

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 Leicester.

M. P. A. Hankey.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 17th day of *December*, 1931.

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 12th day of November, 1931, 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 Brant Broughton with a part of the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Beckingham both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Lincoln and in the Diocese of Lincoln:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend William Shuckburgh, Bishop of Lincoln, pursuant to the provisions of the said Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, to inquire into and report upon the union of the said Benefice of Brant Broughton with a part of the said Benefice of Beckingham duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Lincoln and therein recommended the union of the said Benefice of Brant Broughton with the Chapelry of Stragglethorpe being a part of the said Benefice of Beckingham and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Lincoln 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 based upon the terms recommended in the said Report:

"And whereas the said Benefice of Beckingham is now full, the Reverend John Joseph Gay being the present Incumbent thereof and the said Benefice of Brant Broughton 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 Beckingham would in our opinion be negligible:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said William Shuckburgh, Bishop of Lincoln (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 Brant Broughton and a part of the said Benefice of Beckingham namely all that part of the said Benefice of Beckingham which is comprised

within the area of the Civil Parish of Stragglethorpe shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls and one Parish for ecclesiastical purposes under the style of 'The United Benefice of Brant Broughton with Stragglethorpe.'

"2. That the Church of the Parish of Brant Broughton shall be the Parish Church of the United Parish and that the Table of Fees for the said Parish of Brant Broughton shall (until revised or altered by proper authority) be the Table of Fees for the United Parish.

"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 referred to in clause 1 of this Scheme 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, and the Incumbent (if any) of the said Benefice of Brant Broughton 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 Brant Broughton 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 Patrons of the said Benefice of Brant Broughton.

"6. That upon the union taking effect a portion of the endowment and property of the said Benefice of Beckingham namely a fixed Corn Rent of £45 per annum arising upon lands in the Manor of Stragglethorpe shall be transferred from the said Benefice of Beckingham and shall be annexed to 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