

of the said public notice in accordance with the provisions of the said Act:

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 Ripon.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 10th day of *August*, 1922.

PRESENT.

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Union of Benefices Act, 1919, and of the Act of the 37th and 38th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 63, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme, bearing date the 27th day of July, 1922, 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, and of the Act of the 37th and 38th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 63, 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 Rectory) of Litlington and the Benefice (being a Rectory) of West Dean both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Sussex and in the Diocese of Chichester:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Winfrid Oldfield, Bishop of Chichester, 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 Litlington and West Dean duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Chichester and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Chichester 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 Litlington and West Dean is now full the Reverend Robert Michael Oginski Gramshaw being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Litlington and the Reverend George

William Augustus Lawrance being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of West Dean:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Winfrid Oldfield, Bishop of Chichester (in testimony whereof he has signed this Scheme and sealed the same with his Episcopal Seal), do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

"1. That the said Benefice of Litlington and the said Benefice of West Dean shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Litlington with West Dean' but the parishes of the said Benefices shall continue distinct in all respects and that such United Benefice shall be included in and form part of the Rural Deanery of Seaford.

"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 West Dean 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 Litlington and the then Incumbent of West Dean shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice: and if the said Benefice of Litlington only shall be then vacant the said union shall take effect upon the next avoidance of the said Benefice of West Dean 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 West Dean if the Incumbent at that time of the said Benefice of Litlington shall have been instituted to Litlington 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 Litlington before that date and shall not so consent, then the said union shall take effect immediately upon the next vacancy of the Benefice of Litlington following such avoidance of the Benefice of West Dean and the then Incumbent of West Dean 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 Litlington shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice.

"4. That after the said union has taken effect the course and succession in which the respective Patrons shall present or nominate to the United Benefice from time to time as the same shall become vacant shall be as follows, that is to say, the right of presentation shall be exercised by the Patrons of the said two Benefices alternately, the Patron of the said Benefice of West Dean having the right upon the first presentation to the United Benefice to be made after the union and every alternate right of presentation and the Patron of the said Benefice of Litlington having the right of presentation upon the second presentation to the United Benefice to be made after the union and every alternate turn thereafter.