

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 2nd day of *February*, 1939.

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 24th day of November, 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 Everton and the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Mattersey, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Nottingham and in the Diocese of Southwell:

“ Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Henry, Bishop of Southwell, pursuant to the provisions of the said Measures to inquire into and report upon the union of the said two Benefices of Everton and Mattersey duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Southwell and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Southwell 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 Southwell embodies certain modifications thereof:

“ And whereas both of the said Benefices of Everton and Mattersey are now full the Reverend Frederick Bray Wardle being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Everton and the Reverend Robert John Andrew Simmons being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Mattersey:

“ Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Henry, Bishop of Southwell (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 Everton and the said Benefice of Mattersey shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of ‘ The United Benefice of Everton with Mattersey ’ and that such United Benefice shall be included in and form part of the Rural Deanery of Bawtry 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 Everton 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 Mattersey 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 and that out of the net proceeds of the said sale such a sum as shall be approved by us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners and the Bishop of Southwell shall be applied towards the cost of improving the Parsonage House of the United Benefice, and the 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.

“ 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, the right of presentation shall be exercised by the Patrons of the said two Benefices alternately, and if under any of the provisions of Clause 2 of this Scheme an Incumbent of the said Benefice of Everton shall become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice then the Patron of the said Benefice of Mattersey shall have the first turn of presentation or nomination to the United Benefice after the union but otherwise the first turn shall belong to the Patron of the said Benefice of Everton.

“ 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 the Bishop of Southwell has been duly given in the manner and within the time prescribed in the Statutory Rules aforesaid: