

" And whereas both of the said Benefices of Toxteth Park, Saint James, and Toxteth Park, Saint Matthew, are at present full the Reverend Henry Gordon being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Toxteth Park, Saint James, and the Reverend George Hayward being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Toxteth Park, Saint Matthew:

" Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Albert Augustus, Bishop of Liverpool (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 Toxteth Park, Saint James, and the said Benefice of Toxteth Park, Saint Matthew, shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Toxteth Park, Saint James with Saint Matthew,' and that the Parishes of the said Benefices shall also be united into one Parish for ecclesiastical purposes and for such other purposes as in the said Measure provided.

" 2. That the Church of the Parish of Toxteth Park, Saint James, shall be the Parish Church of the United Parish and that the Table of Fees for the said Parish of Toxteth Park, Saint James, shall (until revised or altered by proper authority) be the Table of Fees for the United Parish.

" 3. 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 one only of the said two Benefices 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 next avoidance of his Benefice and the then Incumbent (if any) of the other of the said two Benefices shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice; and if neither of the said two Benefices be then vacant then the said union shall take effect on the next avoidance of either of the said two Benefices if the Incumbent at that time 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 immediately upon the next vacancy of his Benefice and the then Incumbent (if any) of the other of the said two Benefices shall become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice.

" 4. (a) That so soon as conveniently may be after the union has taken effect the Church of Saint Matthew, Toxteth Park, shall be taken down and the materials and site thereof, together with any ground annexed thereto and necessary for the use and enjoyment thereof 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 subject to the conditions and restrictions imposed by the said Union of Benefices Measure, 1923.

" (b) That the net proceeds to arise from such sale or sales after the appropriation to the Expenses Fund of the Diocese of Liverpool under the said Measure of so much of such proceeds as may in our opinion be necessary to defray the expenses attendant upon the sale or sales, the taking down of the Church, the removal of monuments (if any) and all other expenses incidental to these matters, shall be applied by us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners as follows, that is to say, a sum to be approved by us and the Bishop of Liverpool shall be set aside and applied towards the cost of the provision of a Parochial Hall for the United Benefice, and the residue of such net proceeds shall be added to the said Expenses Fund of the Diocese of Liverpool.

" (c) That the font, communion table, sacramental plate, bells, organ and other furniture and fittings of the said Church of Saint Matthew, Toxteth Park, or such of them as the Bishop of Liverpool shall select, shall be transferred to the Parish Church of the United Benefice, and any articles not so transferred shall be transferred to any other Church or Chapel or Churches or Chapels within the Diocese of Liverpool which the Bishop may select: provided always that any articles that shall not be so transferred or appropriated, except the font, communion table and sacramental plate, may be sold and the proceeds shall be added to the fund arising from the sale of the site and materials of the said Church of Saint Matthew, Toxteth Park, as aforesaid.

" 5. That upon the union taking effect the Register Books of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials and other the Records and Muniments deposited in the Church of Saint Matthew, Toxteth Park, shall be transferred to the Church of Saint James, Toxteth Park, but the marriage registers in duplicate current at the Church of Saint Matthew, Toxteth Park, shall first be sent by the Incumbent of the United Benefice to the Registrar General to be closed officially.

" 6. That two Curates or a Curate and a Lay Reader be appointed to assist the Incumbent in performing the duties of the United Benefice, this recommendation and proposal being made to the intent that the Bishop shall have the power of requiring the appointment of two Curates or a Curate in accordance with and subject to the conditions and provisions of subsection (b) of Section 18 of the said Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, and towards the remuneration of the second Curate or Lay Reader as the case may be a part of the endowment at present belonging to the said Benefice of Toxteth Park, Saint Matthew, that is to say, an annual sum of £150 (being part of a larger annual payment at present made by us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners to the Incumbent for the time being of the said Benefice of Toxteth Park, Saint Matthew) shall be appropriated and held and administered by us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, as a fund applicable only for and towards the remuneration of the second Curate or Lay Reader as aforesaid and to be payable by us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners in general accordance with our regulations from time to time relating to payments of grants for or towards the stipends of Assistant Curates.