

Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme bearing date the 13th day of December, 1923, 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 Chipping Warden and the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Edgcote both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Northampton and in the Diocese of Peterborough:

“Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Claude, Bishop of Peterborough, 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 Chipping Warden and Edgcote duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Peterborough and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Peterborough 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 Chipping Warden and Edgcote are now full being held in plurality by the Reverend Edward Vernon Rumbold under the authority of a Dispensation:

“And whereas the said Edward Vernon Rumbold 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 Claude, Bishop of Peterborough (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 Chipping Warden and the said Benefice of Edgcote shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of ‘The United Benefice of Chipping Warden with Edgcote’ 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 Edward Vernon Rumbold if he is then the Incumbent of both of the said Benefices of Chipping Warden and Edgcote shall become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice and his admission thereto shall be without any form or fee of or for presentation or nomination and he shall not be required to pay any fees in respect of his collation, institution, licence, or induction to the United Benefice beyond such fees as he would have been liable to pay if his admission to the United Benefice had been an admission solely to that one of the said two Benefices for the holding of which in plurality with the other a Dispensation was heretofore granted to him, and for the purpose

of the 5th Section of the Incumbents’ Resignation Act, 1871, and of Schedule A thereto, his tenure of the said Benefices of Chipping Warden and Edgcote shall be deemed to continue notwithstanding his admission to the United Benefice.

“3. That upon the said union taking effect the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Chipping Warden 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, the Patron of the said Benefice of Edgcote having the right upon the first presentation to the United Benefice to be made after the union and every alternate right of presentation and the Patron of the said Benefice of Chipping Warden having the right of presentation upon the second presentation to the United Benefice to be made after the union and every alternate turn thereafter.

“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 Peterborough 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 on behalf of His Majesty at the Council held under the authority of the said Commission:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty The Queen, His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, His Royal Highness The Duke of York, His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and the Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury, being authorized thereto by His Majesty’s said Commission have taken the said Scheme into consideration, and do hereby, by and with the advice of His Majesty’s Privy Council, on His Majesty’s behalf, affirm the said Scheme and