

" Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Claude, Bishop of Peterborough, pursuant to the provisions of the said Measures to inquire into and report upon the union of the said two Benefices of Rothersthorpe and Kislingbury duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Peterborough and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Peterborough 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 based upon the terms recommended in the said Report:

" And whereas the said Benefice of Kislingbury is now full the Reverend Charles Arthur Bender being the present Incumbent thereof and the said Benefice of Rothersthorpe is now vacant:

" Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Claude, Bishop of Peterborough, and Charles Arthur Bender (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 Benefice of Rothersthorpe and the said Benefice of Kislingbury shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Kislingbury with Rothersthorpe' and that such United Benefice shall be included in and form part of the Rural Deanery of Weedon 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 and the said Charles Arthur Bender if he is then Incumbent of the said Benefice of Kislingbury shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice.

" 3. That upon the said union taking effect the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Kislingbury shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent 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, that in every series of three successive turns of presentation or nomination to be made to the United Benefice after the union the Patron of the said Benefice of Kislingbury shall have the first and third turns and the Patron of the said Benefice of Rothersthorpe shall have the second turn.

" 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 an objection has been so stated or transmitted to the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners within the time prescribed in the same Rules:

And whereas the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners after giving full consideration to such objection have deemed right to make no alterations in such draft Scheme:

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 Peterborough has been duly given in the manner and within the time prescribed in the Statutory Rules aforesaid:

And whereas no appeal has been made to His Majesty in Council within the period of one month after the date of the said public notice in accordance with the provisions of the said Measures against the said Scheme or any part thereof by any person who has made objection as aforesaid to the said draft Scheme:

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 Peterborough.

*Rupert B. Howorth.*

#### CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.*

*15th October, 1940.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following Award:—

*The Medal of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for Meritorious Service:—*

615320 Leading Aircraftman Albert Edward Scoble, Royal Air Force.

In April, 1940, at Gibraltar, with the utmost coolness and complete disregard for his own safety, this airman boarded a bombing scow in which a parachute flare was blazing. Within a few feet there were two 250 lb. bombs on an aircraft. He got the scow away, thus obviating the explosion of the bombs, and preventing loss of life and great damage to air and other craft in the vicinity.