

a Notice in each case requiring any objections to such draft Scheme to be stated or transmitted in writing to the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners within the time prescribed in the same Rules:

And whereas the prescribed time has elapsed and no such objections have been so stated or transmitted to the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners:

And whereas public notice of the certification to His Majesty in Council of the said Scheme and the consent thereto in writing of the Bishop of Lincoln has been duly given in the manner and within the time prescribed in the Statutory Rules aforesaid:

And whereas neither of the two Benefices affected by the said Scheme is situate in a City or Municipal Borough:

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 affirm the said Scheme and to order that the two Benefices therein recommended to be united shall be united to the extent and for the purposes recommended in the said Scheme and further to order and direct that the said Scheme 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 Act.

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 Lincoln.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 22nd day of *December*, 1921.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Union of Benefices Act, 1919, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme, bearing date the 15th day of December, 1921, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

“ We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, acting in pursuance of the Union of Benefices Act, 1919, have prepared, and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council, the following Scheme for effecting the union of two neighbouring Benefices, that is to say the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Old Sodbury and the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Little Sodbury, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Gloucester and in the Diocese of Gloucester:

“ Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Edgar Charles Sumner, Bishop of Gloucester, pursuant to the provisions of the said Union of Benefices Act, 1919, to inquire into and report upon the union of the said two Benefices of Old Sodbury and Little Sodbury, duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Gloucester and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Gloucester signified in writing his approval of the said Report:

“ And whereas we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, have prepared this Scheme for the union of the said two Benefices

based upon the terms recommended in the said Report:

“ And whereas each of the said Benefices of Old Sodbury and Little Sodbury is now full, the Reverend Charles Howard-Gough being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Old Sodbury and the Reverend Henry Herbert Yeoman Gollidge being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Little Sodbury:

“ Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Edgar Charles Sumner, Bishop of Gloucester (in testimony whereof he has hereunto set his hand), do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

“ 1. That the said Benefice of Old Sodbury and the said Benefice of Little Sodbury shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of ‘ The United Benefice of Old with Little Sodbury,’ but the Parishes of the said Benefices shall continue distinct in all respects.

“ 2. That if upon the day when an Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme shall be published in the London Gazette both of the said two Benefices shall be vacant, the union of the same two Benefices shall take effect forthwith, and if the said Benefice of Little Sodbury only shall be then vacant the said union shall also take effect forthwith if the Incumbent of the other of the said two 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 the said Benefice of Old Sodbury, and the then Incumbent of Little Sodbury shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice, and if the said Benefice of Old Sodbury only shall be then vacant the said union shall take effect upon the next avoidance of the said Benefice of Little Sodbury, and if neither of the said two Benefices be then vacant, then the said union shall take effect on the next avoidance of the said Benefice of Little Sodbury if the Incumbent at that time of the said Benefice of Old Sodbury shall have been instituted to Old Sodbury subsequently to the date of the publication in the London Gazette of any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme or if instituted before that date shall consent to become the Incumbent of the United Benefice, but if he shall have been instituted to Old Sodbury before that date and shall not so consent, then the said union shall take effect immediately upon the next vacancy of the Benefice of Old Sodbury following such avoidance of the Benefice of Little Sodbury and the then Incumbent of Little Sodbury shall become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice.

“ 3. That upon the said union taking effect the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Old Sodbury shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice and so soon as conveniently may be the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Little Sodbury and the site and appurtenances thereof and the grounds heretofore usually occupied and enjoyed therewith shall be sold and disposed of by us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners at such time or times and in such manner in all respects as to us shall seem expedient and that the net proceeds of such sale shall constitute and form part of the fund created by the 13th Section of the said Union of Benefices Act, 1919.