

years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 142, and the Act of the 61st and 62nd years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 23, and the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure, 1921, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme, bearing date the 25th day of January, 1923, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

“ We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Union of Benefices Acts, 1860 and 1898, namely, the Act of the 23rd and 24th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 142, and the Act of the 61st and 62nd years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 23, and the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure, 1921, have prepared, and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council, the following Scheme for effecting an union of two contiguous Benefices, situate within the Metropolis, and within the City of Westminster and the Diocese of London, namely, the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Saint Stephen, Westminster, and the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Saint Mary, Tothill Fields, Westminster, and for effecting certain other measures incidental to or arising out of such union:

“ Whereas the Patronage of the said Benefice of Saint Stephen, Westminster, is vested in the Right Honourable and Right Reverend Arthur Foley, Bishop of the said Diocese of London, in right of his See:

“ And whereas the Patronage of the said Benefice of Saint Mary, Tothill Fields, Westminster, is vested in the Rector or Incumbent for the time being of the Rectory of the Parish of Saint John the Evangelist, Westminster:

“ And whereas the said Arthur Foley, Bishop of London, has caused Proposals for a Scheme for effecting an union of the said two Benefices to be laid before us, which Proposals were prepared under the 7th and 8th sections of the firstly hereinbefore mentioned Act, and were approved by the said Arthur Foley, Bishop of London, and were assented to by the said Arthur Foley, Bishop of London, as the Patron of the said Benefice of Saint Stephen, Westminster, and by the Reverend Henry Lawe Corry Vully de Candole, Canon of the Collegiate Church of Saint Peter at Westminster and Rector or Incumbent of the said Rectory of Saint John the Evangelist, Westminster, as the Patron of the said Benefice of Saint Mary, Tothill Fields, Westminster, and the same Proposals were also, subject to certain modifications, assented to by the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Saint Stephen, Westminster, and by the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Saint Mary, Tothill Fields, Westminster:

“ And whereas it appears to us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, to be expedient that the said proposed union of the said two Benefices should be effected, and that such arrangements relating thereto and to the other matters hereinafter referred to should be made as hereinafter mentioned:

“ And whereas both of the said Benefices of Saint Stephen, Westminster, and of Saint Mary, Tothill Fields, Westminster, are now full, the Reverend William Henry Greaves Twining, Clerk in Holy Orders, being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Saint Stephen, Westminster, and the Reverend Shepley Stancliffe Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders, being the present Incumbent of the said Bene-

fic of Saint Mary, Tothill Fields, Westminster:

“ And whereas the said Arthur Foley, now Bishop of London, as such Bishop and as such Patron as aforesaid, and the said Henry Lawe Corry Vully de Candole, as such Patron as aforesaid, and the Parochial Church Councils of the said Parishes respectively, are willing that the Scheme for effecting the said union should embody certain modifications of the said Proposals; and this present Scheme does embody the same modifications accordingly but otherwise is based upon the said Proposals:

“ Now, therefore, with the consent of the said Arthur Foley, Bishop of London (in testimony whereof he has to this Scheme set his hand and his Episcopal Seal), and with the consent of the said Henry Lawe Corry Vully de Candole (in testimony whereof he has signed and sealed this Scheme), and with the consents of the Parochial Church Council of the said Parish of Saint Stephen, Westminster, and of the Parochial Church Council of the said Parish of Saint Mary, Tothill Fields, Westminster (in testimony of which consents this Scheme is signed, in the case of each of the said Parochial Church Councils by the Chairman and two other Members present at a meeting of the same Parochial Church Council duly convened for the purpose of giving such consent), we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty in Council all that is in this Scheme contained under the several parts or headings hereinafter mentioned, as follows:—

“ PART I.

“ As to the proposed Union itself and certain immediate incidents thereof we recommend and propose:—

“ 1. That the said Benefice of Saint Stephen, Westminster, and the said Benefice of Saint Mary, Tothill Fields, Westminster, be united into one Benefice under the style of ‘ The United Benefice of Saint Stephen and Saint Mary, Westminster,’ which said United Benefice is hereinafter called the United Benefice.

“ 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 present Benefices shall be vacant, the union shall forthwith take effect, and if one of the said present Benefices only shall then be vacant, the said union shall also forthwith take effect if the Incumbent of the other of the said present Benefices, with the approval of the Bishop of the said Diocese of London, shall consent to become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice, but, if he shall not, with such approval, so consent, then the said union shall take effect upon the next avoidance of his Benefice and the then Incumbent of the other of the said two Benefices shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice, and 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 present Benefices shall be full, then the said union shall take effect on the next avoidance of either of them, if the then Incumbent of the other of the said two Benefices shall, with the approval aforesaid, consent to become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice, but, if he shall not so consent, then the union shall take effect upon the