

" And whereas the said Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery is willing that the whole advowson or perpetual right of Patronage of and presentation to the said Benefice of West Knoyle should be transferred to and be vested in the Bishop of Salisbury for the time being to the intent that the Patronage of the United Benefice hereinafter recommended and proposed to be constituted shall be vested wholly in the See of Salisbury :

" And whereas the Right Reverend St. Clair George Alfred, now Bishop of Salisbury, 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 of the 33rd and 34th years of Her said late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 39, or by some or one of them is made necessary he the said St. Clair George Alfred, Bishop of Salisbury, has executed this Scheme as hereinafter mentioned :

" And whereas the transfer of the Patronage of the said Benefice of West Knoyle 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 Parish or District in or in respect of which the right of patronage or advowson so recommended and proposed to be transferred as aforesaid arises or exists, that is to say, in the Parish of the said Benefice of West Knoyle hereinafter recommended and proposed to be united with the said Benefice of Mere :

" And whereas both of the said Benefices of Mere and West Knoyle are now full the Reverend Ian Grant Cameron being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Mere and the Reverend Samuel Fraser Handcock being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of West Knoyle :

" And whereas we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, have prepared this Scheme for the union of the said two Benefices of Mere and West Knoyle based upon the terms of the hereinbefore mentioned Report to the Bishop of Salisbury, and, further, for effecting such transfer of Patronage as is hereinbefore mentioned :

" Now, therefore, with the consent so far as the transfer of Patronage hereinafter recommended is concerned, of the said Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, as the person whose consent as Patron is required by the provisions of the hereinbefore mentioned Acts and of the Act of the 1st and 2nd years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 106 (in testimony of which consent he has signed and sealed this Scheme), and with the consent of the said St. Clair George Alfred, Bishop of Salisbury (in testimony whereof he has signed this Scheme and sealed the same with his Episcopal Seal), we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say :—

" 1. That upon 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 the said Benefice of West Knoyle shall be transferred to the said St. Clair George Alfred, Bishop of

Salisbury, 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 St. Clair George Alfred, Bishop of Salisbury, and by his successors in the same Bishopric for ever.

" 2. That the said Benefice of Mere and the said Benefice of West Knoyle shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Mere with West Knoyle' but the Parishes of the said Benefices shall continue distinct in all respects.

" 3. 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 West Knoyle 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 next avoidance of the said Benefice of Mere and the then Incumbent of West Knoyle shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice, and if the said Benefice of Mere only shall be then vacant the said union shall take effect upon the next avoidance of the said Benefice of West Knoyle, and if neither of the said two Benefices be then vacant, then the said union shall take effect on the next avoidance of the said Benefice of West Knoyle if the Incumbent at that time of the said Benefice of Mere shall have been instituted to Mere subsequently to the date of the publication in the London Gazette of any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme or if instituted before that date shall consent to become the Incumbent of the United Benefice, but if he shall have been instituted to the said Benefice of Mere before that date and shall not so consent, then the said union shall take effect immediately upon the next vacancy of the said Benefice of Mere following such avoidance of the said Benefice of West Knoyle and the then Incumbent of the said Benefice of West Knoyle shall become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice.

" 4. That upon the said union taking effect the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Mere 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 West Knoyle 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 a sum sufficient in the opinion of us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners and the Bishop of Salisbury for the provision of a Curate's Residence for the United Benefice shall first be appropriated for that purpose and the 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.