

Clement, and the Benefice (being an United Benefice) of Winchester, Saint Michael with Saint Swithun, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Southampton and in the Diocese of Winchester:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Theodore, Bishop of Winchester, 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 Winchester, Saint Thomas with Saint Clement, and Winchester, Saint Michael with Saint Swithun, duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Winchester and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Winchester 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 Winchester, Saint Thomas with Saint Clement, is now full, the Reverend George Richard Duxbury being the present Incumbent thereof, and the said Benefice of Winchester, Saint Michael with Saint Swithun, is at present vacant:

"And whereas the Patronage of the said Benefice of Winchester, Saint Thomas with Saint Clement, belongs wholly to the Bishop for the time being of the said Diocese of Winchester and the Patronage of the said Benefice of Winchester, Saint Michael with Saint Swithun, is exercisable alternately by the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain acting on behalf of Your Majesty, Your Heirs and Successors and the Bishop of the said Diocese of Winchester respectively:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Theodore, Bishop of Winchester (in testimony whereof he has signed this Scheme), and with the consent of the said George Richard Duxbury (testified by his signing this Scheme), do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

"1. That the said Benefice of Winchester, Saint Thomas with Saint Clement, and the said Benefice of Winchester, Saint Michael with Saint Swithun, shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Winchester, Saint Thomas and Saint Clement with Saint Michael and Saint Swithun,' 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 George Richard Duxbury if he is then Incumbent of the said Benefice of Winchester, Saint Thomas with Saint Clement, shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice.

"3. That a Curate be appointed to assist the Incumbent in performing the duties of the United Benefice and that the stipend to be assigned to the Curate out of the revenues of the United Benefice shall be of such amount not exceeding £240 per annum as the Bishop may from time to time determine this recommendation and proposal being made to the intent that the Bishop shall have the power of

requiring the appointment of a Curate in accordance with and subject to the conditions and provisions of Subsection (b) of Section 18 of the said Union of Benefices Measure, 1923.

"4. That upon the said union taking effect the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Winchester, Saint Michael with Saint Swithun, shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice.

"5. 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 three successive turns of presentation or nomination to be made to the United Benefice after the union the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain on behalf of Your Majesty, Your Heirs and Successors shall have the first turn and the Bishop for the time being of the said Diocese of Winchester shall have the second and the third turns.

"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 Winchester 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 Winchester.

*M. P. A. Hankey.*