

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, 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 Wentworth and the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Witchford 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 Wentworth and Witchford 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 which Scheme is based upon the terms recommended in the said Report, but with the assent of the said Bishop of Ely embodies certain modifications thereof:

“ And whereas both of the said Benefices of Wentworth and Witchford are now full, the Reverend Henry Aldersley Swann being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Wentworth, and the Reverend Thomas Hamilton being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Witchford:

“ And whereas the Advowson or perpetual right of Patronage of and presentation to each of the said Benefices of Wentworth and Witchford belongs to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity in Ely:

“ 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), and with the consent of the said Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity in Ely (in testimony whereof they have caused their Common or Capitular Seal to be affixed hereunto) do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

“ 1. That the said Benefice of Wentworth and the said Benefice of Witchford shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of ‘The United Benefice of Witchford with Wentworth’ but the Parishes of the said Benefices shall continue distinct in all respects.

“ 2. That if upon the day when any 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 one only of the said two Benefices shall be then vacant the said union shall take effect upon the next avoidance of the other of the said two Benefices: and if neither of the said two Benefices be then vacant the said union shall take effect upon the next avoidance of that one of the said two Benefices which shall last be avoided after the date of the publication in the London

Gazette of any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme.

“ 3. That upon the said union taking effect the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Witchford 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 Wentworth 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 of such sale shall be held and invested by us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for the benefit of the Benefice of Saint Mary, Ely, situate in the said County of Cambridge and in the said Diocese of Ely.

“ 4. That upon the said union taking effect a portion amounting to £100 per annum of the yearly sum or stipend amounting to £178 per annum at present payable by us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners to the Incumbent for the time being of the said Benefice of Witchford shall be excepted out of the union and shall be transferred and annexed to the Benefice of the Holy Trinity, Ely, situate in the said Diocese of Ely.

“ 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 certain objections have been so stated or transmitted to the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners within the time prescribed in the same Rules:

And whereas the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners after giving full consideration to such objections have deemed right to make no alterations in such draft Scheme:

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