

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 Peterborough.

M. P. A. Hankey.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 2nd day of *December*, 1926.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**WHEREAS** the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme, bearing date the 11th day of November, 1926, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, acting in pursuance 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 Vicarage) of Oare and the Benefice (being a United Benefice) of Luddenham with Stone, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Kent and in the Diocese of Canterbury:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Randall Thomas, Archbishop of Canterbury, pursuant to the provisions of the said Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, to inquire into and report upon the union of the said two Benefices of Oare and Luddenham with Stone duly made their Report to the said Archbishop of Canterbury and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and therein further recommended certain alterations of boundaries affecting the Parishes of Benefices not referred to in the Commission, namely, the Benefices of Ospringe, The Brents, Murston, Buckland, Preston next Faversham, Goodnestone with Graveney and Faversham, all in the said County of Kent and in the said Diocese of Canterbury, and the said Archbishop of Canterbury 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 Oare and Luddenham with Stone are now full, the Reverend Alfred Dyson being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Oare and the Reverend Percy Lewis being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Luddenham with Stone:

"And whereas only one Parsonage House will be left standing or remaining within or belonging to the United Benefice when the union which is hereinafter recommended and proposed shall take effect namely the Parsonage House belonging to the said Benefice of Oare:

"And whereas it may become necessary that the Parsonage House at Oare hereinafter recommended to become the Parsonage House of the United Benefice shall be restored or rebuilt, but we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, and the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty, hold certain funds

which will be available for that purpose if and when the union hereinafter recommended and proposed shall take effect:

"And whereas there is no Parish Church left standing within the Parish of the said Benefice of Stone:

"And whereas the said Randall Thomas, Archbishop of Canterbury, has certified to us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, that the Patron of the said Benefice of Buckland cannot be found and we have accordingly directed that for the purposes of this Scheme the said Archbishop of Canterbury shall represent such Patron:

"Now, therefore, we the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Randall Thomas, Archbishop of Canterbury (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 Oare and the said Benefice of Luddenham with Stone shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Oare with Luddenham and Stone,' and that the Parishes of Luddenham and Stone be united into one Parish (hereinafter called the Parish of Luddenham with Stone) for all Ecclesiastical purposes and for such other purposes as in the said Measure provided, but the Parish of Oare and the Parish of Luddenham with Stone aforesaid 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 also take effect forthwith if the Incumbent of the other of the said two Benefices shall consent to become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice, but, if he shall not so consent then the said union shall take effect upon the next avoidance of his Benefice and the then Incumbent (if any) of the other of the said two Benefices shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice; and if neither of the said two Benefices be then vacant then the said union shall take effect on the next avoidance of either of the said two Benefices if the Incumbent at that time of the other of the said two Benefices shall consent to become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice, but if he shall not so consent then the said union shall take effect immediately upon the next vacancy of his Benefice and the then Incumbent (if any) of the other of the said two Benefices shall become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice.

"3. That upon the said union taking effect the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Oare 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 course and succession in which the respective Patrons shall present or nominate to the United Benefice 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 alternately; and the first turn