

Council, a Scheme bearing date the 11th day of June, 1931, 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 Fleet Marston, the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Waddesdon, and the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Over Winchendon, all 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 three Benefices of Fleet Marston, Waddesdon and Over Winchendon, duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Oxford, and therein recommend the union of the said three 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 three Benefices based upon the terms recommended in the said Report:

“And whereas all of the said three Benefices are now full, the Reverend Herbert John Sanders being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Fleet Marston and the Reverend George Dixon being the present Incumbent of the said Benefices of Waddesdon and Over Winchendon, which he holds together in plurality 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 Waddesdon and Over Winchendon now belongs to one and the same Patron:

“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), and with the consent of the said George Dixon (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 Fleet Marston, the said Benefice of Waddesdon and the said Benefice of Over Winchendon shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of ‘The United Benefice of Waddesdon with Over Winchendon and Fleet Marston’ but the Parishes of the said Benefices shall continue distinct in all respects.

“2. That if at the date of the publication in the London Gazette of any Order of Your Majesty in Council affirming this Scheme the said Benefice of Fleet Marston shall be vacant the union shall forthwith take effect, and the said George Dixon, if he is then Incumbent of the said Benefices of Waddesdon and Over Winchendon, shall become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice, but if at that date the said Benefice of Fleet Marston shall not be vacant, then the union shall take effect upon the first avoidance after that date of the said

Benefice of Fleet Marston, and pending such avoidance:—

“(a) the said Benefice of Waddesdon and the said Benefice of Over Winchendon shall forthwith be united together and form one Benefice with cure of Souls under the style of ‘The United Benefice of Waddesdon with Over Winchendon’ but the Parishes of the said Benefices shall continue distinct in all respects;

“(b) the said George Dixon, if he is then Incumbent of both of the said Benefices of Waddesdon and Over Winchendon shall become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice of Waddesdon with Over Winchendon, 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 such United Benefice beyond such fees as he would have been liable to pay if his admission to the same United Benefice had been an admission solely to that one of the said two Benefices of Waddesdon and Over Winchendon 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 Waddesdon and Over Winchendon shall be deemed to continue notwithstanding his admission to the United Benefice;

“(c) the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Waddesdon shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice of Waddesdon with Over Winchendon.

“3. That upon the union referred to in Clause 1 of this Scheme taking effect the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Waddesdon shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice of Waddesdon with Over Winchendon and Fleet Marston.

“4. That upon the union referred to in Clause 1 of this Scheme taking effect two Curates shall be appointed to assist the Incumbent in performing the duties of the United Benefice and at no time shall less than two Curates be so employed unless with the written permission of the Bishop of the Diocese, and a portion of the endowments of the United Benefice, namely the whole of the endowments of the said Benefice of Waddesdon shall be charged with such annual sum as the Bishop may from time to time determine, not less than £300 and not exceeding £400 as a fund to meet the expenses of providing for the services of such Curates as aforesaid which said fund shall be held and administered by the Incumbent of the United Benefice but shall be applicable only to the purposes aforesaid, provided that it shall be lawful for the Bishop of the Diocese if he thinks proper at any time and from time to time to direct that the said charge shall be paid by the Incumbent of the United Benefice to the Diocesan Board of Finance of the Diocese as trustees to apply the same for the purpose of paying the stipends of such Curates as aforesaid.

“5. That after the union referred to in Clause 1 of this Scheme has taken effect the