

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 Grendon Underwood and the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Edgcott, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Buckingham and in the Diocese of Oxford:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Thomas Banks, Bishop of Oxford, 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 Grendon Underwood and Edgcott duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Oxford and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Oxford 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 both of the said Benefices of Grendon Underwood and Edgcott are now full, the Reverend Sidney Hugh Charles Wynne being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Grendon Underwood and the Reverend James Fraser Amies being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Edgcott:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Thomas Banks, Bishop of Oxford (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 Grendon Underwood and the said Benefice of Edgcott shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Grendon Underwood with Edgcott' 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 Edgcott 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 Grendon Underwood and the then Incumbent of Edgcott shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice, and if the said Benefice of Grendon Underwood only shall be then vacant the said union shall take effect upon the next avoidance of the said Benefice of Edgcott 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 Edgcott if the Incumbent at that time of the said Benefice of Grendon Underwood shall have been instituted to Grendon Underwood 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 the said Benefice of Grendon Underwood before that date and shall not so consent, then the said union shall take effect immediately upon the next vacancy of the said Benefice of Grendon Underwood following such avoidance of the said Benefice of Edgcott and the then Incumbent of the said Benefice of Edgcott 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 Grendon Underwood 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 Edgcott 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 held and invested by us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, for the benefit of the Benefice of Oakley, situate in the said Diocese of Oxford.

"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 Grendon Underwood 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 Edgcott having the right of presentation upon the second presentation to the United Benefice to be made after the union and every alternate turn thereafter.

"5. That upon the union taking effect a portion of the endowment and property of the United Benefice, that is to say a sum of £1,666 13s. 4d. Local Loans Three pounds per centum per annum Stock being part of a larger sum of such Stock at present held by us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, on behalf of the said Benefice of Grendon Underwood shall be severed and diverted from the United Benefice and shall be transferred and annexed to and held by us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners on behalf of the Benefice of Worminghall, situate in the said Diocese of Oxford.

"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 pre-