

the house of residence of the incumbent of the united benefice.

"4. *Patronage.* After the union has taken effect in every series of four successive turns of presentation or nomination to be made to the united benefice, the patron of the benefice of Wretham with Illington who made the last presentation to that benefice shall have the first and third turns, the other patron of the benefice of Wretham with Illington shall have the fourth turn and the patrons of the benefice of Great with Little Hockham shall have the second turn.

"5. *Archdeaconry and Rural Deanery.* The united benefice shall be in the archdeaconry of Lynn and in the rural deanery of Thetford."

And whereas the provisions of the Union of Benefices Measures, 1923 to 1952, the Union of Benefices Rules, 1926 and 1930, and the Pastoral Reorganisation Measure, 1949, relating to the preparation and submission of this Scheme have been duly complied with:

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

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her 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.

W. G. Agnew.

At the Court at *Balmoral*, the 30th day of August, 1956.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Church Commissioners have duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a Scheme bearing date the 16th day of August, 1956, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

"We, the Church Commissioners, acting in pursuance of the Pastoral Reorganisation Measure, 1949, the Union of Benefices Measures, 1923 to 1952, and the Diocesan Stipends Funds Measure, 1953, now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following Scheme which we have prepared with the consent of the Right Reverend William, Bishop of Salisbury, and of the Right Reverend Harry, Bishop of Oxford, (in witness whereof they have signed the Scheme), for effecting the union of the benefice of Ham with Buttermere, in the diocese of Salisbury and the benefice of Shalbourne, in the diocese of Oxford.

"SCHEME.

"1. *Union of Benefices.* The benefice of Shalbourne and the benefice of Ham with Buttermere shall be permanently united together and form one benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Shalbourne and Ham', 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 affirming this Scheme is published in the London Gazette the union shall forthwith take effect and the Reverend Ernest Llewellyn Weight, if he is then incumbent of the said benefice of Shalbourne, shall with his consent (testified by his signature hereto), be the first incumbent of the united benefice.

"3. *Parsonage House*

"(a) Upon the union taking effect the parsonage house at present belonging to the benefice of Shalbourne shall be the house of residence of the incumbent of the united benefice.

"(b) Without prejudice to the exercise before the date when the union takes effect of any of the powers conferred by the Parsonages Measures, 1938 and 1947, the parsonage house at present belonging to the benefice of Ham with Buttermere, if at that date it so belongs, and the site and appurtenances thereof and the grounds heretofore usually occupied and enjoyed therewith shall, as soon as conveniently may be, 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.

"(c) So much of the net proceeds of such sale or sales as we, after consulting with the Bishop for the time being of the diocese of Salisbury, shall deem necessary shall be applied by us towards the cost of carrying out works to the residence house of the united benefice and any balance of the said net proceeds shall be held by us on behalf of the united benefice as endowment capital and subject

to the provisions of the Benefices (Stabilization of Incomes) Measure, 1951.

"4. *Patronage.* After the union has taken effect, in every series of three successive turns of presentation or nomination to be made to the united benefice, the patron of the benefice of Ham with Buttermere who did not make the last presentation to that benefice shall have the first turn and the other patrons of that benefice, who are also the patrons of the benefice of Shalbourne, shall have the second and third turns.

"5. *Diversion of endowment income.*

"(1) Subject as hereafter provided any surplus, calculated by us for the twelve months ending on the 31st March in each year, of the endowment income (calculated in accordance with the Schedule hereto) of the united benefice over and above an annual sum of £645 shall, with effect from the date upon which the union shall take effect, be paid to and held by us for the benefit of the diocesan stipends fund of the diocese of Salisbury.

"(2) The said endowment income and the said surplus and the said annual sum of £645 shall be deemed to accrue from day to day and shall, when we deem that circumstances so require, be apportionable accordingly.

"(3) Any moneys due to us from the incumbent of the united benefice, or, during any vacancy in the united benefice, from the sequestrators thereof, as the case may be (hereinafter called 'the incumbent or sequestrators') upon the calculation of the said surplus shall be paid by the incumbent or sequestrators to us not later than the 30th June in each year and shall be recoverable as a debt due to us.

"(4) For the purpose of ascertaining the amounts of the said endowment income and of the said surplus, we shall have power to require production by the incumbent or sequestrators of accounts and other documents in relation thereto, and the said accounts for the twelve months to 31st March in each year (or where applicable for a part of the year ending on that date) shall be rendered annually to us within six weeks of that date in such form as we shall prescribe and in the event of failure by the incumbent or sequestrators to produce such accounts or documents we shall have all legal remedies for enforcing production thereof.

"6. *Diocese, archdeaconry and rural deanery.*

"The united benefice shall be in the diocese of Salisbury, the archdeaconry of Wilts and the rural deanery of Pewsey.

"SCHEDULE

"For the purpose of this Scheme the endowment income of the united benefice shall, without prejudice to the power of decision vested in us by virtue of Section 18 of the Pastoral Reorganisation Measure, 1949, if any question shall arise, be computed in accordance with our Central Register of Benefice Income, that is to say, by including:—

"(1) all gross secured income payable by us and any other person or body, and

"(2) all gross income received from ground rents, chief rents or other fixed charges, other glebe rents and any letting of the parsonage house or a formally divided portion thereof,

"and by deducting therefrom:—

"(1) the rates payable on the parsonage house if occupied by the incumbent,

"(2) the rent and rates payable on any house occupied by the incumbent other than the parsonage house,

"(3) the annual assessment charged upon the incumbent under the Ecclesiastical Dilapidations Measures, 1923 to 1951, in respect of the benefice,

"(4) the rates payable on the glebe,

"(5) the cost of collecting glebe rents,

"(6) any tithe annuity, rentcharge or fee farm rent charged upon the glebe.

"(7) any other outgoings in respect of the glebe,

"(8) any charge upon the benefice income in favour of another benefice or any lay person,

"(9) any payment to a curate or lay worker out of the benefice income,

"(10) the annual payments in respect of capital and interest in respect of any mortgage of the benefice income,

"(11) any pension paid to a retired incumbent out of the benefice income,

"(12) any part of the benefice income diverted to the diocesan stipends fund pursuant to an Order