

Gidding 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 Steeple Gidding 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 be applied as follows that is to say (a) we shall first appropriate out of the said net proceeds a sum sufficient to defray the cost of such improvements to the Parsonage House belonging to the United Benefice as shall be approved by the Bishop for the time being of the said Diocese of Ely and (b) that the balance (if any) of such net proceeds shall be held and invested by us for the benefit 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, that in each series of three successive turns of presentation or nomination to the United Benefice after the union, the Patron of the said Benefice of Steeple Gidding shall have the first turn, that one of the alternate Patrons of the said Benefice of Great Gidding with Little Gidding who would be entitled to present or nominate to the said Benefice of Great Gidding with Little Gidding if the same were now vacant, shall have the second turn, and the other of the alternate Patrons of the said Benefice of Great Gidding with Little Gidding shall have the third turn.

"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 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 Ely 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 Ely.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 12th day of *March*, 1923.

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, 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, 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 Kings Somborne with Little Somborne and the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Ashley both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Southampton and in the Diocese of Winchester:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Edward, Bishop of Winchester, 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 Kings Somborne with Little Somborne and Ashley duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Winchester, and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Winchester 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 Kings Somborne with Little Somborne and Ashley is now full, the Reverend George Edmund Harries Theophilus being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Kings Somborne with Little Somborne and the Reverend William John Clapp being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Ashley:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Edward, Bishop of Winchester (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 Kings Somborne with Little Somborne and the said Benefice of Ashley shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice