

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 4th day of *November*, 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 13th day of October, 1938, 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 Aston Magna and the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Blockley, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Gloucester and in the Diocese of Gloucester:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Arthur Cayley, Bishop of Gloucester, pursuant to the provisions of the said Measures to inquire into and report upon the union of the said two Benefices of Aston Magna and Blockley duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Gloucester and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Gloucester 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 Aston Magna and Blockley are now full the Reverend James Richardson being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Aston Magna and the Reverend Philip Jasper being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Blockley:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Arthur Cayley, Bishop of Gloucester (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 Aston Magna and the said Benefice of Blockley shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Blockley with Aston Magna' 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 a Curate shall be employed to assist the Incumbent in the performance of the duties of the United Benefice and such Curate shall reside within the Parish of Aston Magna and a portion of the endowments of the United Benefice namely a part now producing £250 per annum of the sum of money appropriated or to be appropriated by Queen Anne's Bounty to the said Benefices of Aston Magna and Blockley pursuant to the provisions of Part II paragraph 2 of the Third Schedule to the Tithe Act, 1936, and paragraph 1 of the Eighth Schedule to the same Act shall be appropriated as a Fund for the payment of the stipend of the said Curate and such Fund shall be paid by Queen Anne's Bounty to the Diocesan Board of Finance of the Diocese as trustees to apply the same for the purpose of paying the stipend of such Curate as aforesaid.

"4. That upon the said union taking effect the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Blockley shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice and so soon as conveniently may be the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Aston Magna and the site and appurtenances thereof and the grounds heretofore usually occupied and enjoyed therewith shall be sold and disposed of by us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners at such time or times and in such manner in all respects as to us shall seem expedient subject however to the approval of the Bishop of Gloucester and that the net proceeds of such sale shall be applied by us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners (a) as to such a sum as the Bishop of Gloucester shall approve for and towards the provision of a house of residence at Aston Magna for the Curate of the United Benefice and (b) any residue of such net proceeds shall constitute and form part of the Expenses Fund established pursuant to the 32nd Section of the Union of Benefices Measure, 1923.

"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, that in every series of three successive turns of presentation or nomination to be made to the United Benefice after the union (a) if under any of the terms of Clause 2 of this Scheme an Incumbent of the said Benefice of Blockley shall become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice then the Patron of the said Benefice of Aston Magna shall have the first turn and the Patron of the said Benefice of Blockley shall have the second and the third turns, but (b) otherwise the Patron of the said Benefice of Blockley shall have the first and the third turns and the Patron of the said Benefice of Aston Magna 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