

of October, 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 Rectory) of Lydham, situate partly in the County of Salop and partly in the County of Montgomery, and the Benefice (being a Rectory) of More, situate wholly in the said County of Salop, and both situate 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 union of the said two Benefices of Lydham and More, duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Hereford and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices, and the terms for effecting the union, 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 union of the said two Benefices based upon the terms recommended in the said Report:

“ And whereas the said Benefice of Lydham is now full, the Reverend Alexander Hawken being the present Incumbent thereof, and the said Benefice of More is at present vacant:

“ 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 Lydham and the said Benefice of More shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of ‘ The United Benefice of More and Lydham ’ 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 Lydham 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 then next avoidance of the said Benefice of More and the then Incumbent of Lydham shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice; and if the said Benefice of More only shall be then vacant, the said union shall take effect upon the next avoidance of the said Benefice of Lydham; 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 Lydham if the Incumbent at that

time of the said Benefice of More shall have been instituted to More 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 More before that date and shall not so consent, then the said union shall take effect immediately upon the next vacancy of the Benefice of More following such avoidance of the Benefice of Lydham and the then Incumbent of Lydham 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 More 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 Lydham 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 such net proceeds a sum sufficient to defray the cost of such sanitary and other improvements as shall seem to us and to the Bishop of Hereford desirable at the Parsonage House now belonging to the said Benefice of More and intended to become the Parsonage House of the United Benefice, and (b) the balance of such net proceeds shall be held and invested by us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners 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, the right of presentation shall be exercised by the Patrons of the said two Benefices alternately, and that if upon the Union taking effect both of the said two Benefices of Lydham and More shall be vacant then the first turn of presentation or nomination to be made to the United Benefice after the Union shall belong to the Patron of the said Benefice of More, but otherwise the first turn of presentation or nomination to be made to the United Benefice after the Union shall belong to the Patron of that one of the said two Benefices of Lydham and More an Incumbent of which does not become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice under any of the terms of Clause 2 of this Scheme.

“ 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 provisions of the said Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, and Notices have been trans-