

Council, a Scheme bearing date the 16th day of March, 1939, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

“ We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, acting in pursuance of the Union of Benefices Measures, 1923 to 1936, 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 Conisholme and the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Grainthorpe, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Lincoln and in the Diocese of Lincoln:

“ Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Nugent, Bishop of Lincoln, pursuant to the provisions of the said Measures to inquire into and report upon the union of the said two Benefices of Conisholme and Grainthorpe duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Lincoln and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Lincoln 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 consent of the said Bishop of Lincoln embodies certain modifications thereof:

“ And whereas both of the said Benefices of Conisholme and Grainthorpe are at present vacant:

“ Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Nugent, Bishop of Lincoln (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 Conisholme and the said Benefice of Grainthorpe shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of ‘ The United Benefice of Grainthorpe with Conisholme ’ and that such United Benefice shall be included in and form part of the Rural Deanery of Ludborough 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 upon the said union taking effect the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Grainthorpe 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 Conisholme 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 so much of the net proceeds of such sale as shall be determined by the Bishop of Lincoln shall be applied towards the cost of improvements to the Parsonage House of the United Benefice and the balance of such net proceeds shall be held and invested by us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, for the benefit of the United Benefice.

“ 4. That after the said union has taken effect the course and succession in which the respective Patrons shall present or nominate to the United Benefice from time to time as the same shall become vacant shall be as follows, that is to say, the right of presentation shall be exercised by the Patrons of the said two Benefices alternately, the Patron of the said Benefice of Conisholme having the right upon the first presentation to the United Benefice to be made after the union and every alternate right of presentation and the Patrons of the said Benefice of Grainthorpe having the right of presentation upon the second presentation to the United Benefice to be made after the union and every alternate turn thereafter.

“ Provided always that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from making any other recommendations and proposals relating to the matters aforesaid, or any of them, in accordance with the provisions of the said Measures, 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 Measures, and Notices have been transmitted to the persons or bodies entitled under the said Measures 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 Measures:

And whereas the prescribed time has elapsed and no such objections have been so stated or transmitted to the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners:

And whereas public notice of the certification to His Majesty in Council of the said Scheme and the consent thereto in writing of the Bishop of Lincoln has been duly given in the manner and within the time prescribed in the Statutory Rules aforesaid:

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 Measures.

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 Lincoln.

*Rupert B. Howorth.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 30th day of *March*, 1939.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the 33rd and 34th years of Her late Majesty