

Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the said Diocese of Winchester.

Almeric FitzRoy.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 14th day of *February*, 1921.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Union of Benefices Act, 1919, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme, bearing date the 3rd day of February, 1921, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

“ We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, acting in pursuance of the Union of Benefices Act, 1919, have prepared, and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council, the following Scheme for effecting the union of two neighbouring Benefices, that is to say the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Elworthy and the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Monksilver, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Somerset and in the Diocese of Bath and Wells:

“ Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend George Wyndham, Bishop of Bath and Wells, pursuant to the provisions of the said Union of Benefices Act, 1919, to inquire into and report upon the union of the said two Benefices of Elworthy and Monksilver, duly made their report to the said Bishop of Bath and Wells and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Bath and Wells signified in writing his approval of the said Report:

“ And whereas we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, have prepared this Scheme for the union of the said two Benefices based upon the terms recommended in the said Report, but with the assent of the said Bishop of Bath and Wells embodying certain modifications thereof:

“ And whereas both of the said Benefices of Elworthy and Monksilver are now full, the Reverend Herbert Augustus Warburton Gardner MacTaggart being the present Incumbent thereof:

“ And whereas the said Herbert Augustus Warburton Gardner MacTaggart has consented to become the first Incumbent of the united Benefices, if and when the union which is hereinafter recommended and proposed shall take effect:

“ And whereas the Dean and Canons of Your Majesty's Free Chapel of Saint George within Your Majesty's Castle at Windsor (hereinafter called 'the Dean and Canons of Windsor') are the Patrons of each of the said Benefices of Elworthy and Monksilver:

“ Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said George Wyndham, Bishop of Bath and Wells (in testimony whereof he has hereunto set his hand), and with the consent of the said Dean and Canons of Windsor (in testimony whereof they have hereunto set their Common or Capitular Seal), do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

“ 1. That the said Benefice of Elworthy and the said Benefice of Monksilver shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of 'The

United Benefice of Monksilver with Elworthy' but the Parishes of the said Benefices shall continue distinct in all respects.

“ 2. That upon the day when any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme shall be published in the London Gazette the union shall forthwith take effect, and the said Herbert Augustus Warburton Gardner MacTaggart, if he is then Incumbent of the said Benefices of Elworthy and Monksilver, shall be the first Incumbent of the united Benefice.

“ 3. That upon the first avoidance of the said united Benefice all the tithe rent-charges, glebe lands and all (if any) other the endowments belonging to the said united Benefice or which may hereafter belong to the same united Benefice shall be charged and for ever thereafter be chargeable in favour of the Incumbent for the time being of the Benefice of Nether Stowey, in the said County of Somerset and in the said Diocese of Bath and Wells, with the annual sum or yearly rent-charge hereinafter mentioned, that is to say a clear annual sum or yearly rent-charge of £25 the same annual sum or yearly rent-charge of £25 to be as from the day of the date of the said first avoidance of the said united Benefice, due and payable to the Incumbent of the said Benefice of Nether Stowey and the same annual sum or yearly rent-charge to be apportionable between any outgoing Incumbent of the said Benefice of Nether Stowey or his representatives on the one hand, and his successors in the same incumbency on the other hand; and to be receivable by the Incumbent in whose favour it is charged as aforesaid by equal half-yearly payments on the first day of May and the first day of November in every year and for the recovery of the said yearly rent-charge the Incumbent of the said Benefice of Nether Stowey and his successors shall have and be entitled to all the powers and remedies provided by Section 44 of the Conveyancing and Law of Property Act, 1881, in respect of rent-charges to which that section applies.

“ Provided always that if at any time the Incumbent for the time being of the said united Benefice shall by any deed duly executed by him under his hand and seal in accordance with the provisions of any Statute in that behalf enabling him grant, convey and annex to the said Benefice of Nether Stowey any part or parts of the endowments belonging to the said united Benefice which shall in the opinion of the Bishop of Bath and Wells for the time being, be a just and fair equivalent, or not less than an equivalent for the said yearly charge of £25 hereby proposed to be created as aforesaid, then the said annual sum or yearly charge of £25 shall thereupon and thenceforth cease and determine and be no longer payable as hereinbefore recommended and proposed.

“ And provided always that the whole of the First Fruits and Tenths now or hereafter payable to the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty in respect of the said united Benefice shall continue to be payable by the Vicar or Incumbent of the said united Benefice.

“ Provided further that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any 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 drafts of the said Scheme have been published locally in the manner prescribed in the Statutory Rules made under the said Act and also transmitted in the manner