

bearing date the 28th day of November, 1940, 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 Sheffield, Saint Philip, and the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Netherthorpe, Saint Ann, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of York and in the Diocese of Sheffield:

“ Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Leslie, Bishop of Sheffield, pursuant to the provisions of the said Measures to inquire into and report upon the union of the Benefices of Sheffield, Saint Philip, and Netherthorpe, Saint Ann, duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Sheffield and therein recommended the union of those Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Sheffield signified in writing his approval of the Report:

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

“ And whereas the Benefice of Sheffield, Saint Philip, is now full the Reverend George Needham being the present Incumbent thereof and the Benefice of Netherthorpe, Saint Ann, is at present vacant:

“ Now, therefore, we, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Leslie, Bishop of Sheffield, and with the consent also of the said George Needham (testified by their respectively signing this Scheme) do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

“ 1. That the Benefice of Sheffield, Saint Philip, and the Benefice of Netherthorpe, Saint Ann, shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of ‘ The United Benefice of Sheffield, Saint Philip and Saint Ann ’ and that the Parishes of the Benefices shall also be united into one Parish for ecclesiastical purposes and for such other purposes as in the said Measures provided.

“ 2. That the Church of the Parish of Saint Ann, Netherthorpe, shall be the Parish Church of the United Parish and that the Table of Fees for the Parish of Saint Ann, Netherthorpe, 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 and the said George Needham if he is then Incumbent of the Benefice of Sheffield, Saint Philip, shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice.

“ 4. That upon the union taking effect the register books of baptisms, marriages and burials and other the records and muniments deposited in the Church of Saint Philip, Sheffield, shall be transferred to the Parish Church of the United Benefice but the marriage registers in duplicate current at the Church of Saint Philip,

Sheffield, shall first be sent by the Incumbent of the United Benefice to the Registrar-General to be closed officially.

“ 5. That so soon as conveniently may be after the union has taken effect the Parsonage Houses at present belonging to the Benefices of Sheffield, Saint Philip, and Netherthorpe, Saint Ann, respectively and the sites and appurtenances thereof and the grounds heretofore usually occupied and enjoyed therewith shall be sold and disposed of by us at such time or times and in such manner in all respects as to us shall seem expedient and that the net proceeds of such sale or sales shall be held by us and shall be applied towards any or all of the following objects, that is to say:—

(a) the acquisition of a suitable house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice in accordance with plans to be approved by us or the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty.

(b) the discharge of any mortgage or loan subsisting at the date when the union takes effect in respect of the acquisition of any such house and

(c) the cost of renovating improving and adapting any such house in accordance with plans to be approved as aforesaid; and any residue shall constitute and form part of the Expenses Fund established pursuant to Section 32 of the Union of Benefices Measure, 1923.

“ 6. That upon the union taking effect (1) a Curate shall be employed to assist the Incumbent of the United Benefice and a portion of the endowments of the United Benefice namely an annual sum of £140 (being part of a larger annual payment at present made by us to the Incumbent of the Benefice of Netherthorpe, Saint Ann) and a further annual sum of £60 (being part of a larger annual payment at present made by us to the Incumbent of the Benefice of Sheffield, Saint Philip) shall be constituted a fund to meet the expenses of employing a Curate as aforesaid or for occasional clerical or lay assistance; and (2) a further portion of the endowments of the United Benefice namely an annual sum of £150 (being the remainder of the larger annual payment at present made by us to the Incumbent of the Benefice of Netherthorpe, Saint Ann) shall be constituted a fund for the remuneration of a second Curate who shall also be Chaplain of the Royal Sheffield Infirmary and Hospital if appointed to such Chaplaincy according to the terms of the appointment thereto. And the said two funds shall be paid by us to the Diocesan Board of Finance of the Diocese in trust to apply the same respectively for the purposes aforesaid.

“ 7.—(1) That so soon as conveniently may be after the union has taken effect the Church of Saint Philip, Sheffield, shall be taken down and the materials and site thereof, together with any ground annexed thereto and necessary for the use and enjoyment thereof shall be sold and disposed of by us at such time or times and in such manner in all respects as to us shall seem expedient subject to the conditions and restrictions imposed by the said Measures.

“ (2) That the net proceeds to arise from such sale or sales after payment of the expenses attendant upon the sale or sales, the taking