

" In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our respective hands this first day of July, 1926.

" STANLEY BALDWIN.

" CAVE, C.

" W. ROMAINE HERVEY.

" F. G. POWELL."

And whereas the said Archbishop being satisfied with the said Scheme has, under the provisions of the said Pluralities Act, 1838, by his Report dated the 15th day of July, 1926, certified the same and the Consents aforesaid to His Majesty in Council to the intent that an Order may, if His Majesty in Council so think fit, be made for carrying the Scheme into effect:

Now, therefore, His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, as it is hereby ordered, that the said Scheme be carried into effect.

M. P. A. Hankey.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 26th day of *July*, 1926.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme bearing date the 10th day of June, 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 union of the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Shipton Bellinger and the Benefice (being a Rectory) of South Tidworth 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 Theodore, Bishop of Winchester, pursuant to the provisions of the said Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, to inquire into and report upon the union of the said two Benefices of Shipton Bellinger and South Tidworth 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 the said Benefice of South Tidworth is now full, the Reverend John Percival Thompson being the present Incumbent thereof and the said Benefice of Shipton Bellinger is at present vacant:

" And whereas the said John Percival Thompson 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 there is a Parsonage House belonging to each of the said Benefices of Shipton Bellinger and South Tidworth but neither of such Parsonage Houses is suitable for a Parsonage House for the United Benefice hereinafter recommended and proposed to be constituted:

" Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Theodore, Bishop of Winchester (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 Shipton Bellinger and the said Benefice of South Tidworth shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Shipton Bellinger with South Tidworth' but the Parishes of the said Benefices shall continue distinct in all respects.

" 2. 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 John Percival Thompson if he is then Incumbent of the said Benefice of South Tidworth shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice.

" 3. That upon the said union taking effect and pending the provision of a new Parsonage House for the United Benefice the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of South Tidworth 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 Shipton Bellinger 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 towards the cost of the provision of a new Parsonage House for 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, the right of presentation shall be exercised by the Patrons of the said two Benefices alternately, the Patron of the said Benefice of South Tidworth 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 Patrons of the said Benefice of Shipton Bellinger 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 Measure, or of any other Measure of the National Assembly of the Church of England, or of any Act of Parliament."

And whereas drafts of the said Scheme have been duly published in accordance with the