

Stratfield Turgis and the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Hartley Wespall 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 Stratfield Turgis and Hartley Wespall 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 both of the said Benefices of Stratfield Turgis and Hartley Wespall are now full, the Reverend John Channing Abdy being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Stratfield Turgis and the Reverend Herbert Thomas Hughes being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Hartley Wespall:

"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), do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

"1. That the said Benefice of Stratfield Turgis and the said Benefice of Hartley Wespall shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Hartley Wespall with Stratfield Turgis' 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 the said Benefice of Hartley Wespall 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 Stratfield Turgis and the then Incumbent of Hartley Wespall shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice, and if the said Benefice of Stratfield Turgis only shall be then vacant the said union shall take effect upon the next avoidance of the said Benefice of Hartley Wespall 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 Hartley Wespall if the Incumbent at that time of the said Benefice of Stratfield Turgis shall have been instituted to Stratfield Turgis 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 Stratfield Turgis 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 Stratfield Turgis following such avoidance of the said Benefice of Hartley Wespall and the then Incumbent of the said Benefice of Hartley Wespall shall become 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 Hartley Wespall 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 Stratfield Turgis 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 the net proceeds of such sale shall constitute and form part of the Expenses Fund established pursuant to the 32nd Section of the said Union of Benefices Measure, 1923.

"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, the right of presentation shall be exercised by the Patrons of the said two Benefices alternately, the Patrons of the said Benefice of Hartley Wespall having the right upon the first presentation to the United Benefice to be made after the union and every alternate right of presentation and the Patron of the said Benefice of Stratfield Turgis having the right of presentation upon the second presentation to the United Benefice to be made after the union and every alternate turn thereafter.

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 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 consent thereto in writing of