

union of the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Wallingford, Saint Leonard, and the Benefice (being an United Benefice) of Wallingford, Saint Mary the More with all Hallows, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Berks and in the Diocese of Oxford:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Thomas Banks, Bishop of Oxford, pursuant to the provisions of the said Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, to inquire into and report inter alia upon the union of the said two Benefices of Wallingford, Saint Leonard, and Wallingford, Saint Mary the More with All Hallows, duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Oxford and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Oxford 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 which Scheme is based upon the terms recommended in the said Report but with the assent of the said Bishop of Oxford embodies certain modifications thereof:

"And whereas both of the said Benefices of Wallingford, Saint Leonard, and Wallingford, Saint Mary the More with All Hallows, are now full the Reverend Argent Simmons being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Wallingford, Saint Leonard, and the Reverend Herbert St. Patrick Bowen being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Wallingford, Saint Mary the More with All Hallows:

"And whereas the patronage of both of the said Benefices of Wallingford, Saint Leonard, and Wallingford, Saint Mary the More with All Hallows, now belongs to one and the same Patron:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Thomas Banks, Bishop of Oxford (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 Wallingford, Saint Leonard, and the said Benefice of Wallingford, Saint Mary the More with All Hallows shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Wallingford, Saint Mary the More with All Hallows and Saint Leonard' 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 the services of a Curate or occasional clerical or lay assistance and a portion of the endowments of the United Benefice namely the whole of the Tithe Rent Charge and other endowments of the said Benefice of Wallingford, Saint Leonard, shall be charged with a sum of £100 per annum as a fund to meet the expenses of providing for the services of a Curate or for 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 stipend of a Curate or the expense of occasional clerical or lay assistance as aforesaid.

"4. That upon the said union taking effect that one of the Parsonage Houses belonging to the said two Benefices of Wallingford, Saint Leonard, and Wallingford, Saint Mary the More with All Hallows, which shall with the approval in writing of the Bishop of Oxford be selected by us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent 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 Measures, 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 Oxford 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.