

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 ratify the said Scheme, and to order and direct that the same and every part thereof shall be effectual in law immediately from and after the time when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette pursuant to the said Acts.

And His Majesty, by and with the like advice, is pleased hereby to direct that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the said Diocese of Southwell.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 22nd day of *December*, 1915.

**PRESENT,**

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the 33rd and 34th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 39, and of the Acts therein mentioned, that is to say, the Act of the 3rd and 4th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 113, the Act of the 4th and 5th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 39, and the Act of the 31st and 32nd years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 114, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme, bearing date the 18th day of November, in the year 1915, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the 33rd and 34th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 39, and of the Acts therein mentioned, that is to say, the Act of the 3rd and 4th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 113, the Act of the 4th and 5th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 39, and the Act of the 31st and 32nd years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 114, 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 Ditchling, in the County of Sussex, and in the Diocese of Chichester:

"Whereas the Advowson or perpetual right of Patronage of, and presentation to, the said Benefice of Ditchling is vested for an estate in fee simple, in possession, free from incumbrances, in the Reverend Frank Partridge, of the Diocesan Church House, Brighton, in the County of Sussex, Clerk in Holy Orders:

"And whereas the said Frank Partridge is desirous that the whole Advowson or perpetual right of Patronage of, and presentation to, the said Benefice of Ditchling, now vested in him as aforesaid, should be transferred to and be vested in the Reverend Reginald James Lea, of The Vicarage, Henfield, in the County of Sussex, Clerk in Holy Orders, and Gertrude Isabel Lea, his wife, to hold as joint tenants for the term of their joint lives, and after the decease of one of them should be transferred to, and be vested in, the survivor of them for

the term of his or her natural life, and after the death of such survivor should be transferred to and be vested in the Bishop for the time being of the Diocese of Chichester:

"And whereas the said Reginald James Lea, and Gertrude Isabel Lea, are consenting jointly to accept the transfer to them of the said Advowson or right of Patronage for the term of their joint lives, and severally to accept the transfer to the survivor of them for the term of his or her natural life, of the said Advowson or right of Patronage:

"And whereas the Right Reverend Charles John, now Bishop of Chichester, is willing to accept the transfer to him, and his Successors, Bishops of Chichester, of the said Advowson or right of Patronage for such estate in fee simple expectant, upon the death of the survivor of them, the said Reginald James Lea, and Gertrude Isabel Lea, as aforesaid, and in token of such his willingness, and also 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, he, the said Charles John, Bishop of Chichester, has executed this Scheme as hereinafter mentioned:]

"And whereas the transfer of the Patronage of the said Benefice of Ditchling which is hereinbefore mentioned, and hereinafter recommended and proposed, will, in our opinion, 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 of Ditchling:

"Now, therefore, with the consent of the said Frank Partridge (in testimony whereof he has signed and sealed this Scheme) and with the consents of the said Reginald James Lea, and Gertrude Isabel Lea, (in testimony whereof they have severally signed and sealed this Scheme) and with the consent of the said Charles John, Bishop of Chichester, (in testimony whereof he has signed this Scheme, and sealed the same with his Episcopal 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 Ditchling, now vested in him, the said Frank Partridge, as aforesaid, shall be transferred to the said Reginald James Lea, and Gertrude Isabel Lea, to hold as joint tenants for the term of their joint lives, and, as from the decease of one of them, shall be transferred to the survivor of them for the term of his or her natural life, and, as from the decease of the survivor, shall be transferred to, and be vested in, the said Charles John, Bishop of Chichester, and his Successors in the same Bishopric for ever.

"And we further recommend and propose that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any further or other measures relating to the matters aforesaid, or any of them, in accordance with the provisions of the said Acts, or of any of them, or of any other Act of Parliament."