

" We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, acting in pursuance of the Union of Benefices Measures, 1923 to 1936, and of the New Parishes Measure, 1943, and with the consent of the Right Reverend William Louis, Bishop of Portsmouth (in witness whereof he has signed this Scheme), have prepared and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following Scheme for effecting the union of the benefice of Southsea, Saint Bartholomew, and the benefice of Southsea, Saint Matthew, both situate in the diocese of Portsmouth:

" SCHEME

" Whereas Commissioners appointed pursuant to the said Union of Benefices Measures duly made their report and therein recommended the union of the said two benefices and the parishes thereof and the terms for effecting the union and the said Bishop of Portsmouth signified in writing his approval of the report

" And whereas the parish church of Saint Matthew has been destroyed by enemy action and it is intended to restore it when conditions permit as the parish church of the said parishes united as hereinafter recommended and proposed:

" And whereas it is desirable that in the meantime the parish church of Saint Bartholomew shall be the parish church of the united parish and it is further intended that we shall, upon the restoration of the church of Saint Matthew, substitute that church (to be dedicated under the name of The Holy Spirit) as the parish church of the united parish by Instrument under our common seal and shall prepare and submit for ratification by Order of Your Majesty in Council a Scheme to authorise the taking down of the Church of Saint Bartholomew and the sale of the materials and the site:

" And whereas the consents required by the said New Parishes Measure to the alteration of the name of the united parish as hereinafter recommended and proposed have been obtained:

" Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, do humbly recommend and propose as follows, that is to say:—

" 1. *Union of Benefices and Parishes* The said benefice of Southsea, Saint Bartholomew, and the said benefice of Southsea, Saint Matthew, shall be permanently united together and form one benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Southsea, The Holy Spirit' and the parishes of the said benefices shall also be united into one parish for ecclesiastical purposes and the name of the united parish shall be 'The Parish of The Holy Spirit, Southsea'

" 2. *Taking effect of union* Upon the day when any Order of Your Majesty in Council affirming this Scheme is published in the London Gazette the union shall forthwith take effect and the Reverend John Douglas Beloe if he is then incumbent of the said benefice of Southsea, Saint Matthew, shall, with his consent (testified by his signature hereto) be the first incumbent of the united benefice.

" 3. *Parish Church.* The parish church of the parish of Saint Bartholomew, Southsea, shall be the parish church of the united parish until the substitution therefor of the church of Saint Matthew, Southsea.

" 4. *Registers.* The marriage registers in duplicate current at the church of Saint Matthew, Southsea, shall be sent by the incumbent of the united benefice to the Registrar General to be closed officially.

" 5. *Parsonage House.* The parsonage house at present belonging to the benefice of Southsea, Saint Bartholomew, shall be the house of residence of the incumbent of the united benefice

" 6. *Clerical or other assistance* (1) Upon the union taking effect a curate shall be employed by the incumbent to assist him in performing the duties of the united benefice, but in the event of the services of a wholtime curate not being available the incumbent shall employ such other clerical or such lay assistance as the Bishop shall from time to time direct

(2) There shall be appropriated as a fund towards the cost of providing such assistance as aforesaid a part of the endowments of the united benefice, namely, an annual sum of £50 being part of a larger sum at present payable by us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, to the incumbent for the time being of the said benefice of Southsea, Saint Bartholomew, and the said fund shall be paid by us to the diocesan board of finance of the diocese as trustees to apply the same accordingly "

And whereas the provisions of the Union of Benefices Measures, 1923 to 1936, and the Union of Benefices Rules, 1926 to 1930, relating to the preparation and submission of this Scheme have been duly complied with:

And whereas the said Scheme has been approved by His Majesty in Council.

Now, therefore, His Majesty by and with the advice of His said Council is pleased hereby to affirm the said Scheme and to order that it shall be and become effectual in Law immediately upon the publication of this Order in the London Gazette.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 11th day of March, 1948.

PRESENT,

The KING'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have duly prepared and laid before His Majesty in Council a Scheme bearing date the 19th day of February, 1948, 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, now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following Scheme which we have prepared with the consent of the Right Reverend Noel, Bishop of Newcastle (in witness whereof he has signed the Scheme) for effecting the union of the benefice of South Charlton and the benefice of Ellingham, both situate in the diocese of Newcastle

" SCHEME.

" 1. *Union of Benefices* The benefice of South Charlton and the benefice of Ellingham shall be permanently united together and form one benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Ellingham with South Charlton' and such united benefice shall be included in and form part of the Rural Deanery of Bamburgh, but the parishes of the said benefices shall continue in all respects distinct

" 2. *Taking effect of union* Upon the day when any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme is published in the London Gazette the union shall take effect forthwith, and the Reverend Ernest Edmund Bedford May if he is then incumbent of the said benefice of Ellingham shall with his consent (testified by his signature hereto) be the first incumbent of the united benefice

" 3. *Patronage.* After the 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, in every series of three successive turns of presentation or nomination to be made to the united benefice after the union the patrons of the benefice of Ellingham shall have the first and third turns and the patrons of the benefice of South Charlton shall have the second turn "

And whereas the provisions of the Union of Benefices Measures, 1923 and 1936, and the Union of Benefices Rules, 1926 to 1930, relating to the preparation and submission of this Scheme have been duly complied with:

And whereas the said Scheme has been approved by His Majesty in Council

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His said Council, is pleased hereby to affirm the said Scheme and to order that it shall be and become effectual in Law immediately upon the publication of this Order in the London Gazette.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

Privy Council Office, 11th March, 1948

Notice is hereby given that a Petition of the President and Members of the Council of the Society of Dyers and Colourists, and others, praying for the grant of a CHARTER OF INCORPORATION to the said Society, has been presented to His Majesty in Council, and, His Majesty having referred the said Petition to a Committee of the Lords of the Council, Notice is further given that all Petitions for or against such grant should be delivered at the Privy Council Offices on or before the 12th day of April next.