

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 7th day of *May*, 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 26th day of April, 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 Hope and the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Shelve, 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 Hope and Shelve 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 the said Benefice of Hope is now full the Reverend Henry Walter Spurling being the present Incumbent thereof and the said Benefice of Shelve is at present vacant:

" And whereas the said Henry Walter Spurling 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 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 Hope and the said Benefice of Shelve shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of ' The United Benefice of Hope with Shelve ' 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 shall be published in the London Gazette the union shall forthwith take effect and the said Henry Walter Spurling if he is then Incumbent of the said Benefice of Hope shall be 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 Hope 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, that in every series of four successive turns of presentation or nomination to be made to the United Benefice after the union the Patrons of the said Benefice of Hope shall have the first, the second and the fourth turns and the Patron of the said Benefice of Shelve shall have the third turn.

" 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 Measure, or of any other Measure of the National Assembly of the Church of England, or of any Act of Parliament."

And whereas drafts of the said Scheme have been duly published in accordance with the provisions of the said Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, and Notices have been transmitted to the persons or bodies entitled under the same Measure to receive Notice 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 Statutory Rules applicable to proceedings under the said Union of Benefices Measure, 1923:

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

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 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 date when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette pursuant to the said Measure.

And His Majesty, by and with the like advice, is pleased to direct that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the said Diocese of Hereford.

M. P. A. Hankey.

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WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the 33rd and 34th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 39, and of the Acts therein mentioned, that is to say,