

prepared and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme, bearing date the 26th day of July, 1923, 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 Ebbesborne Wake and the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Fifield Bavant, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Wilts and in the Diocese of Salisbury.

“ Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend St. Clair George Alfred, Bishop of Salisbury, 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 Ebbesborne Wake and Fifield Bavant duly made their report to the said Bishop of Salisbury and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Salisbury 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 Benefices of Ebbesborne Wake and Fifield Bavant are now full the Reverend Cecil North Arnold being the present Incumbent thereof.

“ And whereas the said Cecil North Arnold has consented to become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice, if and when the union which is hereinafter recommended and proposed shall take effect.

“ 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 Ebbesborne Wake 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 St. Clair George Alfred, Bishop of Salisbury (in testimony whereof he has signed this Scheme), do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

“ 1. That the said Benefice of Ebbesborne Wake and the said Benefice of Fifield Bavant shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of ‘The United Benefice of Ebbesborne Wake with Fifield Bavant’ and that the parishes of the said benefices shall also be united into one parish for ecclesiastical purposes and for such other purposes as in the said Act provided.

“ 2. That the Church of the Parish of Ebbesborne Wake shall be the Parish Church of the United Parish and that the Table of Fees for the said Parish of Ebbesborne Wake shall (until revised or altered by proper autho-

riety) be the Table of Fees for the United Parish.

“ 3. That upon the day when any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme shall be published in the London Gazette the union shall forthwith take effect, and the said Cecil North Arnold, if he is then Incumbent of the said Benefices of Ebbesborne Wake and Fifield Bavant, shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice.

“ 4. That upon the union taking effect the marriage registers in duplicate current at the Church of Fifield Bavant shall be sent by the Incumbent of the United Benefice to the Registrar General to be closed officially.

“ 5. 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 Fifield Bavant 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 Ebbesborne Wake 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 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 Salisbury 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.