

Council, a Scheme, bearing date the 20th day of May, 1926, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

“ We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, acting in pursuance of the Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, have prepared, and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following Scheme for effecting the unions (1) of the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Diddlebury with a portion of the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Holdgate and (2) of the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Tugford with the residue of the said Benefice of Holdgate, all of which Benefices are situate in the County of Salop and in the Diocese of Hereford:

“ Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Martin Linton, Bishop of Hereford, pursuant to the provisions of the said Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, to inquire into and report upon the unions (1) of the said Benefice of Diddlebury with a portion of the said Benefice of Holdgate and (2) of the said Benefice of Tugford with the residue of the said Benefice of Holdgate, duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Hereford and therein recommended the said unions and the terms for effecting the same and the said Bishop of Hereford signified in writing his approval of the said Report:

“ And whereas we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, have prepared this Scheme for the said unions based upon the terms recommended in the said Report:

“ And whereas the said Benefice of Diddlebury and Tugford are now full, the Reverend Goodwin Purcell being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Diddlebury and the Reverend Russell Henry Jeffrey being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Tugford, and the said Benefice of Holdgate is at present vacant:

“ And whereas the said Russell Henry Jeffrey is also the present Incumbent of the Benefice of Shipton, situate in the said County of Salop and in the said Diocese of Hereford:

“ And whereas only one Parsonage House will be left standing or remaining within or belonging to the United Benefice of Diddlebury with Bouldon when the unions which are hereinafter recommended and proposed shall take effect namely the Parsonage House belonging to the said Benefice of Diddlebury:

“ And whereas the Patronage of the said Benefice of Holdgate belongs to the Bishop of Hereford save that the Bishop of Worcester has the right of one presentation or nomination in every series of four presentations or nominations to such Benefice:

“ Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Martin Linton, Bishop of Hereford, (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 Diddlebury and so much of the said Benefice of Holdgate as is situate within the Civil Parish of Diddlebury shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of ‘ The United Benefices of Diddlebury with Bouldon ’ and one Parish for ecclesiastical purposes and for such other purposes as in the said Measure provided, and that such United Benefice shall be included

in and form part of the Rural Deanery of Ludlow.

“ 2. That the Church of the Parish of Diddlebury shall be the Parish Church of the United Parish of Diddlebury with Bouldon and that the Table of Fees for the said Parish of Diddlebury shall (until revised or altered by proper authority) be the Table of Fees for such United Parish.

“ 3. That the said Benefice of Holdgate after the severance of the portion referred to in Clause 1 of this Scheme and the said Benefice of Tugford shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of ‘ The United Benefice of Holdgate with Tugford ’ and that such United Benefice shall be included in and form part of the Rural Deanery of Much Wenlock but the Parishes of the said Benefices of Tugford and Holdgate shall continue distinct in all respects.

“ 4. That with the consents of the said Goodwin Purcell and Russell Henry Jeffrey (in testimony whereof they have signed this Scheme) if upon the day when any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme shall be published in the London Gazette the said Russell Henry Jeffrey shall have vacated the said Benefice of Shipton, the unions shall forthwith take effect, but if upon that day the said Russell Henry Jeffrey shall still be Incumbent of the said Benefice of Shipton and of the said Benefice of Tugford, then the unions shall take effect upon the next vacation of that one of the said Benefices of Shipton and Tugford which shall first be vacated after that day.

“ 5. That upon the said unions taking effect the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Holdgate shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice of Holdgate with Tugford.

“ 6. That upon the said unions taking effect the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Diddlebury shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice of Diddlebury with Bouldon.

“ 7. That after the said unions have taken effect the course and succession in which the respective Patrons shall collate present or nominate to the United Benefice of Holdgate with Tugford from time to time as the same shall become vacant shall be as follows, that is to say, the Bishop of Hereford shall have the first turn of collation presentation or nomination to the United Benefice to be made after the union, the Bishop of Worcester shall have the second turn and the Bishop of Hereford shall have the third and all succeeding turns for ever thereafter.

“ 8. That after the said unions have taken effect the Patronage of the United Benefice of Diddlebury with Bouldon shall belong wholly to the Patrons of the said Benefice of Diddlebury.

“ 9. That upon the said unions taking effect all those Tithe Rent Charges commuted at £67 2s. 11d., now or formerly payable to the Incumbent of the said Benefice of Holdgate and arising within that portion of the said Benefice of Holdgate which is proposed to be united to the said Benefice of Diddlebury as aforesaid together with all sums of money, stocks, annuities, or other property being or