

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 Southwell.

M. P. A. Hankey.

At the Court at Windsor Castle, the 16th day of April, 1924.

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 10th day of April, 1924, 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 Meysey Hampton situate in the County of Gloucester and the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Marston Meysey, situate in the County of Wilts, and both situate in the Diocese of Gloucester:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Arthur Cayley, Bishop of Gloucester, 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 Meysey Hampton and Marston Meysey duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Gloucester and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Gloucester 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 Meysey Hampton and Marston Meysey are now full, the Reverend John Alfred Ford being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Meysey Hampton and the Reverend Ralph Walker being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Marston Meysey:

"And whereas the Advowson or perpetual right of Patronage of and presentation to the said Benefice of Marston Meysey now belongs to the Incumbent for the time being of the said Benefice of Meysey Hampton:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Arthur Cayley, Bishop of Gloucester (in testimony whereof he has signed this Scheme), do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

"1. That the said Benefice of Meysey Hampton and the said Benefice of Marston Meysey shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Meysey Hampton with Marston Meysey' 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 Meysey Hampton shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice.

"4. That after the said union has taken effect the right of Patronage of and of presentation or nomination to the United Benefice shall belong wholly to the Patrons of the said Benefice of Meysey Hampton.

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

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 Gloucester.

M. P. A. Hankey.