

and the Reverend Vincent Mackreth being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Pitstone:

"And whereas the Advowson or perpetual right of Patronage of and presentation to each of the said two Benefices of Ivinghoe and Pitstone now belongs to one and the same Patron or Patrons:

"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), do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

"1. That the said Benefice of Ivinghoe and the said Benefice of Pitstone shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls, under the style of 'The United Benefice of Ivinghoe with Pitstone,' 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 one only of the said two Benefices shall be then vacant the said union shall take effect upon the next avoidance of the other of the said two Benefices; and if neither of the said two Benefices be then vacant the said union shall take effect upon the next avoidance of that one of the said two Benefices which shall last be avoided after the date of the publication in the London Gazette of any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme.

"3. That upon the said union taking effect the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Ivinghoe 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 Pitstone, and the site and appurtenances thereof and the grounds heretofore usually occupied and enjoyed therewith 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 the net proceeds of such sale shall be held and invested by us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, for the benefit of the United Benefice.

"4. That at any time and from time to time after the union has taken effect the Incumbent of the United Benefice shall employ such clerical or lay assistance in the performance of the duties of the United Benefice as the Bishop may require and towards the remuneration of clergy or lay workers so required to be employed the Incumbent of the United Benefice shall be liable to provide out of the income of the United Benefice such sum as may be necessary not exceeding the sum of £150 in any one year.

"5. That with the consent of the Right Reverend Michael, Bishop of Saint Albans (testified by his signing this Scheme), as such Bishop and also as Patron in right of his See of the said Benefice of Little Gaddesden and of the said United Benefice of Potten End with Nettleden, and with the consents of the Reverend Canon James Lumsden Barkway, now Incumbent of the said Benefice of Little

Gaddesden, and of the Reverend Augustine Rhun Price, now Incumbent of the said United Benefice of Potten End with Nettleden (testified by their respectively signing this Scheme), upon the union taking effect: (a) All that part of the Parish of the said Benefice of Ivinghoe which is situate within the area of the Civil Parish of Little Gaddesden shall be transferred and annexed, for all ecclesiastical purposes, to the Parish of the said Benefice of Little Gaddesden; and (b) all that part of the Parish of the said Benefice of Ivinghoe which is situate within the area of the Civil Parish of Nettleden shall be transferred and annexed for all ecclesiastical purposes to the Parish of Nettleden being one of the Parishes of the said United Benefice of Potten End with Nettleden.

"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 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 Bishops of Oxford and Saint Albans has been duly given in the manner and within the time prescribed in the Statutory Rules aforesaid:

And whereas an appeal against the said Scheme to His Majesty in Council stands dismissed for non-prosecution:

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 Registrars of the said Dioceses of Oxford and Saint Albans.

*M. P. A. Hankey.*