

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

"1. That the said Benefice of Greens Norton and the said Benefice of Braden shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Greens Norton with Braden' 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 upon the union taking effect provision shall be made by the Incumbent of the United Benefice for obtaining occasional clerical or lay assistance and a portion of the endowments of the United Benefice namely the whole of the endowments of the said Benefice of Braden shall be charged with a sum of £100 per annum as a fund to meet the expenses of providing occasional clerical or lay assistance as aforesaid which said fund of £100 per annum shall be held and administered by the Incumbent of the United Benefice but shall be applicable only to the purposes aforesaid, provided that it shall be lawful for the Bishop of the Diocese if he thinks proper at any time and from time to time to direct that the said charge of £100 per annum shall be paid by the Incumbent of the United Benefice to the Diocesan Board of Finance of the Diocese as trustees to apply the same for the purpose of paying the expense of occasional clerical or lay assistance as aforesaid.

"4. That upon the said union taking effect the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Greens Norton 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 Braden 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 be held and invested by us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for the benefit 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 Patron of the said Benefice of Greens Norton shall have two turns and the Patron of the said Benefice of Braden shall have one turn, and (a) if under any of

the provisions of Clause 2 of this Scheme the union shall take effect when both Benefices are vacant or upon an avoidance of the said Benefice of Braden the Patron of the said Benefice of Braden shall have the first turn and the Patron of the said Benefice of Greens Norton shall have the second and third turns but (b) if the union shall take effect upon an avoidance of the said Benefice of Greens Norton the Patron of the said Benefice of Greens Norton shall have the first and third turns and the Patron of the said Benefice of Braden shall have the second turn.

"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 the Bishop of Peterborough has been duly given in the manner and within the time prescribed in the Statutory Rules aforesaid:

And whereas no appeal has been made to His Majesty in Council within the period of one month after the date of the said public notice in accordance with the provisions of the said Measure against the said Scheme or any part thereof by any person who has made objection as aforesaid to the said draft Scheme:

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 Peterborough.

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