

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 ratify the said Scheme, and to order and direct that the same and every part thereof shall be effectual in law immediately from and after the time when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette pursuant to the said Act.

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 Diocese of Bath and Wells.

*Rupert B. Howorth.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 5th day of *May*, 1939.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Union of Benefices Measures, 1923 to 1936, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme bearing date the 27th day of April, 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 Vicarage) of Pyrton and the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Shirburn, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Oxford and in the Diocese of Oxford:

“ Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Thomas Banks, late Bishop of Oxford, pursuant to the provisions of the said Measures to inquire into and report upon the union of the said two Benefices of Pyrton and Shirburn duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Oxford and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, including inter alia certain alterations of boundaries affecting also the Parishes of the Benefices of Great Haseley and Watlington both in the same County and Diocese and the said Bishop of Oxford 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 of Pyrton and Shirburn based upon the terms recommended in the said Report:

“ And whereas the said Benefices of Pyrton and Shirburn are both now full the Reverend William Edward Careless being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Pyrton and the Reverend Herbert William Booth being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Shirburn:

“ Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the Right Reverend Kenneth Escott, now 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 Pyrton and the said Benefice of Shirburn shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of ‘ The United Benefice of Shirburn with Pyrton ’ 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 the said Benefice of Pyrton only 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 then next avoidance of the said Benefice of Shirburn and the then Incumbent of Pyrton shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice, and if the said Benefice of Shirburn only shall be then vacant the said union shall take effect upon the next avoidance of the said Benefice of Pyrton and if neither of the said two Benefices be then vacant, then the said union shall take effect on the next avoidance of the said Benefice of Pyrton if the Incumbent at that time of the said Benefice of Shirburn shall have been instituted to Shirburn subsequently to the date of the publication in the London Gazette of any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme or if instituted before that date shall with the approval of the Bishop consent to become the Incumbent of the United Benefice, but if he shall have been instituted to the said Benefice of Shirburn before that date and shall not so consent or if the Bishop shall not approve, then the said union shall take effect immediately upon the next vacancy of the said Benefice of Shirburn following such avoidance of the said Benefice of Pyrton and the then Incumbent of the said Benefice of Pyrton shall become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice.

“ 3. 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 first turn belonging to the Patron or Patrons of that one of the said two Benefices of Pyrton and Shirburn an Incumbent of which does not become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice under any of the provisions of Clause 2 of this Scheme.

“ 4. That with the consent of the Dean and Canons of Your Majesty's Free Chapel of Saint George within the Castle of Windsor as the Patrons of the said Benefice of Great Haseley (in testimony whereof they have caused their Common or Corporate Seal to be affixed to this Scheme) and with the consent of the said Kenneth Escott, Bishop of Oxford, as Patron of the said Benefice of Watlington (testified as aforesaid), and with the consents also of the Reverend Percy Henry Bown, now Incumbent