

"And we further recommend and propose that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from making any other recommendations and proposals relating to the matters aforesaid or any of them in accordance with the provisions of the hereinbefore mentioned Acts and Measure or of any of them or of any other Act of Parliament or Measure of the National Assembly of the Church of England."

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 ratify the said Scheme, and to order and direct that the same and every part thereof shall be effectual in law immediately from and after the time when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette pursuant to the said Acts and 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 Carlisle.

*M. P. A. Hankey.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 24th day of *February*, 1938.

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 25th day of November, 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 Rectory) of Ashen and the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Ridgewell, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Essex and in the Diocese of Chelmsford:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Henry, Bishop of Chelmsford, pursuant to the provisions of the said Measures to inquire into and report upon the union of the said two Benefices of Ashen and Ridgewell duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Chelmsford and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Chelmsford 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 based upon the terms recommended in the said Report:

"And whereas both of the said Benefices of Ashen and Ridgewell are now full the Reverend William James Betson being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Ashen and the Reverend Basil Claude Cann being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Ridgewell:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical

Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Henry, Bishop of Chelmsford (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 Ashen and the said Benefice of Ridgewell shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Ashen with Ridgewell' 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 said union taking effect the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Ashen shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice.

"4. 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, that in every series of three successive turns of presentation or nomination to be made to the United Benefice after the union the Patron of the said Benefice of Ashen shall have the first and the third turns and the Patrons of the said Benefice of Ridgewell shall have the second turn.

"Provided always that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from making any other recommendations and proposals 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 Measures, and Notices have been transmitted to the persons or bodies entitled under the said Measures 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 Measures:

And whereas certain objections have been so stated or transmitted to the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners within the time prescribed in the same Rules:

And whereas the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners after giving full consideration to such objections have deemed right to make certain alterations in such draft Scheme:

And whereas public notice of the certification to His Majesty in Council of the said Scheme and the consent thereto in writing of