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BROTHERHOOD OF LAY READERS.—The Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S.A., has formed a Brotherhood for the following objects:—

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SOUTHERN OHIO.—Bishop Jagger is willing to resign his entire salary, and to execute a document, such as the late Bishop of New York executed when the present Bishop was elected his assistant, transferring the entire jurisdiction of the Diocese to his assistant, should one be elected, and transferring it once for all. Bishop Williams expresses the hope that the Diocese under these circumstances might be willing to elect an Assistant Bishop, as that course seems to him better than for the Bishop to resign.

INDIANA.—During the last two months the Church has made a steady advance in our diocese. The Bishop has been constantly busy in visiting parishes and missions, and attending convocations, besides giving now and then a week to Southern Ohio.

MINNESOTA.—The Rt. Rev. Mahlon N. Gilbert, Assistant Bishop of Minnesota, has since his consecration endeared himself to the people of his entire diocese by his faithfulness, and is held in especial esteem and affection by his people in St. Paul, to whom he commended himself while rector of Christ Church parish by his Christian earnestness and devotion. Some time ago they determined that his permanent residence here should be secured, although other towns in the diocese were anxious that he should make his home with them. To that end the sum of \$10,000 has been subscribed and paid in, and will shortly be presented to the Bishop for the purchase of a home. The work of collecting this sum was not difficult. Ten prominent people subscribed \$500 each, leaving only one-half the sum determined upon to be collected in the smaller sums. The names of 115 people are on the list, and of these 102 are of the Bishop's old parish of Christ Church, seven from St. John's parish, one from St. Paul's, and five scattering. This gift, entirely voluntary on the part of Bishop Gilbert's friends and parishioners, is a very substantial token of regard, and evidences the esteem in which the Bishop is held.

PHILADELPHIA.—The Year Book of Grace Church, Philadelphia, Rev. J. S. Stone, D.D., Rector, shows the distribution of \$3,000 to

missions and charities outside the Church; a Sunday-school of 958 names and a dozen different parish organizations, all actively at work; the Wednesday afternoon Bible Readings of the rector, now in their second year, attract increasing congregations.

CHURCH PROGRESS IN SOUTH LONDON.—The Bishop of Rochester in his magazine for February last, says:—For the first five years after I came we did not move at all. Now we are moving, everything is moving. To take a few instances: in 1878 we had 61 ordines; in 1888 we had 102; in 1878 we had 7,244 confirmees, and in 1888, 11,907. During the last ten years fifty-three new churches have been consecrated in different parts of the diocese. Our organization is becoming more and more complete, and our seven School and College Missions represent an additional staff of a dozen clergymen, and an expenditure of upwards of \$3,000 a year.

A BISHOP SUFFRAGAN'S POSITION.—The Bishop of London points out in the diocesan magazine as the reason why a Bishop Suffragan should hold other preferment, that he retains office only during the pleasure of the diocesan Bishop who appointed him. A suffragan Bishop can at any time be removed by the Bishop of the diocese; and, at the voidance of the See, his authority instantly lapses until renewed by a fresh commission granted at the will of the new diocesan. In order, therefore, that a suffragan may occupy a permanent and independent position, it is necessary that he should hold preferment in the diocese, besides his episcopal office. That is to say, the Bishop Suffragan is only a Bishop's curate. In reference to which the *Family Churchman* well says: It appears to us that if this be the real position of a Bishop Suffragan he ought certainly to be paid for his episcopal services out of the personal income of the Bishop who employs him. To tell the truth, this notion of employing men to do spiritual work savours too much of the mart and the exchange.

WORTHY OF HONOR.—Canon Whelpton, who founded St. Saviour's Church, Eastbourne, twenty-one years ago, and who has been vicar the whole of that time without the payment of any salary, was on Monday week presented with a service of plate costing about 300 guineas. The Bishop of Bedford was present, together with the leading Sussex clergy, and the Bishop of Chichester sent a congratulatory letter on the work and self-sacrifice of Canon Whelpton. He is not the only clergyman who has given his life without money and without price to the service of his church.

AN ACQUISITION.—Sir Lovelace Stamer, the Suffragan-designate of Lichfield, will be one of the few Bishops of this century who really understand Church music. His name is bound up with the fame of *Hymns Ancient and Modern*.

AGAINST IT.—The Bishop of St. Asaph is not in favour of increasing the episcopate. He regards the crying want of the Episcopal Church in Wales to be the "erection of mission chapels

in our large parishes, and of churches in towns, chiefly to meet the bilingual difficulty." He also advocates more curates rather than "more bishops."

STONES AND GLASS HOUSES.—Romanists frequently blame the Church of England for allowing Elizabeth to be called "Head of the Church." But do they reflect that Queen Mary assumed the same title? She never refrained from using it, and appears to have had no hesitation about it. Says Bishop Cox, "In her reign, nothing seems to have been done canonically, if we judge by ancient usages; but Pole became Archbishop of Canterbury by the royal mandate, which has a confession of her supremacy, and that of her father, too." Thus she claimed to be and acted as The Head of the Church, and it ill-becomes her admirers to fault her sister for doing the same.

A GOOD RESOLUTION.—We shall persist until a goodly number of Church papers are taken in our parish. We want the help and life that a weekly church paper will put into our parish. We will not accept the pleas of "can't afford it," "too poor," as long as we see that daily papers, illustrated weeklies, "Companions," juvenile papers, magazines, and chromos can be afforded. It is simply shameful that Christian people will spend money for literature that tells them all about the world, the flesh, and the devil, but will begrudge an insignificant sum for a good, weekly Church paper.—*Parish Helper*.

It should be one mark of a consistent Churchman or Church-woman never to give, and always to decline, an invitation to any entertainment, public or private, on any fast day. All Fridays are fasts, and so are the Ember and Rogation days and the days in Lent. There is need of a social reform in this matter throughout the West.—*Iowa Churchman*.

THE NOVA SCOTIA BISHOPRIC.

The *Iowa State Register* of February contains the following editorial item:

"The *Boston Herald*, in speaking of the election of Dr. Frederick Courtney, of that city, as Bishop of Nova Scotia, refers to the time 'when Bishop Perry rather rudely declined the election of it.' It seems that Bishops no more than editors can satisfy everybody. Many of Bishop Perry's Iowa parishioners thought he was rather slow in declining that honor, and rather gingerly in the declination. The *Herald* thinks he was almost rude."

No one could more fully appreciate the honor conferred by an unanimous election to the Bishopric of Nova Scotia by the Synod of the See than the Bishop of Iowa. But, as was known and published at the time, he had, when asked in advance to permit the use of his name by the Synod in connection with the vacancy occasioned by the death of the lamented Dr. Binney, peremptorily declined to be a candidate. At a critical juncture, subsequently, the Synod saw fit to tender him the honorable post; but owing to a blunder of the mailing