

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 23rd day of *March*, 1915.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the 33rd and 34th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 39, and of the Acts therein mentioned, that is to say, the Act of the 3rd and 4th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 113, the Act of the 4th and 5th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 39, and the Act of the 31st and 32nd years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 114, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme, bearing date the 25th day of February, in the year 1915, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the 33rd and 34th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 39, and of the Acts therein mentioned, that is to say, the Act of the 3rd and 4th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 113, the Act of the 4th and 5th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 39, and the Act of the 31st and 32nd years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 114, have prepared, and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council, the following Scheme for effecting a transfer of the ownership of the Advowson or perpetual right of Patronage of, and presentation to, the Church and Cure (hereinafter called 'The said Benefice') of North Cray, otherwise North Cray with Ruxley, in the County of Kent, and in the Diocese of Rochester:

"Whereas the Advowson or perpetual right of Patronage of, and presentation to, the said Benefice of North Cray is vested for an estate in fee simple, in possession, free from incumbrances, in Arthur Day, of No. 2, Millbank House, in the City of Westminster, Esquire:

"And whereas the said Arthur Day is desirous that the whole Advowson or perpetual right of Patronage of, and presentation to, the said Benefice of North Cray, now vested in him as aforesaid, should be transferred to and be vested in the Right Reverend John Reginald, now Bishop of Rochester, and his Successors in the same Bishopric:

"And whereas the said John Reginald, now Bishop of Rochester, is willing to accept such transfer, and in token of such his willingness, and also in token that the same transfer has that consent of the Bishop of the Diocese which, by the Acts in the hereinbefore-mentioned Act recited, or by some or one of them, is made necessary, he, the said John Reginald, Bishop of Rochester, has executed this Scheme as hereinafter-mentioned:

"And whereas the transfer of the Patronage of the said Benefice of North Cray, which is hereinbefore mentioned, and hereinafter recommended and proposed, will, in our opinion, tend to make better provision for the Cure of Souls in the Parish or District in or in respect of which the right of Patronage or Advowson, so recommended and proposed to be transferred as aforesaid, arises or exists, that is to say, in the Parish of North Cray.

"Now, therefore, with the consent of the said Arthur Day, (in testimony whereof he has signed and sealed this Scheme), and with the consent of the said John Reginald, Bishop of Rochester, (in testimony whereof he has signed

this Scheme, and sealed the same with his Episcopal Seal), we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, humbly recommend and propose that upon and from the day of the date of the publication in the London Gazette of any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme, and without any conveyance or assurance in the law other than such duly gazetted Order, the whole Advowson or perpetual right of Patronage of, and presentation to, the said Benefice of North Cray, now vested in him, the said Arthur Day, as aforesaid, shall be transferred to the said John Reginald, Bishop of Rochester, and his Successors in the same Bishopric, and shall thereupon and thenceforth become and be absolutely vested in, and shall and may, from time to time, be exercised by, the said John Reginald, Bishop of Rochester, and his Successors in the same Bishopric for ever:

"And we further recommend and propose that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any further or other measures relating to the matters aforesaid, or any of them, in accordance with the provisions of the said Acts, or of any of them, or of any other Act of Parliament."

And whereas the said Scheme has been approved by His Majesty in Council:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His said Council, is pleased hereby to ratify the said Scheme, and to order and direct that the same and every part thereof shall be effectual in law immediately from and after the time when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette pursuant to the said Acts.

And His Majesty, by and with the like advice, is pleased hereby to direct that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the said Diocese of Rochester.

Almeric FitzRoy.

Privy Council Office, 23rd March, 1915.

The following Statute made by the Governing Body of Merton College, Oxford, on the 6th day of March, 1915, (and sealed on the 11th day of March, 1915), has been submitted for the approval of His Majesty in Council, and notice of its having been so submitted is published in accordance with the provisions of "The Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877":—

The Warden and Fellows of Merton College, Oxford, respectfully submit for the approval of His Majesty the King in Council the following amending Statute, which was duly made in accordance with the provisions of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, Section 54, having been passed unanimously at a General Meeting of the Governing Body of the said College, specially summoned for the purpose, and held on the 6th day of March, 1915.

It was resolved at the said General Meeting:—

That Statute IV. 6 (a), as amended in 1886, be further amended so as to read as follows:—

"A Postmastership shall be tenable for 2 years from the commencement of the Michaelmas Term next following the day of election and shall then determine, unless the Warden and Fellows have at the last pre-