

Percy Montague Wathen is the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Welwyn.

"14. Pursuant to the directions contained in the 26th Section of the before-mentioned Act of Parliament, I, the said Bishop, have drawn up a Scheme in writing, appended to this Representation, describing the said detached portion of the said Parish of Letchworth, and the said respective Districts of the said Parishes of Datchworth and Welwyn so as aforesaid proposed to be annexed to the said Parish of Knebworth, and the mode in which it appears to me the alterations may best be effected, and how the changes consequent thereon in respect of Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, Glebe Lands, Tithes, Dues, Rates, and Payments, and in respect to Patronage and Rights to Pews, may be made with justice to all Parties interested; And I do hereby submit the same to your Grace, together with the Consents in writing of the said Patrons and Incumbents, and in case you shall on full consideration and inquiry be satisfied therewith I request that your Grace will be pleased to certify the same, and such Consents, to His Majesty in Council."

And whereas the said Scheme, drawn up by the said Bishop, and the Consents referred to in the said Representation, are as follows:—

#### "SCHEME.

"It is proposed to separate a District, being a detached portion of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Letchworth, in the County of Hertford, and Diocese of St. Albans, from that Parish, and unite the same for ecclesiastical purposes to the adjoining Ecclesiastical Parish of Knebworth, in the County and Diocese aforesaid.

"Such District shall consist of all that detached portion of the said Parish of Letchworth which lies to the north of the said Parish of Knebworth, being bounded on the western and south-eastern sides thereof by the said Parish of Knebworth, on the north-east by the Parish of Stevenage, in the County and Diocese aforesaid, and on the north-west by the Parish of Langley, in the County and Diocese aforesaid, and such District is coloured *orange*, and indicated by the letter 'A,' on the Plan annexed hereto.

"It is further proposed to separate a District from the Ecclesiastical Parish of Datchworth, in the County and Diocese aforesaid, and unite such District for ecclesiastical purposes to the adjoining Ecclesiastical Parish of Knebworth aforesaid.

"Such District shall consist of all that part of the said Parish of Datchworth which entirely surrounds the detached portion of the said Parish of Knebworth, forming part of Swangley Farm, and is bounded on the north-western side thereof by the said Parish of Knebworth, and on all other sides by an imaginary line starting at the point where the boundaries of the said Parishes of Knebworth, and Datchworth, and also the Parish of Shephall, in the County and Diocese aforesaid, all meet in the centre of the High Road leading from Stevenage to Hertford opposite Ash-bottom Cottages, from which point the imaginary line proceeds in a south-easterly direction along the centre of the said Road until its junction with the Road leading to Datchworth, along the centre of which it proceeds still south-eastward until it reaches the junction of the said Road with Baines Lane (leading to Woolmer Green), whence it turns in a south-westerly direction along the centre

of the said Lane until it meets the boundary between the said Parishes of Datchworth and Welwyn, along which boundary the said imaginary line then proceeds in a westerly direction until it reaches the eastern boundary of the said Parish of Knebworth, and such District is coloured *green*, and indicated by the letter 'B,' on the said Plan.

"It is further proposed to separate a District from the Ecclesiastical Parish of Welwyn, in the County and Diocese aforesaid, and unite such District for ecclesiastical purposes to the adjoining Ecclesiastical Parish of Knebworth aforesaid.

"Such District shall consist of all that part of the said Parish of Welwyn which is bounded on the north-west by the said Parish of Knebworth, on the north and east by the District of the Parish of Datchworth herein-before described, and indicated by the letter 'B' on the said Plan, and on all other sides by an imaginary line starting at a point on the north-western boundary of the said Parish of Welwyn, immediately opposite the south-western corner of the field numbered 84 on the Ordnance Survey Map for the said Parish (2nd Edition, 1898), and proceeding thence along the south-western boundary of the said field, and along the south-western and south-eastern boundaries of the field numbered 103 on the said Map, and also along the southern boundary of the field numbered 100 on the said Map, until it reaches the western boundary of the Great Northern Railway, along which boundary it proceeds in a northerly direction to a point immediately opposite the south-western corner of a field numbered 99 on the said Ordnance Survey Map, from which point it turns eastward across the said Railway to the south-western corner of the field numbered 99 aforesaid, and proceeds along the southern boundary of that field until it meets the boundary between the District now being described and the said District marked 'B' on the said Plan; all which said District forms the most northern part of the said Parish of Welwyn, and is coloured *yellow*, and indicated by the letter 'C,' on the said Plan.

"The Inhabitants of the said respective Districts shall not after this Scheme takes effect be entitled to any accommodation in the respective Churches of the Parishes from which such Districts have been separated (except nevertheless any person or persons possessing a legal right by faculty or otherwise to any pew or sitting within the said Churches respectively, and who may not be willing to relinquish the same) and shall be exonerated from all liability to repair the Churches of the Parishes from which such Districts shall respectively have been separated, but shall be entitled to accommodation in the Parish Church of Knebworth, and shall be liable, subject to the provisions of 'The Compulsory Church Rate Abolition Act, 1868,' to the repairs of the said Church.

"The Incumbent of the Parish Church of Knebworth shall henceforth have the exclusive cure of souls within the said Districts.

"The fees for Marriages, and Churchings, and all other Ecclesiastical Dues, arising from the said Districts, and due to the Incumbent thereof, shall henceforth belong to the Incumbent of the Benefice of Knebworth aforesaid.

"No alteration shall be made in the Patronage or Endowments of any of the aforesaid Benefices, nor shall any Manorial Rights