

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 22nd day of *March*, 1928.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS 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 2nd day of February, 1928, 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 Milton Bryan and the Benefice (being an United Benefice) of Battlesden with Pottesgrove, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Bedford and in the Diocese of Saint Albans:

“ Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Michael, Bishop of Saint Albans, 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 Milton Bryan and Battlesden with Pottesgrove duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Saint Albans and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Saint Albans 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 Battlesden with Pottesgrove is now full the Reverend William Nevitt Westmore being the present Incumbent thereof and the said Benefice of Milton Bryan is at present vacant:

“ And whereas the said William Nevitt Westmore 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 Michael, Bishop of Saint Albans (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 Milton Bryan and the said Benefice of Battlesden with Pottesgrove shall be permanently united

together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of ‘ The United Benefice of Milton Bryan with Battlesden and Pottesgrove ’ and that the Parishes of the said Benefice of Battlesden with Pottesgrove, that is to say, the Parish of the Benefice of Battlesden and the Parish of the Benefice of Pottesgrove shall also be united together and form one Parish for ecclesiastical purposes and for such other purposes as in the said Measure provided, but the Parish of the said Benefice of Milton Bryan shall continue distinct in all respects.

“ 2. That the Church of the Parish of Pottesgrove shall be the Parish Church of the United Parish of Battlesden with Pottesgrove and that the Table of Fees for the said Parish of Pottesgrove shall (until revised or altered by proper authority) be the Table of Fees for such 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 William Nevitt Westmore if he is then Incumbent of the said Benefice of Battlesden with Pottesgrove 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 Battlesden shall be sent by the Incumbent of the United Benefice to the Registrar General to be closed officially.

“ 5. That upon the said union taking effect the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Milton Bryan 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 Battlesden with Pottesgrove and the site and appurtenances thereof and the ground 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 (a) so much of the net proceeds of such sale as shall appear to us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners and to the said Bishop of Saint Albans to be reasonable shall be applied towards the cost of the improvement of the Parsonage House of the United Benefice and (b) any balance of such net proceeds shall constitute and form part of the Expenses Fund established pursuant to the 32nd Section of the said Union of Benefices Measure, 1923.

“ 6. 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, that in every series of three successive turns of presentation or nomination to be made to the United Benefice after the union the Patron of the said Benefice of Milton Bryan shall have the first turn and the Patron of the said Benefice of Battlesden with Pottesgrove shall have the second and third turns.

“ 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