

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 13th day of *June*, 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 10th day of April, 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 Vicarage) of Charlton Horethorne and the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Stowell, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Somerset and in the Diocese of Bath and Wells:

“ Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend St. John Basil Wynne, Bishop of Bath and Wells, 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 Charlton Horethorne and Stowell duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Bath and Wells and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union (including certain alterations of boundaries affecting the Parishes of the said Benefices of Charlton Horethorne and Stowell and the Parish of the Benefice of Abbas Combe otherwise Templecombe in the said County and Diocese), and the said Bishop of Bath and Wells signified in writing his approval of the said Report:

“ And whereas we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, have prepared this Scheme for the said union of Benefices based upon the terms recommended in the said Report:

“ And whereas both of the said Benefices of Charlton Horethorne and Stowell are now full, the Reverend Christopher Fitz James Carver being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Charlton Horethorne and the Reverend Thomas Ernest Gatehouse being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Stowell:

“ Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent, of the said St. John Basil Wynne, Bishop of Bath and Wells (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 Charlton Horethorne and the said Benefice of Stowell shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of ‘The United Benefice of Charlton Horethorne with Stowell’ 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 Stowell 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 Charlton Horethorne and the then Incumbent of Stowell shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice, and if the said Benefice of Charlton Horethorne only shall be then vacant the said union shall take effect upon the next avoidance of the said Benefice of Stowell 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 Stowell if the Incumbent at that time of the said Benefice of Charlton Horethorne shall have been instituted to Charlton Horethorne 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 Charlton Horethorne 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 Charlton Horethorne following such avoidance of the said Benefice of Stowell and the then Incumbent of the said Benefice of Stowell 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 Charlton Horethorne 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 Stowell and the site and appurtenances thereof and the grounds heretofore usually occupied and enjoyed therewith if not previously sold under proper authority 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 out of the net proceeds of such sale a sum sufficient to produce an income of £30 per annum shall be appropriated and held and invested by us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for the benefit of the United Benefice and the 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.

“ 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, 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 Stowell shall have the first turn and the Patron of the said Benefice of Charlton Horethorne shall have the second and the third turns.

“ 5. That upon the union taking effect all that part of the said Parish of Charlton Horethorne which is comprised within the area of the Civil Parish of Stowell shall be transferred