

united shall be united to the extent and for the purposes recommended in the said Scheme and further to order and direct that the said Scheme and every part thereof shall be effectual in law immediately from and after the date when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette pursuant to the said Measures.

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.

*Rupert B. Howorth.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 5th day of *September*, 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 15th day of June, 1939, 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 Rous Lench, the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Church Lench and the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Abbots Morton, all of which Benefices are situate in the County of Worcester and in the Diocese of Worcester:

“ Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Arthur, Bishop of Worcester, pursuant to the provisions of the said Measures to inquire into and report upon the union of the said three Benefices of Rous Lench, Church Lench and Abbots Morton duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Worcester and therein recommended the union of the said three Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Worcester 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 three Benefices which Scheme is based upon the terms recommended in the said Report but with the assent of the said Bishop of Worcester embodies certain modifications thereof:

“ And whereas all of the said three Benefices are now full the Reverend John Aubrey Aubrey-Cound being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Rous Lench the Reverend Charles Boyle Woolley being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Church Lench and the Reverend Harold Archibald Joseph Lawson being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Abbots Morton:

“ Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Arthur, Bishop of Worcester (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 Rous Lench, the said Benefice of Church Lench and the said Benefice of Abbots Morton shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of ‘ The United Benefice of Church Lench with Rous Lench and Abbots Morton ’ and that the Parishes of the said Benefices of Rous Lench and Abbots Morton shall also be united into one Parish for ecclesiastical purposes and for such other purposes as in the said Measures provided but the Parish of the said Benefice of Church Lench shall continue distinct in all respects.

“ 2. That (a) if upon the day of the date of the publication in the London Gazette of any Order of Your Majesty in Council affirming this Scheme all of the three said Benefices shall be vacant the union referred to in Clause 1 of this Scheme shall forthwith take effect but (b) if upon that day two only of the three said Benefices shall be vacant then pending the union referred to in the said Clause such two vacant Benefices shall forthwith be united into one Benefice with Cure of Souls and the union referred to in the said Clause shall take effect upon the next vacation thereafter of the third of the three said Benefices, and (c) if upon that day one only of the three said Benefices shall be vacant then, pending the union referred to in the said Clause, such vacant Benefice and that one of the other two Benefices which shall next fall vacant thereafter shall upon such last named vacation be united into one Benefice with Cure of Souls and the union referred to in the said Clause shall take effect upon the next vacation thereafter of the third of the three said Benefices and (d) if upon that day none of the three said Benefices shall be vacant then the union referred to in the said Clause shall take effect upon the first vacation of that one of the three said Benefices which shall last be vacated after that day and pending the union referred to in the said Clause so soon as any two of the three said Benefices shall have been vacated after that day such two Benefices shall upon the vacation of the Benefice secondly vacated be united into one Benefice with Cure of Souls.

“ 3. That in the case of any union taking effect as aforesaid which shall affect two only of the said Benefices the Parishes of such Benefices shall continue distinct in all respects.

“ 4. That pending the union referred to in Clause 1 of this Scheme (a) in the event of the said Benefices of Rous Lench and Church Lench becoming united as aforesaid the patronage of such United Benefice shall belong wholly to the Patron of the said Benefice of Rous Lench and (b) in the event of the said Benefices of Rous Lench and Abbots Morton becoming united as aforesaid the patronage of such United Benefice shall belong wholly to the Patron of the said Benefice of Abbots Morton and (c) in the event of the said Benefices of Church Lench and Abbots Morton becoming united as aforesaid the patronage of such United Benefice shall belong wholly to the Patron of the said Benefice of Church Lench.