

Totternhoe, now vested in him as aforesaid, should be transferred to and be vested in the Bishop of Saint Albans for the time being:

"And whereas the Right Reverend Michael, now Bishop of Saint Albans, is willing to accept such transfer, and in token of such his willingness and also in token that the same transfer has that consent of the Bishop of the Diocese which by the Acts in the hereinbefore mentioned Act recited or by some or one of them is made necessary he, the said Michael, Bishop of Saint Albans, has executed this Scheme as hereinafter mentioned:

"And whereas the transfer of the Patronage of the said Benefices of Little Gaddesden; Nettleden with Holy Trinity, Potten End; and Totternhoe, which is hereinbefore mentioned and hereinafter recommended and proposed will in our opinion tend to make better provision for the Cure of Souls in the Parishes or Districts in or in respect of which the rights of Patronage or Advowsons so recommended and proposed to be transferred as aforesaid arise or exist, that is to say, in the Parishes of Little Gaddesden; Nettleden; Holy Trinity, Potten End; and Totternhoe:

"Now, therefore, with the consent of the said Arthur Day (in testimony whereof he has signed and sealed this Scheme) and with the consent of the said Michael, Bishop of Saint Albans (in testimony whereof he has signed this Scheme and sealed the same with his Episcopal Seal), we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, humbly recommend and propose that upon and from the day of the date of the publication in the London Gazette of any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme and without any conveyance or assurance in the law other than such duly gazetted Order the whole Advowson or perpetual right of Patronage of and presentation to each of the said Benefices of Little Gaddesden; Nettleden with Holy Trinity, Potten End; and Totternhoe, now vested in him, the said Arthur Day, as aforesaid, shall be transferred to the said Michael, Bishop of Saint Albans, and his successors in the same Bishopric, and shall thereupon and thenceforth become and be absolutely vested in and shall and may from time to time be exercised by the said Michael, Bishop of Saint Albans, and by his successors in the same Bishopric for ever.

"And we further recommend and propose that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any further or other measures relating to the matters aforesaid, or any of them, in accordance with the provisions of the said Acts, or of any of them or of any other Act of Parliament."

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 ratify the said Scheme, and to order and direct that the same 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 Acts.

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 St. Albans.

M. P. A. Hankey.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 6th day of *February*, 1928.

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 19th day of January, 1928, 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 Rectory) of Bedstone and the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Hopton Castle, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Salop and in the Diocese of Hereford:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Martin Linton, Bishop of Hereford, 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 Bedstone and Hopton Castle duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Hereford and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Hereford 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 Bedstone and Hopton Castle are now full, the Reverend Charles Edmond Shackleton being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Bedstone and the Reverend Edward Daubeny Elton being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Hopton Castle:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Martin Linton, Bishop of Hereford (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 Bedstone and the said Benefice of Hopton Castle shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Bedstone with Hopton Castle,' 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 the said Benefice of Hopton Castle only 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 then