

Benefices are situate in the County of Devon and in the Diocese of Exeter:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend William, Bishop of Exeter, pursuant to the provisions of the said Union of Benefices Act, 1919, to inquire into and report upon the union of the said Benefice of Newton Poppleford with a portion of the said United Benefice of Harpford with Venn Ottery and further to inquire into and report upon an union of the said Benefice of Tipton Saint John with the remaining portion of the said United Benefice of Harpford with Venn Ottery duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Exeter and therein recommended the severance of the Benefice of Venn Ottery from the said United Benefice of Harpford with Venn Ottery and the union of the said Benefice of Venn Ottery so severed with the contiguous Benefice of Tipton Saint John and therein further recommended the union of the remaining portion of the said United Benefice of Harpford with Venn Ottery that is to say the Benefice of Harpford with the neighbouring Benefice of Newton Poppleford and the terms for effecting the said two unions and the said Bishop of Exeter signified in writing his approval of the said Report:

"And whereas we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, have prepared this Scheme for effecting the two unions of Benefices so recommended as aforesaid which Scheme is based upon the terms recommended in the said Report:

"And whereas each of the said Benefices of Newton Poppleford, Harpford with Venn Ottery and Tipton Saint John is now full, the Reverend William Kendall Suart being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Newton Poppleford, the Reverend Douglas Hodgson being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Harpford with Venn Ottery and the Reverend George Every being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Tipton Saint John:

"And whereas there is at present no Parsonage House standing within or belonging to either of the said Benefices of Tipton Saint John and Venn Ottery:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said William, Bishop of Exeter (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 a portion of the said United Benefice of Harpford with Venn Ottery, that is to say, the Benefice of Venn Ottery, shall be severed from the said United Benefice of Harpford with Venn Ottery and the Benefice of Venn Ottery so severed and the said Benefice of Tipton Saint John shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Tipton Saint John with Venn Ottery' and that the Parishes of the said Benefices of Tipton Saint John and Venn Ottery shall also be united into one Parish for ecclesiastical purposes and for such other purposes as in the said Act provided.

"2. That the church of the Parish of Tipton Saint John shall be the Parish church of the United Benefice of Tipton Saint John with Venn Ottery and that the Table of Fees for

the said Parish of Tipton Saint John shall (until revised or altered by proper authority) be the Table of Fees for the United Parish of Tipton Saint John with Venn Ottery.

"3. That the said Benefice of Harpford with Venn Ottery after the severance of such portion as aforesaid and the said Benefice of Newton Poppleford shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Newton Poppleford with Harpford' but the Parishes of the said Benefices of Newton Poppleford and Harpford shall continue distinct in all respects.

"4. That with the consents of the said William Kendall Suart and George Every (testified by their signing this Scheme) the union (a) of the said Benefices of Newton Poppleford and Harpford and the union (b) of the said Benefices of Tipton Saint John and Venn Ottery shall, if upon the day of the date of the publication of any Order of Your Majesty in Council affirming this Scheme, the said Benefice of Harpford with Venn Ottery be then vacant, take effect forthwith, but that if upon that day the said Benefice of Harpford with Venn Ottery be not vacant then the said unions shall take effect on the next avoidance of the said Benefice of Harpford with Venn Ottery.

"5. That upon the said unions taking effect the marriage registers in duplicate current at the Church of Venn Ottery shall be sent by the Incumbent of the United Benefice of Tipton Saint John with Venn Ottery to the Registrar-General to be closed officially.

"6. That upon the said unions taking effect the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Newton Poppleford shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice of Newton Poppleford with Harpford.

"7. That upon the said unions taking effect all the glebe situate within the Parish of Harpford and all the Tithe Rent-charges arising within the said Parish of Harpford being part of the endowments at present belonging to the said Benefice of Harpford with Venn Ottery and all capital sums of money and stocks representing or being the produce of the sale, redemption or other conversion of any part or parts of the said glebe or Tithe Rentcharges shall become and be part of the endowments of the United Benefice of Newton Poppleford with Harpford and all the other endowments of the said Benefice of Harpford with Venn Ottery shall become and be part of the endowments of the United Benefice of Tipton Saint John with Venn Ottery.

"8. That after the said unions have taken effect (a) the course and succession in which the respective Patrons shall present or nominate to the United Benefice of Newton Poppleford with Harpford from time to time as the same shall become vacant shall be as follows, that is to say, the right of presentation shall be exercised by the Patrons of the said two Benefices of Newton Poppleford and Harpford with Venn Ottery alternately, the Patron of the said Benefice of Newton Poppleford having the right upon the first presentation to the United Benefice to be made after the union and every alternate right of presentation and the Patron of the said Benefice of Harpford with Venn Ottery having the right of presentation upon