

after the time when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette pursuant to the said Acts.

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 Lichfield.

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, and of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners (Powers) Measure, 1938, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme bearing date the 20th day of July, 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, and of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners (Powers) Measure, 1938, 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 Hartburn and the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Meldon, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Northumberland and in the Diocese of Newcastle:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Harold Ernest, Bishop of Newcastle, pursuant to the provisions of the said Union of Benefices Measures to inquire into and report as to the union of a part of the said Benefice of Meldon with the said Benefice of Hartburn and the union of the remaining part of the said Benefice of Meldon with the Benefice of Whalton in the said County of Northumberland and in the said Diocese of Newcastle duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Newcastle and therein recommended the union of the said Benefice of Meldon to the said Benefice of Hartburn and also recommended certain alterations of boundaries affecting the Parishes of the said Benefices of Meldon and Whalton and the Parish of the Benefice of Bolam, in the said County of Northumberland and in the said Diocese of Newcastle, and the terms for effecting such union and alterations of boundaries and the said Bishop of Newcastle signified in writing his approval of the said Report:

"And whereas we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, have prepared this Scheme for the said union and alterations of boundaries which Scheme is based upon the terms recommended in the said Report but with the assent of the said Bishop of Newcastle embodies certain modifications thereof:

"And whereas both of the said Benefices of Hartburn and Meldon are at present vacant:

"And whereas there is at present a charge of £220 per annum upon the revenues of the said Benefice of Hartburn in respect of a pension payable to the Reverend Prebendary Charles Benjamin Crowe, a former Incumbent thereof:

"And whereas there is at present a charge of £95 per annum upon the revenues of the said Benefice of Meldon in respect of a pension payable to the Reverend William Sykes a former Incumbent thereof:

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

"1. That the said Benefice of Hartburn and the said Benefice of Meldon shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Hartburn with Meldon' 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 Union of Benefices Measures provided.

"2. That the Church of the Parish of Hartburn shall be the Parish Church of the United Parish and that the Table of Fees for the said Parish of Hartburn shall (until revised or altered by proper authority) be the Table of Fees for the United Parish.

"3. That upon the day when any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme shall be published in the London Gazette the union shall forthwith take effect.

"4. That upon the union taking effect the marriage registers in duplicate current at the Church of Meldon shall 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 the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Hartburn 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 Meldon and the site and appurtenances thereof and the grounds heretofore usually occupied and enjoyed therewith if not previously sold and disposed of under the provisions of the Parsonages Measure, 1938, 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 the net proceeds of sale whether such sale shall have been effected before the union under the provisions of the said Parsonages Measure, 1938, or whether the said sale shall be effected by us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners after the union shall constitute and form part of the Expenses Fund established pursuant to the 32nd Section of the Union of Benefices Measure, 1923.

"6. That a part of the total endowments of the said Benefice of Meldon, namely, the sums of Stock and the capital sums of money mentioned in Column 1 of the First Schedule annexed to this Scheme and at present held for the benefit of the said Benefice by the bodies mentioned in Column 2 of the said Schedule (or any varied investments for the time being representing the same) shall be severed or divested from the said Benefice and from the United Benefice and shall be appropriated by the said bodies for the augmentation respectively of the several Benefices mentioned in Column 3 of the said Schedule, all of which