

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 27th day of *October*, 1930.

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 31st day of July, 1930, 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 Uppingham and the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Ayston, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Rutland 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 Uppingham and Ayston 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 the said Benefice of Uppingham is now full, the Reverend Canon George Leyburn Richardson being the present Incumbent thereof and the said Benefice of Ayston is at present vacant:

"And whereas the share of the Patronage of the United Benefice when the union which is hereinafter recommended and proposed shall take effect which on a fair and just apportionment would be assignable in respect of the interest of the Patron of the said Benefice of Ayston would in our opinion be negligible:

"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 Uppingham and the said Benefice of Ayston shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Uppingham with Ayston' but the Parishes of the said Benefices shall continue distinct in all respects.

"2. 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 one only of the said two Benefices shall be then vacant the said union shall take effect upon the next

avoidance of the other of the said two Benefices; and if neither of the said two Benefices be then vacant the said union shall take effect upon the next avoidance of that one of the said two Benefices which shall last be avoided after the date of the publication in the London Gazette of any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme.

"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 £250 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 Uppingham 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 Patronage of the United Benefice shall belong wholly to the Patron of the said Benefice of Uppingham.

"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 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.