

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 Union of Benefices Measures, 1923 to 1936, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme bearing date the 18th day of March, 1937, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

“ We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, acting in pursuance of the Union of Benefices Measures, 1923 to 1936, have prepared and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following Scheme for effecting the union of the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Bristol, Saint Jude, and the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of The Weir (Saint Matthias) both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Gloucester and in the Diocese of Bristol:

“ Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Clifford Salisbury, Bishop of Bristol, 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 Bristol, Saint Jude, and The Weir (Saint Matthias) duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Bristol and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Bristol 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 Bristol embodies certain modifications thereof:

“ And whereas both of the said Benefices of Bristol, Saint Jude, and The Weir (Saint Matthias) are now full the Reverend Robert Burton Coleridge Carson being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Bristol, Saint Jude, and the Reverend Kenneth Percy Banister being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of The Weir (Saint Matthias):

“ And whereas under the provisions of the 21st Section of the Act of the 6th and 7th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 37, the right of patronage of and presentation to each of the said Benefices of Bristol, Saint Jude, and The Weir (Saint Matthias) is at present exercised alternately by Your Majesty and Your Successors and by the Bishop of Bristol for the time being:

“ And whereas it appears to us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, that the total endowments of the Benefices hereinafter recommended and proposed to be constituted an United Benefice would be more than is required to form a competent provision for the United Benefice and it is desirable that a part of such endowments should be applied as hereinafter recommended and proposed for the augmentation of certain Benefices having no competent provision belonging thereto situate in the said Diocese of Bristol, namely the Benefices of

Brislington, Saint Cuthbert; Bristol, Saint Simon; Fishponds, Saint Bede; Horfield, Saint Gregory; Knowle, Saint Barnabas and Two Mile Hill:

“ Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Clifford Salisbury, Bishop of Bristol (testified by his signing this Scheme), do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is say:—

“ 1. That the said Benefice of Bristol, Saint Jude, and the said Benefice of The Weir (Saint Matthias) shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of ‘ The United Benefice of Bristol, Saint Jude with Saint Matthias ’ 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 Bristol, Saint Jude, shall be the Parish Church of the United Parish and that the Table of Fees for the said Parish of Bristol, Saint Jude, shall (until revised or altered by proper authority) be the Table of Fees for the United Parish.

“ 3. 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 also take effect forthwith if the Incumbent of the other of the said two Benefices shall with the approval of the Bishop consent to become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice, but, if he shall not so consent or if the Bishop shall not approve then the said union shall take effect upon the next avoidance of his Benefice and the then Incumbent (if any) of the other of the said two Benefices shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice: and if neither of the said two Benefices be then vacant then the said union shall take effect on the next avoidance of either of the said two Benefices if the Incumbent at that time of the other of the said two Benefices shall with the approval of the Bishop consent to become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice, but if he shall not so consent or if the Bishop shall not approve then the said union shall take effect immediately upon the next vacancy of his Benefice and the then Incumbent (if any) of the other of the said two Benefices shall become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice.

“ 4. That upon the union taking effect the register books of baptisms marriages and burials and other the records and muniments deposited in the Church of Saint Matthias, The Weir, shall be transferred to the Parish Church of the United Benefice but the marriage registers in duplicate current at the Church of Saint Matthias, The Weir, shall first be sent by the Incumbent of the United Benefice to the Registrar General to be closed officially.

“ 5. That upon the said union taking effect that one of the Parsonage Houses at present belonging to the said Benefices of Bristol, Saint Jude, and The Weir (Saint Matthias) which shall be selected by us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners with the approval in writing of the Bishop of Bristol shall become and be the