

Bishop of Lichfield embodies certain modifications thereof:

"And whereas the said Benefices of Oakamoor and Cotton are now both full, being held in plurality by the Reverend Keith Franklin Jones under the authority of a Dispensation:

"And whereas the Church or Chapel of the said Benefice of Cotton is situate within the area of the Civil Parish of Cotton being a part of the Parish of the said Benefice of Alton:

"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 Cotton would in our opinion be negligible:

"Now, therefore, with the consent of the said John Augustine, Bishop of Lichfield (in testimony whereof he has signed this Scheme), and with the consent of the said Keith Franklin Jones (testified by his signing this Scheme), and with the consent also so far as the area of the said Benefice of Alton is affected by the proposals hereinafter mentioned of the Reverend William James Betson, now Incumbent of such Benefice (testified by his signing this Scheme), we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

"1. That the said Benefice of Oakamoor and the said Benefice of Cotton shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Oakamoor with Cotton,' and that the Parish of the said Benefice of Oakamoor and all that part of the Parish of the said Benefice of Alton which is comprised within the area of the Civil Parish of Cotton shall also be united into one Parish for ecclesiastical purposes and for such other purposes as in the said Measure provided.

"2. That the Church of the Parish of Oakamoor shall be the Parish Church of the United Parish of Oakamoor with Cotton.

"3. That upon the day when any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme shall be published in the London Gazette the unions shall forthwith take effect and the said Keith Franklin Jones if he is then the Incumbent of both of the said Benefices of Oakamoor and Cotton shall become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice and his admission thereto shall be without any form or fee of or for presentation or nomination and he shall not be required to pay any fees in respect of his collation, institution, licence, or induction to the United Benefice beyond such fees as he would have been liable to pay if his admission to the United Benefice had been an admission solely to that one of the said two Benefices for the holding of which in plurality with the other a Dispensation was heretofore granted to him, and for the purpose of the 5th Section of the Incumbents' Resignation Act, 1871, and of Schedule A thereto, his tenure of the said Benefice of Oakamoor and Cotton shall be deemed to continue notwithstanding his admission to the United Benefice.

"4. That upon the said unions taking effect the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Oakamoor shall become and

be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice.

"5. That after the said unions have taken effect the patronage of the United Benefice shall belong wholly to the Patron of the said Benefice of Oakamoor.

"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 Lichfield 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 Lichfield.

M. P. A. Hankey.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 21st day of *July*, 1932.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the 6th and 7th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 37, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme bearing date the 9th day of June, 1932, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the 6th