

is now full, the Reverend John Gill Ward being the present Incumbent thereof and the said Benefice of East Kennett is at present vacant:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said St. Clair George Alfred, Bishop of Salisbury (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 Avebury and the said Benefice of East Kennett shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Avebury with East Kennett' 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 Avebury 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 next avoidance of the said Benefice of East Kennett and the then Incumbent of Avebury shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice: and if the said Benefice of East Kennett only shall be then vacant the said union shall take effect upon the next avoidance of the said Benefice of Avebury 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 Avebury if the Incumbent at that time of the said Benefice of East Kennett shall have been instituted to East Kennett 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 East Kennett before that date and shall not so consent, then the said union shall take effect immediately upon the next vacancy of the Benefice of East Kennett following such avoidance of the Benefice of Avebury and the then Incumbent of Avebury 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 Avebury 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, 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 Avebury shall have the first and second turns and the Patron of the said Benefice of East Kennett 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 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 Salisbury 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 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 Salisbury.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 31st day of *May*, 1923.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the 33rd and 34th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 39, and of the Acts therein mentioned, that is to say, the Act of the 3rd and 4th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 113, the Act of the 4th and 5th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 39, and the Act of the 31st and 32nd years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 114, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme, bearing date the 10th day of *May*,