

in the middle of the mineral railway leading from Sovereign Pits to the said Bolton and Kenyon line of railway, and extending thence first north westward and then northward along the middle of the line of such mineral railway for a distance of 21½ chains or thereabouts to the boundary which divides the said Parish of Leigh from the said New Parish of Saint Paul, Westleigh.

"II. And also all that contiguous portion of the said New Parish of Saint Michael and All Angels, Howe Bridge, which is bounded upon the west and upon the south by the said Parish of Leigh, and upon the remaining sides, that is to say, upon the east, and upon the north west, by an imaginary line commencing upon the boundary which divides the said Parish of Leigh from the said New Parish of Saint Michael and All Angels, Howe Bridge, at the point where the said mineral railway leading from the Atherton Collieries to the Leigh Branch of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal crosses the middle of Orchard Lane, and extending thence northward along the middle of the line of such mineral railway for a distance of 40 chains or thereabouts to its junction with the said Bolton and Kenyon Line of the London Midland and Scottish Railway, and extending thence south westward along the middle of the last mentioned line of railway for a distance of 25½ chains or thereabouts to the point where the boundaries of the said New Parish of Saint Michael and All Angels, Howe Bridge, of the said New Parish of Saint Paul, Westleigh, and of the said Parish of Leigh, all meet."

And whereas drafts of the said Scheme have, in accordance with the provisions of the secondly hereinbefore mentioned Act, been transmitted to the Patrons and to the Incumbents of the Cures out of which it is intended that the District recommended in such Scheme to be constituted shall be taken, and such Patrons and Incumbents have respectively signified their assent to such Scheme:

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 ratify the said Scheme, and to order and direct that the same and every part thereof shall be effectual in law immediately from and after the time when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette pursuant to the said Acts.

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 Manchester.

*M. P. A. Hankey.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 15th day of *May*, 1930.

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 21st day of

February, 1929, 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 Stretton (Saint Nicholas) and the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Clipsham, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Rutland and in the Diocese of Peterborough:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Claude, Bishop of Peterborough, 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 Stretton (Saint Nicholas) and Clipsham duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Peterborough and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Peterborough 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 Stretton (Saint Nicholas) and Clipsham are now full, the Reverend Harry John Shirley being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Stretton (Saint Nicholas) and the Reverend Joseph Sedgwick Barnes being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Clipsham:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Claude, Bishop of Peterborough (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 Stretton (Saint Nicholas) and the said Benefice of Clipsham shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Stretton with Clipsham' 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 Clipsham 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 Stretton (Saint Nicholas) and the then Incumbent of Clipsham shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice, and if the said Benefice of Stretton (Saint Nicholas) only shall be then vacant the said union shall take effect upon the next avoidance of the said Benefice of Clipsham 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 Clipsham if the Incumbent at that time of the said Benefices of Stretton (Saint Nicholas) shall have been