

now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council, the following Scheme for effecting the union of the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Middlesbrough, Saint Hilda, and the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Middlesbrough, Saint Peter, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of York and in the Diocese of York:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Honourable and Most Reverend William, Archbishop of York, 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 Middlesbrough, Saint Hilda, and Middlesbrough, Saint Peter, duly made their Report to the said Archbishop of York and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Archbishop of York 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 Middlesbrough, Saint Hilda, and Middlesbrough, Saint Peter, are at present vacant:

"And whereas the Patronage of each of the said Benefices of Middlesbrough, Saint Hilda, and Middlesbrough, Saint Peter, now belongs to one and the same Patron:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said William, Archbishop of York (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 Middlesbrough, Saint Hilda, and the said Benefice of Middlesbrough, Saint Peter, shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Middlesbrough, Saint Hilda with Saint Peter' but the Parishes of the said Benefices shall continue distinct in all respects.

"2. 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.

"3. That a Curate at a stipend of not less than £250 per annum be appointed to assist the Incumbent in performing the duties of the United Benefice, this recommendation and proposal being made to the intent that the Archbishop shall have the power of requiring the appointment of a Curate in accordance with and subject to the conditions and provisions of subsection (b) of Section 18 of the said Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, and the endowments of the United Benefice shall be charged with a sum of £60 per annum as a fund towards meeting the expenses of providing for the services of such Curate as aforesaid which said fund of £60 per annum shall be held and administered by the Incumbent of the United Benefice but shall be applicable only to the purpose aforesaid.

"4. That upon the said union taking effect the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Middlesbrough, Saint Peter, shall become and be the house of resi-

dence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice and the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Middlesbrough, Saint Hilda, shall form part of the endowment and property of the United Benefice and the net income arising therefrom or in respect of any sale thereof shall be held and administered by the Incumbent of the United Benefice but shall be applicable only towards the payment of the expenses of providing assistance for the Incumbent of the United Benefice by clergy or lay workers.

"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 certain 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 Archbishop of York 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 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 York.

*M. P. A. Hankey.*