

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

"1. That the said Benefice of Higham and the said Benefice of Mareston, otherwise Merston, shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Higham with Merston' and that such United Benefice shall be included in and form part of the Rural Deanery of Cliffe and that the Parishes of the said Benefices 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 Higham shall be the Parish Church of the United Parish and that the Table of Fees for the said Parish of Higham shall (until revised or altered by proper authority) be the Table of Fees for the United Parish.

"3. That upon the day when any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme shall be published in the London Gazette the union shall forthwith take effect and the said James Richard Foster if he is then Incumbent of the said Benefice of Higham shall be 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 Higham 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 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 first turn of presentation or nomination to be made to the United Benefice after the union shall belong to the Patrons of the said Benefice of Mareston, otherwise Merston, and the second and every subsequent turn shall belong to the Patron of the said Benefice of Higham.

"6. That with the consent of the said Martin Linton, Bishop of Rochester, and as such Bishop Patron of the said Benefice of Chalk (testified as aforesaid), and with the consent of the Reverend Alexander William Wesley Bowman, now Incumbent of the said Benefice of Chalk (testified by his signing this Scheme), upon the union taking effect all that detached part of the Parish of the said Benefice of Chalk which lies adjacent to the western boundary of the Parish of the said Benefice of Higham shall be transferred and annexed for all ecclesiastical purposes to the Parish of 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 Scheme and the consent thereto in writing of the Bishop of Rochester 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 Rochester.

M. P. A. Hankey.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 26th day of *February*, 1934.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the 16th and 17th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 50, and of the Act of the 23rd and 24th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 124, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme bearing date the 18th day of January, 1934, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the 16th and 17th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 50, and of the Act of the 23rd and 24th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 124, have prepared, and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council, the following Scheme for effecting an exchange of the Patronage of the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Chalk, situate in the County of Kent and in the Diocese of Rochester, for the Patronage of the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Christ Church, Milton, situate in the same County and Diocese:

"Whereas the Advowson or perpetual right of Patronage of and presentation to the said Benefice of Chalk is vested in the Bishop of Rochester for the time being:

"And whereas the Advowson or perpetual right of Patronage of and presentation to the said Benefice of Christ Church, Milton, is vested in the Rector or Incumbent for the