

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 13th day of *October*, 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 20th day of July, 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 Toxteth Park, Saint John the Baptist, and the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Toxteth Park, Saint Thomas, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Lancaster and in the Diocese of Liverpool:

" Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Albert, Bishop of Liverpool, pursuant to the provisions of the said Measures to inquire into and report upon the union of the said two Benefices of Toxteth Park, Saint John the Baptist, and Toxteth Park, Saint Thomas, duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Liverpool and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Liverpool 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 Liverpool embodies certain modifications thereof:

" And whereas the said Benefice of Toxteth Park, Saint John the Baptist, is now full the Reverend Felix Young being the present Incumbent thereof and the said Benefice of Toxteth Park, Saint Thomas, is at present vacant:

" Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consents of the said Albert, Bishop of Liverpool, and of the said Felix Young (testified by their signing this Scheme), do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

" 1. That the said Benefice of Toxteth Park, Saint John the Baptist, and the said Benefice of Toxteth Park, Saint Thomas, shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Toxteth Park, Saint John the Baptist with Saint Thomas' 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 Measures provided.

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

" 3. 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 and the said Felix Young, if he is then Incumbent of the said Benefice of Toxteth Park, Saint John the Baptist, shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice.

" 4. That upon the union taking effect the register books of baptisms, marriages and burials and other the records and muniments deposited in the Church of Saint Thomas, Toxteth Park, shall be transferred to the Parish Church of the United Benefice but the marriage registers in duplicate current at the Church of Saint Thomas, Toxteth Park, shall first be sent by the Incumbent of the United Benefice to the Registrar General to be closed officially.

" 5.—(a) That so soon as conveniently may be after the union has taken effect the Church of Saint Thomas, Toxteth Park, shall be taken down and the materials and site thereof, together with any ground annexed thereto and necessary for the use and enjoyment thereof 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 subject to the conditions and restrictions imposed by the said Measures.

(b) That the net proceeds to arise from such sale or sales after payment of the expenses attendant upon the sale or sales, the taking down of the Church, the removal of monuments (if any) and all other expenses incidental to these matters, shall be applied by us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, as follows, that is to say, a sufficient sum shall first be appropriated to meet the cost of the compensation or compensations hereinafter mentioned or for the repayment of any advance made for the purpose of such compensation or compensations and the remaining part of such net proceeds shall be appropriated to the Expenses Fund of the Diocese of Liverpool established pursuant to the said Measures:

(c) That the font, communion table, and plate used for the purpose of the Holy Communion in the said Church of Saint Thomas, Toxteth Park, shall not be sold but shall in accordance with the provisions of the said Measures and as the Bishop of the Diocese may direct be transferred to some other Church or Churches within the said Diocese of Liverpool and the bells, organ and other furniture and fittings of the said Church of Saint Thomas, Toxteth Park, or such of them as the Bishop of Liverpool shall select, shall be appropriated for use in some other Church or Chapel or Churches or Chapels which the Bishop may select or shall be sold and in such case the proceeds shall be added to the fund arising from the sale of the site and materials of the said Church of Saint Thomas, Toxteth Park, as aforesaid.

(d) That in the event of the services of any Church officers and servants of the said Church of Saint Thomas, Toxteth Park, being dispensed with by reason of the union taking effect, such Church officers and servants shall out of any moneys to be received by us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, under the provisions of this clause receive such reasonable compensation as having regard to age,