

shall be published in the London Gazette the union shall forthwith take effect, and the said John William Robson if he is then Incumbent of the said Benefice of Witcham shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice.

"3. That upon the said union taking effect the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Witcham shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice, and so soon as conveniently may be the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Mepal and the site and appurtenances thereof and the grounds heretofore usually occupied and enjoyed therewith shall be sold and disposed of by us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, at such time or times and in such manner in all respects as to us shall seem expedient and that the net proceeds from such sale shall constitute and form part of the fund created by the thirteenth section of the said Union of Benefices Act, 1919.

"Provided always 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 so prescribed to the patrons affected together with a Notice in each case requiring any objections to such draft Scheme to be stated or transmitted in writing to the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners within the time prescribed in the same Rules:

And whereas the prescribed time has elapsed and no such objections have been so stated or transmitted to the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners:

And whereas public notice of the certification to His Majesty in Council of the said Scheme and the Consent thereto in writing of the Bishop of Ely has been duly given in the manner and within the time prescribed in the Statutory Rules aforesaid:

And whereas no appeal has been made to His Majesty in Council within the period of one month after the date of the said public notice in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, against the said Scheme, or any part thereof, by any person who has made objection, as aforesaid, to the said draft Scheme:

And whereas neither of the two Benefices affected by the said Scheme is situate in a City or Municipal Borough:

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 affirm the said Scheme, and to order that the two Benefices therein recommended to be united shall be united to the extent and for the purposes recommended in the said Scheme, and further to order and direct that the said Scheme 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 Act.

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 Ely.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 10th day of *August*, 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 28th day of July 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 Vicarage) of Whaddon and the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Meldreth, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Cambridge and in the Diocese of Ely:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Frederic Henry, Bishop of Ely, 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 Whaddon and Meldreth duly made their report to the said Bishop of Ely, and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Ely 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:

"And whereas both of the said Benefices of Whaddon and Meldreth are now full, the Reverend Percy Harvey being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Meldreth and the Reverend Charles Macan Rice being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Whaddon:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Frederic Henry, Bishop of Ely (in testimony whereof he has hereunto set his hand), do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

"1. That the said Benefice of Whaddon and the said Benefice of Meldreth shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Meldreth with Whaddon' but the parishes of the said Benefices shall continue distinct in all respects.

"2. That if upon a day when an Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme shall be published in the London Gazette both of the said two Benefices shall be vacant the union of the same two Benefices shall take effect forthwith; and if the said Benefice of Meldreth only shall be then vacant the said union shall also take effect forthwith if the Incumbent of the other of the said two 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 the said Benefice of Whaddon and the then Incumbent of Meldreth shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice; and if the said Benefice of