

Stair, whose known interest in our Church, of which he is himself an office-bearer, and of whose General Assembly he has often been a member, as well as the historic name he inherits, makes him specially welcome to our whole Assembly.

We have received with gratitude Your Majesty's Royal donation of Two thousand pounds, which we shall use our best endeavour so to apply as to accomplish the pious purposes for which Your Majesty has destined it.

That He, by whom Kings reign and who has called Your Majesty to rule over so great a people, may carry you with all success through the difficult duties of your exalted station, making your reign glorious in our history, that He may long preserve you to be a blessing to the nation, and that He may endow Your Majesty, Your Majesty's Royal Consort, Queen Mary, and the children whom He has given you, with all spiritual and temporal good is the earnest prayer of

May it please Your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most faithful, most loyal and most obedient subjects,

The Ministers and Elders met in this General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our name, in our presence, and at our appointment, by

L. S.

Pearson M^cAdam Muir,

Moderator.

Edinburgh, 28th May, 1910.

At the Court at *Saint James's*, the 31st day of *May*, 1910.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have in pursuance of the Act of the thirty-third and thirty-fourth years of Her late Majesty, Queen Victoria, chapter thirty-nine, and of the Acts therein mentioned, that is to say, the Act of the third and fourth years of Her said late Majesty, chapter one hundred and thirteen, the Act of the fourth and fifth years of Her said late Majesty, chapter thirty-nine, and the Act of the thirty-first and thirty-second years of Her said late Majesty, chapter one hundred and fourteen, duly prepared and laid before His late Majesty King Edward the Seventh in Council a scheme bearing date the twentieth day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

“We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the thirty-third and thirty-fourth years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, chapter thirty-nine, and of the Acts therein mentioned, that is to say, the Act of the third and fourth years of Her said late Majesty, chapter one hundred and thirteen, the Act of the fourth and fifth years of Her said late Majesty, chapter thirty-nine, and the Act of the thirty-first and thirty-second years of Her said late Majesty, chapter one hundred and fourteen, have prepared and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following scheme for effecting a transfer of the ownership of the advowson or perpetual right of patronage of and

presentation to the church and cure (hereinafter called ‘the said benefice’) of Rawcliffe, in the county and diocese of York.

“Whereas the advowson or perpetual right of patronage of and presentation to the said benefice of Rawcliffe is vested in fee simple in possession free from incumbrances in the Right Honourable Robert Wilfrid Baron Deramore (hereinafter called ‘the said Lord Deramore’).

“And whereas the said Lord Deramore is desirous that the whole advowson or perpetual right of patronage of and presentation to the said benefice of Rawcliffe now vested in him as aforesaid, should be transferred to and be vested in the Vicar or Incumbent for the time being of the vicarage of Snaith, in the said county and diocese of York.

“And whereas the Reverend William Seed, now Vicar or Incumbent of the said vicarage of Snaith, is willing to accept such transfer, and in token of such his willingness has signed and sealed this scheme as hereinafter mentioned.

“And whereas the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Cosmo Gordon, now Archbishop of York, is consenting to such transfer, and has executed this scheme as hereinafter mentioned in token that the same transfer has that consent of the Bishop of the diocese which by the Acts in the hereinbefore mentioned Act recited or by some or one of them is made necessary.

“And whereas conditionally upon such transfer we have agreed to make out of our common fund a grant in augmentation of the income of the Incumbent of the said benefice of Rawcliffe of a perpetual annuity of seventy-seven pounds, which annuity will be secured to the said benefice by an Instrument to be executed by us under our common seal so soon as an Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this scheme has been published in the London Gazette and the transfer hereinafter recommended will therefore tend to make better provision for the cure of souls in the parish or district in or in respect of which the right of patronage or advowson so recommended and proposed to be transferred as aforesaid arises or exists, that is to say in the parish or chapelry of Rawcliffe.

“Now, therefore, with the consent of the said Lord Deramore (in testimony whereof he has signed and sealed this scheme) and with the consent of the said William Seed, Vicar of Snaith (in testimony whereof he has signed and sealed this scheme) and with the consent of the said Cosmo Gordon, Archbishop of York (in testimony whereof he has signed this scheme and sealed the same with his archiepiscopal seal), we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, humbly recommend and propose that upon and from the day of the date of the publication in the London Gazette of any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this scheme and without any conveyance or assurance in the law other than such duly gazetted Order the whole advowson or perpetual right of patronage of and presentation to the said benefice of Rawcliffe, now vested in him the said Lord Deramore, as aforesaid, shall be transferred to the said William Seed, Vicar or Incumbent of the said vicarage of Snaith, and his successors Vicars or Incumbents of the same vicarage, and shall thereupon and thenceforth become and be absolutely vested in and shall and may from time to time be exercised by the said William Seed, as such Vicar or Incumbent of the said vicarage of Snaith, and his successors in the same vicarage for ever.

“And we further recommend and propose that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any further or