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TUESDAY, 30 JUNE, 1925.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 25th day of June, 1925.

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, of the Union of Benefices Measure, 1921, and of the Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme bearing date the 28th day of May, 1925, 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, of the Union of Benefices Measure, 1921, and of the Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, have prepared, and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council, the following Scheme for effecting the union of the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Bishopstone and the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Stratford Tony, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Wilts and in the Diocese of Salisbury:

“ Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend St. Clair George Alfred, Bishop of Salisbury, 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 Bishopstone and Stratford Tony duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Salisbury and therein

recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Salisbury 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 the said Benefice of Bishopstone is now full, the Reverend Francis Raikes being the present Incumbent thereof and the said Benefice of Stratford Tony is at present vacant:

“ And whereas the said Francis Raikes has consented to become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice, if and when the union which is hereinafter recommended and proposed shall take effect:

“ Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said St. Clair George Alfred, Bishop of Salisbury (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 Bishopstone and the said Benefice of Stratford Tony shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of ‘ The United Benefice of Bishopstone with Stratford Tony ’ 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