

" 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 two Benefices of North Waltham and Steventon are now full the Reverend William Rogers Lawson being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of North Waltham, and the Reverend Herbert Edward Watson Steedman being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Steventon:

" And whereas the said Benefice of Deane is at present vacant:

" Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Theodore, Bishop of Winchester (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 North Waltham and the said Benefice of Steventon shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of North Waltham with Steventon' 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 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 and if the Bishop of Winchester shall signify his consent in writing thereto, but, if such Incumbent shall not so consent (or if the Bishop of Winchester shall not signify his consent as aforesaid) 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 and if the Bishop of Winchester shall signify his consent in writing thereto, but if he shall not so consent (or if the Bishop of Winchester shall not signify his consent as aforesaid) 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 North Waltham shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice and so soon as conveniently may be the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Steventon and the site and appurtenances thereof and the grounds heretofore usually occupied and enjoyed therewith shall be sold

and disposed of by us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners at such time or times and in such manner in all respects as to us shall seem expedient and that out of the net proceeds of such sale we shall first appropriate such sum as to us and to the Bishop of Winchester appears reasonable towards the cost of providing a Parish Hall or Church Room within the United Benefice and any balance of such net proceeds shall constitute and form part of the Expenses Fund established pursuant to the 32nd Section of the said Union of Benefices Measure, 1923.

" 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 of presentation or nomination to the United Benefice shall belong to the Patron of that one of the two said Benefices of North Waltham and Steventon, an Incumbent of which does not become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice under any of the provisions of clause 2 of this Scheme.

" 5. That upon the union taking effect all the Tithe rent charges, Glebe lands and all other the endowments belonging to the said United Benefice or which may hereafter belong to the same United Benefice shall be charged and for ever after be chargeable in favour of the Incumbents for the time being of the four Benefices of Woodmancote with Popham; Bishop's Sutton; East Boldre; and Hale with South Charford, all in the said Diocese of Winchester with the annual sums or yearly rent charges hereinafter mentioned that is to say (1) a clear annual sum or yearly rent charge of £50 in favour of the Incumbent for the time being of the said Benefice of Woodmancote with Popham; (2) a clear annual sum or yearly rent charge of £50 in favour of the Incumbent for the time being of the said Benefice of Bishop's Sutton; (3) a clear annual sum or yearly rent charge of £50 in favour of the Incumbent for the time being of the said Benefice of East Boldre; and (4) a clear annual sum or yearly rent charge of £30 in favour of the Incumbent for the time being of the said Benefice of Hale with South Charford; the same annual sums or yearly rent charges to be as from the date of the said union taking effect due and payable to the Incumbents of the said Benefices of Woodmancote with Popham; Bishop's Sutton; East Boldre; and Hale with South Charford respectively and the said annual sums or yearly rent charges to be apportionable in each case between any outgoing Incumbent of any of the said Benefices of Woodmancote with Popham; Bishop's Sutton; East Boldre; and Hale with South Charford; or his representatives on the one hand and his successor in the same Incumbency on the other hand and to be receivable by the Incumbents in whose favour they are charged as aforesaid by equal half yearly payments on the first day of May and the first day of November in every year and for the recovery of the said yearly rent charges in each case the Incumbents of the said Benefices of Woodmancote with Popham; Bishop's Sutton;