

"And whereas the Advowson or perpetual right of Patronage of and presentation to each of the said three Benefices of Almer, Charborough and Morden now belongs to one and the same Patron or Patrons:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said St. Clair George Alfred, Bishop of Salisbury (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 Almer, the said Benefice of Charborough and the said Benefice of Morden shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Morden with Almer and Charborough' 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 Baron Henry Paull Hichens if he is then Incumbent of the said Benefices of Almer and Charborough shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice.

"3. That at any time and from time to time after the union has taken effect the Incumbent of the United Benefice shall employ such clerical or lay assistance in the performance of the duties of the United Benefice as the Bishop may require.

"4. That upon the said Union taking effect the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Morden shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice.

"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 Salisbury 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 hereby to direct that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the said Diocese of Salisbury.

*Colin Smith.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 15th day of *August*, 1929.

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 25th day of July, 1929, 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 of Pitcombe and the Benefice of Shepton Montague, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Somerset and in the Diocese of Bath and Wells:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend St. John Basil Wynne, Bishop of Bath and Wells, 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 Pitcombe and Shepton Montague, duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Bath and Wells, and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union (including certain alterations of boundaries affecting the Parish of the said Benefice of Shepton Montague and the Parishes of the Benefices of Bruton with Wyke and Charlton Musgrove situate in the said County and Diocese) and the said Bishop of Bath and Wells signified in writing his approval of the said Report:

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

"And whereas both of the said Benefices of Pitcombe and Shepton Montague are now vacant:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said St. John Basil Wynne, Bishop of Bath and Wells (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 Pitcombe and the said Benefice of Shepton Montague shall be permanently united together and form one