

Benefices Measure, 1923, have prepared, and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council, the following Scheme for effecting the unions (1) of the Chapelry of Adlestrop (now part of the Benefice of Broadwell with Adlestrop) and the Benefice of Oddington and (2) of the Benefice of Broadwell and the Benefice of Stow on the Wold, all of which Benefices are situate in the County of Gloucester and in the Diocese of Gloucester:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Arthur Cayley, Bishop of Gloucester, pursuant to the provisions of the said Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, to inquire into and report upon the unions (1) of the said Chapelry of Adlestrop with the said Benefice of Oddington and (2) of the said Benefice of Broadwell with the said Benefice of Stow on the Wold duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Gloucester and therein recommended such unions and the terms for effecting the same including certain alterations of the boundaries of the Parish of the said Benefice of Stow on the Wold and of the Parishes of Upper Swell and Nether Swell being the Parishes of the United Benefice of Upper with Nether Swell, in the said County and Diocese of Gloucester, and the said Bishop of Gloucester 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 unions and alterations of boundaries which Scheme is based upon the terms recommended in the said Report, but with the assent of the said Bishop of Gloucester embodies certain modifications thereof:

"And whereas all of the three said Benefices of Broadwell with Adlestrop, Oddington and Stow on the Wold are now full the Reverend Francis Grenville Cholmondeley being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Broadwell with Adlestrop, the Reverend Reginald Arthur Bentley being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Oddington, and the Reverend Frederick Macduff Christian Hare being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Stow on the Wold:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Arthur Cayley, Bishop of Gloucester, and with the consents of the said Reginald Arthur Bentley and Frederick Macduff Christian Hare (testified by their respectively signing this Scheme), do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

"1. That the said Chapelry of Adlestrop comprising all that part of the Parish of the said Benefice of Broadwell with Adlestrop which is included within the area of the Civil Parish of Adlestrop shall be severed from the said Benefice of Broadwell and the said Chapelry of Adlestrop so severed and the said Benefice of Oddington shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls and one Parish for all ecclesiastical purposes under the style of 'The United Benefice of Oddington with Adlestrop.'

"2. That the Church of the Parish of Oddington shall be the Parish Church of the United Benefice of Oddington with Adlestrop and that the Table of Fees for the said Parish

of Oddington shall (until revised or altered by proper authority) be the Table of Fees for the same United Parish.

"3. That the said Benefice of Broadwell and the said Benefice of Stow on the Wold shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Stow on the Wold with Broadwell' but the Parishes of the said Benefices of Broadwell and Stow on the Wold shall continue distinct in all respects.

"4. That if upon the day when any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme shall be published in the London Gazette the said Benefice of Broadwell with Adlestrop shall be vacant, the unions shall forthwith take effect, but if upon that day the said Benefice of Broadwell with Adlestrop shall be full the unions shall take effect immediately upon the first vacation thereafter of the said Benefice of Broadwell with Adlestrop, and in either case the said Reginald Arthur Bentley if he is then Incumbent of the said Benefice of Oddington shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice of Oddington with Adlestrop, and the said Frederick Macduff Christian Hare if he is then Incumbent of the said Benefice of Stow on the Wold shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice of Stow on the Wold with Broadwell.

"5. That upon the said unions taking effect (1) the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Oddington shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice of Oddington with Adlestrop (2) the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Stow on the Wold shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice of Stow on the Wold with Broadwell and (3) so soon as conveniently may be the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Broadwell with Adlestrop 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 applied by us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, for and towards the cost of the provision of a Curate's Residence at Broadwell and any balance of the said net proceeds which shall not be required for that purpose shall be held and invested by us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, as to one moiety of such balance for the benefit of the United Benefice of Oddington with Adlestrop, and as to the other moiety thereof for the benefit of the United Benefice of Stow on the Wold with Broadwell.

"6. That upon the unions taking effect a portion of the endowment and property now belonging to the said Benefice of Broadwell with Adlestrop that is to say a sum of £2,648 9s. 0d. £3½ per centum per annum Conversion Stock (1961) now held by us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, for the benefit of the said Benefice of Broadwell with Adlestrop together with a sum of £245 Local Loans £3 per centum per annum Stock (being part of a larger sum of such Stock now held by us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, for the benefit of the said Benefice of Broadwell with