

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.

*Colin Smith.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 25th day of *October*, 1922.

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, and of the Union of Benefices Measure, 1921, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme, bearing date the 19th day of October, 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 Union of Benefices Measure, 1921, 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 Willisham and the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Offton with Little Bricett, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Suffolk and in the Diocese of Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Albert, Bishop of Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich, 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 Willisham and Offton with Little Bricett duly made their report to the said Bishop of Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich, and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich 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 the said Benefice of Offton with Little Bricett is now full, the Reverend Samuel Brierley being the present Incumbent thereof and the said Benefice of Willisham is at present vacant:

"And whereas only one Parsonage House will be left standing or remaining within or belonging to the United Benefice when the union which is hereinafter recommended and proposed shall take effect, namely, the Parsonage House belonging to the said Benefice of Offton with Little Bricett, and such house will accordingly become the Parsonage House of the United Benefice:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Albert, Bishop of Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich (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 Willisham and the said Benefice of Offton with Little Bricett shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Offton with Willisham,' 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 the said Benefice of Offton with Little Bricett 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 Willisham and the then Incumbent of Offton with Little Bricett shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice; and if the said Benefice of Willisham only shall be then vacant the said union shall take effect upon the next avoidance of the said Benefice of Offton with Little Bricett, 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 Offton with Little Bricett if the Incumbent at that time of the said Benefice of Willisham shall have been instituted to Willisham 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 Willisham before that date and shall not so consent, then the said union shall take effect immediately upon the next vacancy of the Benefice of Willisham following such avoidance of the Benefice of Offton with Little Bricett and the then Incumbent of Offton with Little Bricett shall become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice.

"3. 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 Willisham 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 Offton with Little Bricett having the right of presentation upon the second presentation to the United Benefice to be made after the union and every alternate turn thereafter.

"Provided always that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any other measures relating to