

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 Salisbury.

Almeric FitzRoy.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 25th day of *November*, 1919.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Liverpool and Wigan Churches Act, 1904, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme, bearing date the 23rd day of October, 1919, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, acting in pursuance of the Liverpool and Wigan Churches Act, 1904, have prepared, and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council, the following Scheme with regard to the Endowments of the Parish and Vicarage of Saint Stephen, Liverpool, in the County of Lancaster, and in the Diocese of Liverpool:

"Whereas it is provided in the 27th section of the said Liverpool and Wigan Churches Act, 1904, that after the merger of the Parish of Christ Church, Liverpool, in the Parish of Saint Stephen, Liverpool, the Church of the said Parish of Christ Church, Liverpool, shall be and be used as a Chapel of Ease of the said Parish of Saint Stephen, Liverpool, provided that the endowments of the said Parish of Saint Stephen, Liverpool, after the merger aforesaid, whether formerly belonging to that Parish or to the said Parish of Christ Church, Liverpool, shall be applied and allotted for the purposes of the said Parish of Saint Stephen, Liverpool, according to a Scheme which the Ecclesiastical Commissioners shall with the consent of the Bishop of Liverpool make under their seal, but no such Scheme shall take effect as regards endowments belonging at the passing of the said Act to the said Parish of Saint Stephen, Liverpool, until the next avoidance of the Benefice thereof unless the Incumbent and the Patron of the said Benefice shall have consented to such Scheme:

"And whereas the next avoidance of the said Benefice of Saint Stephen, Liverpool, after the passing of the said Act, took place on the 2nd day of May, 1919, by the resignation of the Reverend John Francis, and the said John Francis was awarded a Pension of £111 per annum out of the endowments of the said Benefice under the provisions of the Incumbents' Resignation Acts, which Pension he still enjoys:

"And whereas the Right Reverend Francis James, Bishop of Liverpool, has with the consents of the Patrons of the Benefice of the said Parish of Christ Church, Liverpool, by an Order dated the 29th day of July, 1919, appointed that the said Parish of Christ Church, Liverpool, shall as from the date of such Order cease to be a separate ecclesiastical parish and shall for all ecclesiastical purposes be united with and merged in the said Parish of Saint Stephen, Liverpool, and shall form part

of the Benefice and Cure of Souls of the said Parish of Saint Stephen, Liverpool, and that all endowments of or connected with the said Parish of Christ Church, Liverpool, shall be transferred to the said Parish of Saint Stephen, Liverpool:

"And whereas the endowments of the said Parish and Benefice of Saint Stephen, Liverpool, (inclusive of the former endowments of the said late Benefice of Christ Church, Liverpool), amount to £516 per annum and are paid by us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, out of our Common Fund:

"And whereas it has been represented to us that it is desirable that an income of £400 per annum should be available for the Incumbent of the said Parish and Benefice of Saint Stephen, Liverpool, and that as there will be two consecrated Churches within the said Parish of Saint Stephen, Liverpool, an endowment should be provided for an Assistant Curate for such Parish:

"Now, therefore, with the consent of the said Francis James, Bishop of Liverpool, (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, as from the 29th day of July, 1919, the date of the Order whereby the said Parish of Christ Church, Liverpool, ceased to be a separate ecclesiastical Parish and was for all ecclesiastical purposes united with and merged in the said Parish of Saint Stephen, Liverpool, and the endowments of the said Parish of Christ Church, Liverpool, were transferred to the said Parish of Saint Stephen, Liverpool, a sum of £380 per annum shall be paid by us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, out of the endowments of the said Parish and Benefice of Saint Stephen, Liverpool, to the Vicar or Incumbent for the time being of such Parish and Benefice (such sum being in our opinion sufficient to raise the income of the Incumbent of the said Parish and Benefice to £400 per annum) and that the balance of the endowments of the said Parish and Benefice shall, after the deduction of the payment of the pension of £111 per annum granted to the Reverend John Francis under the provisions of the Incumbents' Resignation Acts, be paid by us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, to the Vicar or Incumbent for the time being of the said Parish and Benefice only upon the production to us, on or after the 1st day of February, the 1st day of May, the 1st day of August and the 1st day of November in each and every year of a Certificate under the hand of the Bishop of the said Diocese of Liverpool that an Assistant Curate, duly licensed by such Bishop, has been employed within the said Parish of Saint Stephen, Liverpool, during the quarter of the year then ended and is in receipt of a salary of not less than the amount thus paid.

"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 Act, 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