

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 8th day of May, 1930, 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 Exeter, Saint Lawrence, and the Benefice (being a United Benefice) of Exeter, Saint Stephen with Saint Martin, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Devon and in the Diocese of Exeter:

“ Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend William, Bishop of Exeter, 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 Exeter, Saint Lawrence, and Exeter, Saint Stephen with Saint Martin, duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Exeter and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Exeter 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 Exeter, Saint Lawrence, and Exeter, Saint Stephen with Saint Martin, are now full being held in plurality by the Reverend Prebendary Edgar Hay Hay under the authority of a Dispensation:

“ And whereas the Advowson or perpetual right of Patronage of and presentation to each of the said two Benefices of Exeter, Saint Lawrence, and Exeter, Saint Stephen with Saint Martin, now belongs to one and the same Patron:

“ Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said William, Bishop of Exeter (in testimony whereof he has signed this Scheme), and with the consent of the said Edgar Hay Hay (testified by his signing this Scheme), do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

“ 1. That the said Benefice of Exeter, Saint Lawrence, and the said Benefice of Exeter, Saint Stephen with Saint Martin, shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of ‘The United Benefice of Exeter, Saint Lawrence with Saint Stephen and Saint Martin,’ 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 Exeter, Saint Lawrence, shall be the Parish Church of the United Parish and that the

Table of Fees for the said Parish of Exeter, Saint Lawrence, shall (until revised or altered by proper authority) be the Table of Fees for the 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 Edgar Hay Hay if he is then the Incumbent of both of the said Benefices of Exeter, Saint Lawrence, and Exeter, Saint Stephen with Saint Martin, shall become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice and his admission thereto shall be without any form or fee of or for presentation or nomination and he shall not be required to pay any fees in respect of his collation, institution, licence, or induction to the United Benefice beyond such fees as he would have been liable to pay if his admission to the United Benefice had been an admission solely to that one of the said two Benefices for the holding of which in plurality with the other a Dispensation was heretofore granted to him, and for the purpose of the 5th Section of the Incumbents' Resignation Act, 1871, and of Schedule A thereto, his tenure of the said Benefices of Exeter, Saint Lawrence, and Exeter, Saint Stephen with Saint Martin, shall be deemed to continue notwithstanding his admission to the United Benefice.

“ 4. That upon the union taking effect the marriage registers in duplicate current at the Churches of Saint Stephen and Saint Martin, Exeter, respectively, shall be sent by the Incumbent of the United Benefice to the Registrar General to be closed officially.

“ 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 the prescribed time has elapsed and no such objections have been so stated or transmitted to the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners:

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

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