first incumbent of the united benefice but if he shall not so consent then the said union shall take effect upon the then next avoidance of his benefice, and the then incumbent of the other of the said two benefices shall be the first incumbent of the united benefice, and if upon the day when any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this scheme shall be published in the London Gazette, both of the said present benefices shall be full then the said union shall take effect on the next avoidance of either of them if the incumbent for the time being of the other of the said present benefices shall consent to become the incumbent of the united benefice; but if he shall not so consent then the said union shall take effect immediately upon the next vacancy of his benefice, and the then incumbent of the other of the said two benefices shall be the first incumbent of the united benefice and in any case, it shall be lawful for the Bishop of the said diocese of London to admit to the united benefice such first incumbent (if an incumbent for the time being of either of the said present benefices) without any form or fee of or for presentation, and he shall thereupon become the incumbent of the united benefice. Until the time of the union taking effect the said two benefices shall remain separate, and the rights and liabilities in respect thereof and of the incumbents of each of them shall remain unaffected.

"3. That if after this scheme shall have been ratified by an Order of Your Majesty in Council, and before the said union shall have taken effect, the incumbent for the time being of either of the said two benefices shall with the consent of the Bishop of London retire from his incumbency in order that the said union may take immediate effect, then the incumbent so retiring from his incumbency shall be entitled during the period hereinafter specified to receive out of the annual income of the united benefice, and by way of compensation, an annual sum equal to the net annual value of the tithe or rate in lieu of tithe and all other endowments belonging to the incumbency from which he shall so retire, computed on the average receipts of the three years immediately preceding the year in which the said incumbent shall so retire (including in such receipts in the case of the benefice of Saint George Botolph-lane with Saint Botolph Billingsgate the net rent or profits which shall have been derived from the Parsonage House belonging to that benefice which is now let), which annual sum shall commence as from the day on which the said union shall take effect, and shall be payable by equal half-yearly payments in every year; the first half-yearly payment thereof to become due at the end of six calendar months next after the day on which the said union shall take effect, and the said annual sum shall be payable to the retiring incumbent during the remainder of his life if he continue to be a member of the Church of England, but not otherwise, or until he shall accept other Church preferment of a net annual value equal to, or greater in amount than, the said annual sum to be so made payable to such retiring incumbent. And upon his accepting such preferment the said annual sum shall thenceforth absolutely cease to be payable, but if he shall accept other Church