

to inquire into and report upon the union of the said two Benefices of Easthope and Stanton Long 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 Stanton Long is now full the Reverend Alfred Ernest Ball being the present Incumbent thereof and the said Benefice of Easthope is at present vacant:

"And whereas the said Alfred Ernest Ball 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:

"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 Easthope and the said Benefice of Stanton Long shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Stanton Long with Easthope' 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 Alfred Ernest Ball if he is then Incumbent of the said Benefice of Stanton Long shall be 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 Easthope 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, the right of presentation shall be exercised by the Patrons of the said two Benefices alternately, the Patrons of the said Benefice of Stanton Long 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 Easthope 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 provisions of the said Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, and Notices have been transmitted to the persons or bodies entitled under the same Measure to receive Notice 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 Statutory Rules applicable to proceedings under the said Union of Benefices Measure, 1923:

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 altered 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 Hereford has been duly given in the manner and within the time prescribed in the Statutory Rules aforesaid:

And whereas an Appeal against the said Scheme was made to His Majesty in Council by J. A. J. Philpott, Esquire, and others, Parishioners and Inhabitants of Stanton Long, and such Appeal was referred to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council by Order of His Majesty in Council of the 26th day of July, 1926:

And whereas the Lords of the Committee, having taken the said Appeal into consideration, reported to His Majesty in Council as their opinion that the Appeal ought to be dismissed and the said Scheme affirmed:

And whereas His Majesty was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, by Order of the 10th day of August, 1927, to approve the said Report:

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 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 date when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette pursuant to the said Measure.

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 Hereford.

M. P. A. Hankey.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 3rd day of *November*, 1927.

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 14th