

them, as Counsellors of State, full power and authority during the period of Her Majesty's absence from the United Kingdom to summon and hold on Her Majesty's behalf Her Privy Council and to signify thereat Her Majesty's approval of anything for which Her Majesty's approval in Council is required:

And whereas the Church Commissioners have duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a Scheme bearing date the 4th day of February, 1954, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

"We, the Church Commissioners, acting in pursuance of the Pastoral Reorganisation Measure, 1949, and the Union of Benefices Measures, 1923 to 1952, now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following Scheme which we have prepared with the consent of the Right Reverend Alwyn, Bishop of Winchester (in witness whereof he has signed the Scheme), for effecting the union of the benefice of Hartley Wintney and the benefice of Elvetham both in the diocese of Winchester.

"SCHEME.

"1. *Union of Benefices.* The benefice of Hartley Wintney and the benefice of Elvetham shall be permanently united together and form one benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Hartley Wintney and Elvetham' but the parishes of the said benefices shall remain in all respects distinct.

"2. *Taking effect of union.* Upon the day when any Order of Your Majesty in Council affirming this Scheme is published in the London Gazette the union shall forthwith take effect and the Reverend George Norman Nicklin, if he is then the incumbent of the said benefice of Hartley Wintney, shall, with his consent (testified by his signature hereto), be the first incumbent of the united benefice.

"3. *Parsonage house.*

"(1) Upon the union taking effect the parsonage house at present belonging to the benefice of Hartley Wintney shall be the house of residence of the incumbent of the united benefice.

"(2) The parsonage house at present belonging to the benefice of Elvetham and the site and appurtenances thereof and the grounds heretofore usually occupied and enjoyed therewith, if they shall not have been sold or disposed of under the provisions of the Parsonages Measures, 1938 and 1947, before the taking effect of this union, shall, as soon as conveniently may be, be sold and disposed of by us at such time or times and in such manner in all respects as to us shall seem expedient.

"(3) So much of the net proceeds of the said sale or sales as we, after consultation with the Bishop of Winchester, shall deem sufficient shall be applied towards the cost of the provision of a house and garage for the use of any assistant curate employed by the incumbent of the united benefice, and the balance (if any) of the said net proceeds shall constitute and form part of the Expenses Fund of the diocese of Winchester established pursuant to the said Union of Benefices Measures.

"4. *Patronage.* In every series of three successive turns of presentation to the united benefice after the union has taken effect the patron of the benefice of Elvetham shall have the first turn and the patron of the benefice of Hartley Wintney shall have the second and third turns."

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 at the Council held under the authority of the said Letters Patent:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret and His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, being authorized thereto by the said Letters Patent, have taken the said Scheme into consideration, and do hereby, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council, on Her Majesty's behalf affirm the said Scheme and 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 of Saint James, the 10th day of February, 1954.

PRESENT.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.
Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret.
His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester.

Lord President.
Lord De Lisle and Dudley.
Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.
Captain Thornycroft.
Mr. Boyd-Carpenter.
Sir Lionel Heald.

WHEREAS Her Majesty, in pursuance of the Regency Acts, 1937 to 1953, was pleased, by Letters Patent dated the twentieth day of November, 1953, to delegate to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal and the Earl of Harewood, or any two or more of them, as Counsellors of State, full power and authority during the period of Her Majesty's absence from the United Kingdom to summon and hold on Her Majesty's behalf Her Privy Council and to signify thereat Her Majesty's approval of anything for which Her Majesty's approval in Council is required:

And whereas the Church Commissioners have duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a Scheme bearing date the 4th day of February, 1954, 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 Scruton in the County of York and in the diocese of Ripon.

"Whereas Marion Evelyn Jane Alexander Coore late of Scruton Hall, Northallerton, in the County of York by her Will dated the Eleventh day of September One thousand nine hundred and fifty appointed Barclays Bank Limited whose registered office is situate at 54, Lombard Street, in the City of London, to be the executors and trustees thereof and by a second Codicil to her said Will dated the Sixth day of May One thousand nine hundred and fifty-two devised the advowson or perpetual right of patronage of and presentation to the said Benefice to the Bishop of Ripon.

"And whereas the said Marion Evelyn Jane Alexander Coore died on the Fourteenth day of February One thousand nine hundred and fifty-three and her said Will and Codicils were proved on the Eighteenth day of April One thousand nine hundred and fifty-three in the York District Probate Registry.

"And whereas the said Marion Evelyn Jane Alexander Coore was at her death seised of the said advowson for an estate in fee simple in possession free from incumbrances.

"And whereas Barclays Bank Limited as the Personal Representatives of the said Marion Evelyn Jane Alexander Coore deceased are the persons entitled to present or nominate to the said benefice in case the same were now vacant and are desirous with a view to confirmation of the said devise that the advowson of the said benefice should be transferred to the Bishop of Ripon for the time being in the manner hereinafter recommended and proposed:

"And whereas to signify their consent to this Scheme the said Barclays Bank Limited have hereto affixed their Common or Corporate Seal and the Right Reverend George, Bishop of Ripon, as bishop of the diocese wherein the said benefice is situate and also in token of his willingness to accept the devise, 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, 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 George, Bishop of Ripon, and his successors in the same Bishopric and shall thereupon and thenceforth become and be absolutely vested in and shall and