

following Scheme for effecting the union of two neighbouring Benefices, that is to say the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Abington Pigotts and the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Litlington both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Cambridge and in the Diocese of Ely:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Frederic Henry, Bishop of Ely, 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 Abington Pigotts and Litlington duly made their report to the said Bishop of Ely and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Ely 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 both of the said Benefices of Abington Pigotts and Litlington are now full the Reverend Magens de Courcy-Ireland being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Abington Pigotts and the Rev. William Lionel Godfrey Edwards being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Litlington:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Frederic Henry, Bishop of Ely (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 Abington Pigotts and the said Benefice of Litlington shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Litlington with Abington Pigotts' but the parishes of the said Benefices shall continue distinct in all respects.

"2. That if upon the day when any 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 one only of the said two Benefices 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 next avoidance of his Benefice and the then Incumbent (if any) of the other of the said two Benefices shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice: and if neither of the said two Benefices be then vacant then the said union shall take effect on the next avoidance of either of the said two Benefices if the Incumbent at that time 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 immediately upon the next vacancy of his Benefice and the then Incumbent (if any) of the other of the said two Benefices 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 Incum-

bent of the United Benefice and so soon as conveniently may be the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Abington Pigotts 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.

"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 and that if upon the day when any 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 first turn of presentation or nomination shall belong to the Patron of the said Benefice of Litlington but otherwise the first turn of presentation or nomination shall belong to the Patron of that one of the said two Benefices the Incumbent of which does not become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice under any of the provisions of Clause 2 of this Scheme.

"Provided always that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any other measures relating to the matters aforesaid or any of them in accordance with the provisions of the said Act or of any other Act of Parliament."

And whereas drafts of the said Scheme have been published locally in the manner prescribed in the Statutory Rules made under the said Act and also transmitted in the manner so prescribed to the patrons affected together with 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 certain objections have been so stated or transmitted to the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners within the time prescribed in the same Rules:

And whereas the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners after giving full consideration to such objections have deemed right to make no alterations in such draft Scheme:

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 Ely has been duly given in the manner and within the time prescribed in the Statutory Rules aforesaid:

And whereas no appeal has been made to His Majesty in Council within the period of one month after the date of the said public notice in accordance with the provisions of the said Act against the said Scheme or any part thereof by any person who has made objection as aforesaid to the said draft Scheme:

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