

Easton, and the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Woodcott, all of which Benefices are situate in the County of Southampton and in the Diocese of Winchester:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Edward, Bishop of Winchester, pursuant to the provisions of the said Union of Benefices Act, 1919, to inquire into and report upon the union of the said three Benefices of Ashmansworth, Crux Easton, and Woodcott duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Winchester and therein recommended the union of the said three Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Winchester 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 three Benefices which Scheme is based upon the terms recommended in the said Report, but with the assent of the said Bishop of Winchester embodies certain modifications thereof:

"And whereas both of the said Benefices of Ashmansworth and Crux Easton are now full, the Reverend Arthur Rowand being the present Incumbent thereof, and the said Benefice of Woodcott is at present vacant:

"And whereas only one Parsonage House will be left standing or remaining within or belonging to the United Benefice when the union which is hereinafter recommended and proposed shall take effect, namely the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Ashmansworth, and such house will accordingly become the Parsonage House of the United Benefice:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Edward, Bishop of Winchester (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 Ashmansworth, the said Benefice of Crux Easton, and the said Benefice of Woodcott shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Ashmansworth with Crux Easton and Woodcott,' 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 Arthur Rowand, if he is then Incumbent of the said Benefices of Ashmansworth and Crux Easton, shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice.

"3. That with the consent of Captain Geoffrey de Havilland now Patron of the said Benefice of Crux Easton (testified by his signing this Scheme), after the said union has taken effect the course and succession in which the respective Patrons shall present or nominate to the United Benefice from time to time as the same shall become vacant shall be as follows, that is to say, that in each series of four successive turns of presentation or nomination to the United Benefice after the union the Patron of the said Benefice of Ashmansworth shall have the first, the second and the third turns, and the Patron of the said Benefice of Woodcott shall have the fourth turn.

"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 Winchester has been duly given in the manner and within the time prescribed in the Statutory Rules aforesaid:

And whereas none of the 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 three 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 Winchester.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 6th day of *December*, 1922.

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, and of the Union of Benefices Measure, 1921, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme, bearing date the 23rd day of November, 1922, 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, and of the Union of Benefices Measure, 1921, 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 Washford Pyne and the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Puddington, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Devon and in the Diocese of Exeter: