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An Act to enable the Benefices of Baldock and Bygrave in the diocese of Saint Albans to be united. A.D. 1897.

[6th August 1897.]

WHEREAS the parish of Baldock in the county of Hertford and diocese of Saint Albans and the parish of Bygrave in the said county and diocese are contiguous to each other :

And whereas according to the census of 1891 the population of the said parish of Baldock was one thousand nine hundred and eighteen persons and the population of the said parish of Bygrave was one hundred and ninety-five persons :

And whereas the inhabitants of the said parish of Bygrave for the most part reside in the neighbourhood of the parish church of Baldock and at a distance from the parish church at Bygrave and the cure of souls of the said parish of Bygrave could in consequence be more conveniently administered in conjunction with the cure of souls of the said parish of Baldock :

And whereas the advowson and perpetual right of presentation to the rectory and parish church of Baldock now belongs to the Lord Bishop of Saint Albans in right of his See :

And whereas the advowson and perpetual right of presentation to the rectory and parish church of Bygrave now belongs to the most Honourable the Marquess of Salisbury :

And whereas the annual value of the said benefice of Baldock is about two hundred and fifteen pounds only while the annual value of the said benefice of Bygrave is about two hundred and seventy-seven pounds :

And whereas the said Lord Bishop of Saint Albans and the said Marquess of Salisbury are desirous that the said benefices of Baldock and Bygrave should be united into one benefice :

And whereas in section 16 of the Pluralities Act 1838 as amended by section 8 of the Pluralities Act 1850 provisions are contained authorising the union by Order of Her Majesty in Council after

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And whereas for the reasons aforesaid it is expedient that the said provisions should extend and be applicable to and for the union of the said benefices of Baldock and Bygrave notwithstanding that the aggregate population of the said parishes may exceed one thousand five hundred persons :

And whereas the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury has consented to this Act :

And whereas the object aforesaid cannot be effected without the authority of Parliament :

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted and be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows :—

Short title. 1. This Act may be cited as the Baldock and Bygrave Benefices Union Act 1897.

Provisions as to union of rectories of Baldock and Bygrave. 2. The provisions of section 16 of the Pluralities Act 1838 and of section 8 of the Pluralities Act 1850 shall extend and be applicable to and for the union of the rectory of Baldock and the rectory of Bygrave both in the county of Hertford and diocese of Saint Albans into one benefice notwithstanding that the aggregate population of the parishes of Baldock and Bygrave may exceed one thousand five hundred persons in like manner as if the words “ and “ of which the aggregate population shall not exceed one thousand “ five hundred persons ” had not been inserted in the said provisions of the said Acts.

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