

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 28th day of *May*, 1936.

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 2nd day of April, 1936, 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 Brandon Hill, Saint George, and the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Bristol, Saint Augustine the Less, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Gloucester and in the Diocese of Bristol:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Clifford Salisbury, Bishop of Bristol, 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 Brandon Hill, Saint George, and Bristol, Saint Augustine the Less, duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Bristol and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Bristol 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 which Scheme is based upon the terms recommended in the said Report, but with the assent of the said Bishop of Bristol embodies certain modifications thereof:

"And whereas both of the said Benefices of Brandon Hill, Saint George, and Bristol, Saint Augustine the Less, are now full the Reverend Percival Gay being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Brandon Hill, Saint George, and the Reverend Ronald Dupré Grange-Bennett being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Bristol, Saint Augustine the Less:

"And whereas the patronage of each of the said Benefices of Brandon Hill, Saint George, and Bristol, Saint Augustine the Less, now belongs to one and the same body of Patrons:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Clifford Salisbury, Bishop of Bristol (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 Brandon Hill, Saint George, and the said Benefice of Bristol, Saint Augustine the Less, shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Bristol, Saint Augustine with Saint George' and that the Parishes of the said Benefices shall also be united into one Parish for ecclesiastical purposes and for such other purposes as in the said Measure provided.

"2. That the Church of the Parish of Brandon Hill, Saint George, shall be the Parish Church of the United Parish and that the Table of Fees for the said Parish of Brandon Hill, Saint George, shall (until revised or altered by proper authority) be the Table of Fees for the United Parish.

"3. 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 also take effect forthwith if the Incumbent of the other of the said two Benefices shall with the approval of the Bishop consent to become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice, but, if he shall not so consent or if the Bishop shall not approve then the said union shall take effect upon the next avoidance of his Benefice and the then Incumbent (if any) of the other of the said two Benefices shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice; and if neither of the said two Benefices be then vacant then the said union shall take effect on the next avoidance of either of the said two Benefices if the Incumbent at that time of the other of the said two Benefices shall with the approval of the Bishop consent to become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice, but if he shall not so consent or if the Bishop shall not approve then the said union shall take effect immediately upon the next vacancy of his Benefice and the then Incumbent (if any) of the other of the said two Benefices shall become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice.

"4. That upon the union taking effect the marriage registers in duplicate current at the Church of Saint Augustine the Less, Bristol, shall be sent by the Incumbent of the United Benefice to the Registrar-General to be closed officially.

"5. That upon the said union taking effect that one of the two Parsonage Houses which shall with the approval in writing of the Bishop of Bristol be selected by us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice and so soon as conveniently may be thereafter the other Parsonage House 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 a Benefice or Benefices in the said Diocese of Bristol to be selected by the Bishop of Bristol.

"6. That upon the union taking effect a Curate shall be employed to assist the Incumbent of the United Benefice in the performance of the duties thereof and that a part of the endowments of the United Benefice, that is to say an annual sum of £184 being part of an annual payment of £240 at present made by us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, to the Incumbent for the time being of the said Benefice of Bristol, Saint Augustine the Less, shall be appropriated and paid by us