

shall deem sufficient shall be applied towards the cost of providing or acquiring a house for the residence of an assistant curate serving the united benefice,

"(ii) so much as after consultation with the bishop as aforesaid we shall deem sufficient shall be transferred to the diocesan board of finance of the diocese to be held and applied by the said board as a fund for the maintenance and repair of the curate's house to be provided or acquired as aforesaid,

"(iii) so much as after consultation with the bishop as aforesaid we shall deem sufficient shall be applied towards the cost of the modernisation and improvement of the parsonage house of the united benefice in accordance with plans to be approved by us,

"(iv) the balance (if any) shall constitute and form part of the Expenses Fund of the diocese of Bristol established pursuant to the said Union of Benefices Measures.

"4. *Patronage.* After the union has taken effect the right of presentation to the united benefice shall be exercised by the patrons of the two benefices alternately, the patron of the benefice of Cold Ashton having the first presentation to the united benefice to be made after the union.

"5. *Diversion of Endowment Income.*

"(1) Subject as hereinafter provided any surplus, calculated by us for the twelve months ending on the 31st March in each year, of the endowment income (calculated in accordance with the schedule hereto) of the united benefice over and above an annual sum of £621 shall, with effect from the date upon which the union shall take effect, be paid to and be held by us for the benefit of the diocesan stipends fund of the diocese of Bristol.

"(2) The said endowment income and the said surplus and the said annual sum of £621 shall be deemed to accrue from day to day and shall when we deem that circumstances so require be apportionable accordingly.

"(3) Any moneys due to us from the incumbent of the united benefice, or, during any vacancy in the united benefice, from the sequestrators thereof, as the case may be (hereinafter called 'the incumbent or sequestrators') upon the calculation of the said surplus shall be paid by the incumbent or sequestrators to us not later than the 30th June in each year and shall be recoverable as a debt due to us.

"(4) For the purpose of ascertaining the amounts of the said endowment income and of the said surplus, we shall have power to require production by the incumbent or sequestrators of accounts and other documents in relation thereto and the said accounts for the twelve months to 31st March in each year (or where applicable for a part of the year ending on that date) shall be rendered annually to us within six weeks of that date in such form as we shall prescribe; and in the event of failure by the incumbent or sequestrators to produce such accounts or documents we shall have all legal remedies for enforcing production thereof.

"SCHEDULE.

"For the purpose of this Scheme the endowment income of the united benefice shall without prejudice to the power of decision vested in the Commissioners by virtue of Section 18 of the Pastoral Reorganisation Measure, 1949, if any question shall arise, be computed in accordance with the Commissioners' Central Register of Benefice Income, that is to say, by including:—

"(1) all gross secured income payable by the Commissioners and any other person or body, and

"(2) all gross income received from ground rents, chief rents or other fixed charges, other glebe rents and any letting of the parsonage house or a formally divided portion thereof,

and by deducting therefrom:—

"(1) the rates payable on the parsonage house if occupied by the incumbent,

"(2) the rent and rates payable on any house occupied by the incumbent other than the parsonage house,

"(3) the annual assessment charged upon the incumbent under the Ecclesiastical Dilapidations Measures, 1923 to 1951, in respect of the benefice,

"(4) the rates payable on the glebe,

"(5) the cost of collecting glebe rents,

"(6) any tithe annuity, rentcharge or fee farm rent charged upon the glebe,

"(7) any other outgoings in respect of the glebe,

"(8) any charge upon the benefice income in favour of another benefice or any lay person,

"(9) any payment to a curate or lay worker out of the benefice income,

"(10) the annual payments in respect of capital and interest in respect of any mortgage of the benefice income,

"(11) any pension paid to a retired incumbent out of the benefice income,

"(12) any part of the benefice income diverted to the diocesan stipends fund pursuant to an Order under Section 12 of the Pastoral Reorganisation Measure, 1949."

And whereas the provisions of the Union of Benefices Measures, 1923 to 1952, the Union of Benefices Rules, 1926 and 1930, and the Pastoral Reorganisation Measure, 1949, relating to the preparation and submission of this Scheme have been duly complied with:

And whereas the said Scheme has been approved by Her Majesty in Council:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her said Council, is pleased hereby to affirm the said Scheme and to order that it shall be and become effectual in law immediately upon the publication of this Order in the London Gazette.

W. G. Agnew.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 19th day of November, 1953.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Church Commissioners have duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a Scheme bearing date the 13th day of November, 1953, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

"We, the Church Commissioners, in pursuance of the Church Patronage Act, 1870, and of the Acts mentioned therein have prepared the following Scheme for effecting a transfer of the ownership of the advowson or perpetual right of patronage of and presentation to the church and cure (hereinafter called 'the said benefice') of St. Paul's Cray in the County of Kent and in the diocese of Rochester.

"Whereas we are satisfied that Hugh Sydney Marsham-Townshend of Scadbury Park, Chislehurst in the county of Kent, Esquire, is the patron or person entitled to present or nominate to the said benefice:

"And whereas the said Hugh Sydney Marsham-Townshend desires to transfer the advowson of the said benefice to the Bishop of Rochester for the time being and is consenting to this Scheme (in testimony whereof he has executed the same):

"And whereas we are satisfied that the transfer will tend to make better provision for the cure of souls:

"Now, therefore, with the consent of the Right Reverend Christopher, Bishop of Rochester (in testimony whereof he has executed this Scheme), we, the said Church Commissioners, humbly recommend and propose that upon and from the day of the date of the publication in the *London Gazette* of any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme and without any conveyance or assurance in the law other than such duly gazetted Order, the whole advowson or perpetual right of patronage of and presentation to the said benefice shall be transferred to the said Christopher Bishop of Rochester and his successors in the same Bishopric and shall thereupon and thenceforth become and be absolutely vested in and shall and may from time to time be exercised by the Bishop of Rochester for the time being."

And whereas the said Scheme has been approved by Her Majesty in Council:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her 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 upon the publication of this Order in the *London Gazette* pursuant to the said Acts.

And Her 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 Rochester.

W. G. Agnew.