

parochial may, in some instances, with advantage be annexed to Parishes or Districts to which they are contiguous, or be constituted Separate Parishes for ecclesiastical purposes," it is, amongst other things, enacted, "That when with respect to his own Diocese it shall appear to the Archbishop of the Province, or when the Bishop of any Diocese shall represent to the said Archbishop, that any such Tithing, Hamlet, Chapelry, Place or District within the Diocese of such Archbishop, or the Diocese of such Bishop, as the case may be, may be advantageously separated from any Parish or Mother Church, and either be constituted a Separate Benefice by itself or be united to any other Parish to which it may be more conveniently annexed, or to any other adjoining Tithing, Hamlet, Chapelry, Place, or District, parochial or extra-parochial, so as to form a Separate Parish or Benefice, or that any Extra-Parochial Place may with advantage be annexed to any Parish to which it is contiguous, or be constituted a Separate Parish for ecclesiastical purposes, and the said Archbishop, or Bishop, shall draw up a Scheme in writing (the Scheme of such Bishop to be transmitted to the said Archbishop for his consideration) describing the mode in which it appears to him that the alteration may best be effected, and how the changes consequent on such alteration in respect to Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, Glebe Lands, Tithes, Rent Charges, and other Ecclesiastical Dues, Rates and Payments, and in respect to Patronage and Rights to Pews, may be made with justice to all Parties interested, and if the Patron or Patrons of the Benefice or Benefices to be affected by such alteration shall consent in writing under his or their hands to such Scheme, or to such modification thereof as the said Archbishop may approve, and the said Archbishop shall, on full consideration and inquiry, be satisfied with any such Scheme, or modification thereof, and shall certify the same and such Consent as aforesaid, by his Report to His Majesty in Council, it shall be lawful for His Majesty in Council to make an Order for carrying such Scheme, or modification thereof, as the case may be, into effect":

And whereas the Right Reverend Edgar, Lord Bishop of Saint Albans, hath made a Representation in writing, dated the 31st day of December, 1915, to the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Randall Thomas, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, as follows:—

"I, Edgar, by Divine Permission Bishop of St. Albans, do, in pursuance of the 26th Section of an Act of Parliament of the 1st and 2nd years of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, cap. 106, hereby represent to your Grace as follows:—

"1. There is in the County of Hertford, and my Diocese of St. Albans, the Rectory of Knebworth, the Parish whereof contains according to the Census of 1911 a population of 716:

"2. The net annual value of the said Benefice of Knebworth, arising from Tithe-Rent-Charge, Glebe, Fees, and other sources, is £360:

"3. There is in the County and Diocese aforesaid, the Rectory of Letchworth, the Parish whereof contains according to the Census of 1911 a population of 1,829:

"4. The net annual value of the said Benefice of Letchworth, arising from Tithe-Rent-

Charge, dividends from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, Fees, and other sources, is £185:

"5. There is in the County and Diocese aforesaid, the Rectory of Datchworth, the Parish whereof contains according to the Census of 1911 a population of 941:

"6. The net annual value of the said Benefice of Datchworth, arising from Tithe-Rent-Charge, Glebe, dividends from Queen Anne's Bounty, Fees, and other sources, is £250:

"7. There is in the County and Diocese aforesaid, the Rectory of Welwyn, the Parish whereof contains according to the Census of 1911 a population of 1,876:

"8. The net annual value of the said Benefice of Welwyn, arising from Tithe-Rent-Charge, Glebe, dividends from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, Fees, and other sources, is £412:

"9. It appears to me that a certain detached portion of the said Parish of Letchworth, which lies to the north of the said Parish of Knebworth, and is bounded on the south-western and south-eastern sides thereof by the said Parish of Knebworth, and contains a population of 19 according to the last Census, may under the provisions of the said Act (1 and 2 Vic., cap. 106) be advantageously separated from the said Parish of Letchworth, and united to the said Parish of Knebworth.

"10. It also appears to me that a certain District of the said Parish of Datchworth, which surrounds a detached portion of the said Parish of Knebworth on the eastern side thereof, and is bounded on the north-western side thereof by the said Parish of Knebworth, containing a population of 400 according to the last Census, may also under the provisions of the said Act be advantageously separated from the said Parish of Datchworth, and united to the said Parish of Knebworth.

"11. It also appears to me that a certain District of the said Parish of Welwyn, which lies adjacent to the said Parish of Knebworth, and also to the District mentioned in the last paragraph, containing a population of 121 according to the last Census, may also under the provisions of the said Act be advantageously separated from the said Parish of Welwyn, and united to the said Parish of Knebworth.

"12. The Right Honourable Victor Alexander George Robert, Earl of Lytton, is the Patron of the said Benefice of Knebworth, Walter Plimpton, of No. 6, Crescent Road, South Norwood Park, in the County of Surrey, Esquire, Henry William Hill, of No. 9, Bloomfield Terrace, Pimlico, in the County of Middlesex, Esquire, and Guilbert Edward Wyndham Malet, of No. 52, Penywern Road, Earls Court, in the said County of Middlesex, Esquire, are the Patrons of the said Benefice of Letchworth, The Master Fellows and Scholars of Clare College, in the University of Cambridge, are the Patrons of the said Benefice of Datchworth, and The Warden and College of All Souls, in the University of Oxford, are the Patrons of the said Benefice of Welwyn.

"13. The Reverend Gildart Arthur Jackson is the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Knebworth, The Reverend Francis Nicholson Heazell is the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Letchworth, The Reverend Joseph Perry Dyer is the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Datchworth, and the Reverend