

of the said benefice of the Holy Trinity, Gough-square, and the patrons of the said benefice of Saint Bride, Fleet-street, with Bridewell, and the vestries of the said parishes respectively, are willing that the scheme for effecting the said union should embody certain modifications of the said proposals, and this present scheme does embody the same modifications accordingly, but otherwise is based upon the said proposals.

"Now, therefore, with the consent of the said Arthur Foley, Bishop of London (in testimony whereof he has to this scheme set his hand and his episcopal seal), and with the consent of the said Dean and Chapter of the collegiate church of Saint Peter in Westminster (in testimony whereof they have to this scheme set their common or capitular seal) and with the consents of the vestries of the said parishes of Saint Bride, Fleet-street, with Bridewell and of the Holy Trinity, Gough-square (in testimony of which consent this scheme is signed, in the case of each of the said vestries, by the chairman of a meeting of the same vestry duly convened for the purpose of giving such consent), we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty in Council all that is in this scheme contained under the several parts or headings hereinafter mentioned as follows:—

"PART I.

"As to the proposed union itself and certain immediate incidents thereof, we recommend and propose:—

"1. That the said benefice of Saint Bride, Fleet-street, with Bridewell and the said benefice of the Holy Trinity, Gough-square, be united into one benefice under the style of 'The United Benefice of Saint Bride, Fleet-street with Holy Trinity, Gough-square, and the Precincts of Bridewell and Whitefriars,' which said united benefice is hereinafter called the United Benefice.

"2. That if upon the day when any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this scheme shall be published in the London Gazette, both of the said present benefices shall be vacant, the union shall forthwith take effect, and if one only shall be then vacant, the said union shall also forthwith take effect if the Incumbent of the other of the said present benefices shall consent to become the first Incumbent of the united benefice, but if he shall not so consent then the said union shall take effect upon the then next avoidance of his benefice, and the then Incumbent of the other of the said two benefices shall be the first Incumbent of the united benefice, and if upon the day when any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this scheme shall be published in the London Gazette, both of the said present benefices shall be full then the said union shall take effect on the next avoidance of either of them if the Incumbent for the time being of the other of the said present benefices shall with the consent of the Bishop of the said diocese of London be willing to become the Incumbent of the United Benefice, but if either such Bishop or such Incumbent shall not so consent then the said union shall take effect immediately upon the next vacancy of his benefice, and the then Incumbent of the other of the said two benefices shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice, and, in any case, it shall be lawful for the Bishop of the said diocese of London to admit to the United Benefice such first Incumbent (if an Incumbent for the time being of either of the said present benefices) without any form or fee of or for presentation, and he shall thereupon become the Incumbent of the United Benefice. Until the time of the union taking effect the said two benefices shall

remain separate, and the rights and liabilities in respect thereof and of the Incumbents of each of them shall remain unaffected.

"PART II.

"As to the parish church of the United Benefice and certain matters connected therewith or with the church of the Holy Trinity, Gough-square; we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, further recommend and propose:—

"1. That upon the union taking effect the church of Saint Bride, Fleet-street, shall become, and thereafter continue to be the parish church of the United Benefice.

"2. That upon the union taking effect the Font, Communion Table, Sacramental Plate and other furniture now in the church of the Holy Trinity, Gough-square, shall, if not needed for the church of the United Benefice, and if the Bishop of London shall approve, be offered to the Incumbent and Churchwardens of the church of the new benefice hereinafter mentioned, if such new benefice shall be within the diocese of London, and if accepted by the said Incumbent and Churchwardens, shall be transferred to the church of such new benefice, but if not so accepted, or if such new benefice shall not be within the diocese of London, they shall be transferred to any other church or chapel, or churches or chapels within the diocese of London which the Bishop may select.

"3. That upon the union taking effect if the tables of fees used in the two churches be alike in all particulars, the table of fees used in the church which will become the parish church of the United Benefice shall (until revised or altered by proper authority) be the table of fees for the united parishes, but if such tables of fees be not alike in all particulars, the same shall be of no authority, and a new table of fees shall be made by the proper authority for the use of the united parishes as if the same were one parish.

"4. That upon the final closing of the church of the Holy Trinity, Gough-square, the register books of baptisms, marriages, and burials of the new parish of the Holy Trinity, Gough-square, shall be transferred to the parish church of the United Benefice.

"5. That upon the union taking effect the sum of two hundred and eleven pounds one shilling at present invested in the name of the Reverend William Cartledge Heaton and applicable to the maintenance of the church of the Holy Trinity, Gough-square, shall be transferred to us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, to be added by us to the aggregate fund, the formation of which is contemplated by clause three of Part V of this scheme.

"6. That if upon the union taking effect any of the present church servants of the church of the Holy Trinity, Gough-square, shall hold their respective offices and their services in consequence of the union shall no longer be required, they shall receive such gratuities (if any) in respect of their loss of employment as we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, shall assign to them out of the proceeds of the sale or sales hereinafter recommended and proposed.

"PART III.

"As to the endowments and parsonage house of the United Benefice, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, further recommend and propose:—

"1. That upon the union taking effect all the properties, revenues and income constituting the endowments of the vicarage of Saint Bride, Fleet-street with Bridewell and of the vicarage of the Holy Trinity, Gough-square, shall be