

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 certain objections have been so stated or transmitted to the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners within the time prescribed in the same Rules:

And whereas the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, after giving full consideration to such objections, have deemed right to make no alterations in such draft Scheme:

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

And whereas no appeal has been made to His Majesty in Council within the period of one month after the date of the said public notice, in accordance with the provisions of the said Measure, against the said Scheme or any part thereof by any person who has made objection as aforesaid to the said draft Scheme:

And whereas the said Scheme has been laid before both Houses of Parliament for the space of two calendar months:

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 Scheme and every part thereof shall be effectual in law immediately from and after the date when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette pursuant to the said Measure.

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 London.

M. P. A. Hankey.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 12th day of *February*, 1931.

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 27th day of November, 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 Ramsey, Saint Mary, situate in the County of Huntingdon, and the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Pond's Bridge, Saint Thomas, situate partly in the said County of Huntingdon and partly in the County of Cambridge, and both in the Diocese of Ely:

“ Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Leonard, Bishop of Ely, pursuant to the provisions of the said Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, to inquire into and report (inter alia) upon the union of the said two Benefices of Ramsey, Saint Mary, and Pond's Bridge, Saint Thomas, duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Ely, and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Ely 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 Ramsey, Saint Mary, and Pond's Bridge, Saint Thomas, are now full, the Reverend John Laurie Cooper being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Ramsey, Saint Mary, and the Reverend James Price Stephens being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Pond's Bridge, Saint Thomas:

“ Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Leonard, Bishop of Ely (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 Ramsey, Saint Mary, and the said Benefice of Pond's Bridge, Saint Thomas, shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of ‘ The United Benefice of Pond's Bridge with Ramsey, Saint Mary ’ 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 Pond's Bridge, Saint Thomas, 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 Ramsey, Saint Mary, and the then Incumbent of Pond's Bridge, Saint Thomas, shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice, and if the said Benefice of Ramsey, Saint Mary, only shall be then vacant the said union shall take effect upon the next avoidance of the said Benefice of Pond's Bridge, Saint Thomas, 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 Pond's Bridge, Saint Thomas, if the Incumbent at that time of the said Benefice of Ramsey, Saint Mary, shall have been instituted to Ramsey, Saint Mary, subsequently to the date of the publication in the London Gazette of any