

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 8th day of *June*, 1937.

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, and of the Act of the 19th and 20th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 104, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme, bearing date the 29th day of April, 1937, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

“ We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the 6th and 7th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 37, and of the Act of the 19th and 20th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 104, have prepared, and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council, the following Scheme for constituting a separate District for spiritual purposes to be taken partly out of the Parish of West Bromwich and partly out of the New Parish (sometime Consolidated Chapelry) of Saint Paul, Wood Green, Wednesbury, both in the County of Stafford and in the Diocese of Lichfield:

“ Whereas we are satisfied that the said Parish of West Bromwich and the said New Parish of Saint Paul, Wood Green, Wednesbury, are Cures wherein or in parts whereof the provision for public worship and for pastoral superintendence is insufficient for the spiritual wants of the inhabitants thereof and it has been made to appear to us that it would promote the interests of religion that the particular portions of the said Parish of West Bromwich and of the said New Parish of Saint Paul, Wood Green, Wednesbury, which are hereinafter mentioned and described, should be constituted a separate District in the manner which is hereinafter set forth:

“ And whereas there is not at present within the limits of the said proposed separate District any consecrated Church or Chapel in use for the purposes of Divine Worship:

“ And whereas by an Order of the Court dated the 2nd day of November, 1936, and made in the matter of the Trusts of the Will of the late Henry Marson deceased and of the Will of the late Sarah Anne Marson deceased it is directed (*inter alia*) that a sum of £28,000 shall be paid to the Lichfield Diocesan Trust and shall be held by such Trust as a ‘ Stipend Fund ’ the income whereof shall be applied as to one half in paying the stipend of the Minister or Incumbent for the time being of the said proposed separate District (called in the said Order ‘ the Friar Park District ’):

“ And whereas the said sum of £28,000 is now held by the said Trust for the purpose aforesaid and the moiety of the income of the said Stipend Fund which will be available for the stipend of the Minister of the said proposed separate District when duly licensed thereto is not less than £300 per annum:

“ And whereas the Lichfield Diocesan Trust as the body in which the said Stipend Fund is vested has nominated to us the Bishop of Lichfield for the time being as the person to whom it is desired that the whole right of Patronage of the said proposed District and when such District shall have become a New

Parish then of the said New Parish should be assigned:

“ Now, therefore, with the consent of the Right Reverend John Augustine, Bishop of Lichfield (in testimony whereof he has signed and sealed this Scheme), we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, humbly recommend and propose that all those portions of the said Parish of West Bromwich and of the said New Parish of Saint Paul, Wood Green, Wednesbury, which are described in the Schedule hereunder written, all which portions together with the boundaries thereof are delineated and set forth on the map or plan hereunto annexed, shall, upon and from the day of the date of the publication in the London Gazette of any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme as aforesaid, become and be constituted a separate District for spiritual purposes and that the same shall be named ‘ The District of Saint Francis, West Bromwich.’

“ And we further recommend and propose that the whole right of Patronage of the said District so recommended to be constituted and, when such District shall have become a New Parish as aforesaid, then of such New Parish and the nomination of the Minister or Incumbent thereof shall without any assurance in the law other than this Scheme and any duly gazetted Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying the same and upon and from the day of the date of the publication of such Order in the London Gazette as aforesaid, be assigned to and be absolutely vested in and shall and may from time to time be exercised by the said John Augustine, Bishop of Lichfield, and his successors for ever.

“ And we further recommend and propose 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 Acts or of any of them or of any other Act of Parliament.

“ THE SCHEDULE to which the foregoing Scheme has reference.

“ The District of Saint Francis, West Bromwich, comprising:—

“ All those contiguous portions of the New Parish (sometime Consolidated Chapelry) of Saint Paul, Wood Green, Wednesbury, and of the Parish of West Bromwich, both in the County of Stafford and in the Diocese of Lichfield, which taken together are bounded upon all sides by an imaginary line commencing at the centre of Hydes Bridge which carries Hydes Road across the River Tame, and extending thence first north eastward and then in various directions along the middle of the River Tame for a distance of 33 chains or thereabouts to the point where it reaches the southern side of the close numbered 116 upon the Ordnance Survey Map of the Civil Parish of West Bromwich published in the year 1919 on the scale of 25 inches to one mile and also upon the map or plan annexed to this Scheme, and extending thence first northward to the fence forming the southern boundary of such close and then first eastward and then in various directions along the fences which divide the said close numbered 116 and the close numbered 115a upon the said maps and the closes numbered 118b, 118 and 117 upon