

Benefices Act, 1919, of the Union of Benefices Measure, 1921, and 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 Great Barrington, the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Little Barrington, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Gloucester and in the Diocese of Gloucester, and the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Taynton, situate in the County of Oxford and in the Diocese of Oxford:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Arthur Cayley, Bishop of Gloucester, pursuant to the provisions of the said Union of Benefices Act, 1919, to inquire into and report upon the union of the said two Benefices of Great Barrington and Little Barrington duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Gloucester and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Gloucester signified in writing his approval of the said Report:

"And whereas the said Benefices of Great Barrington and Taynton are now held in plurality and have been so held continuously, save during periods of avoidance under not less than three successive incumbencies:

"And whereas we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, have prepared this Scheme for the union of the said three Benefices based upon the terms recommended in the said Report:

"And whereas the said Benefices of Great Barrington and Taynton are now full the Reverend Gerald Robert Parkinson being the present Incumbent thereof and the said Benefice of Little Barrington is at present vacant:

"And whereas the said Gerald Robert Parkinson 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, with the consent of the said Arthur Cayley, Bishop of Gloucester (in testimony whereof he has signed this Scheme), with the consent of the Right Reverend Thomas Banks, Bishop of Oxford (in testimony whereof he has signed this Scheme), with the consent of the Diocesan Committee of the Diocese of Gloucester appointed pursuant to the said Union of Benefices Measure, 1923 (signified by a Resolution of such Diocesan Committee dated the 24th day of March, 1927, and duly communicated to us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners), and with the consent of the Diocesan Committee of the Diocese of Oxford appointed pursuant to the said last mentioned Measure (signified by a Resolution of such Diocesan Committee dated the 6th day of October, 1927, and duly communicated to us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners), we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

"1. That the said Benefice of Great Barrington, the said Benefice of Little Barrington, and the said Benefice of Taynton, shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Great and Little Barrington with Taynton' and that such

United Benefice shall be included in and form part of the Diocese of Gloucester, the Archdeaconry of Cheltenham, and the Rural Deanery of Northleach 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 Gerald Robert Parkinson if he is then Incumbent of the said Benefices of Great Barrington and Taynton 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 Taynton 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 Patron of the said Benefice of Great Barrington (who is also Patron of the said Benefice of Taynton) shall have the first the second and the third turns and the Patron of the said Benefice of Little Barrington shall have the fourth 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 Act or Measures or of any other Act of Parliament or Measure of the National Assembly of the Church of England."

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 certain objections have been so stated or transmitted to the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners within the time prescribed in the same Rules:

And whereas the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners after giving full consideration to such objections have deemed right to make no alterations in such draft Scheme:

And whereas public notice of the certification to His Majesty in Council of the said Scheme and the consents thereto in writing of the Bishops of the respective Dioceses of Gloucester and Oxford has been duly given in the manner and within the time prescribed in the Statutory Rules aforesaid:

And whereas no appeal has been made to His Majesty in Council within the period of one month after the date of the said public notice in accordance with the provisions of the said Measure against the said Scheme or any part thereof by any person who has made