

Mr. Cumberland's motion on Church Patronage—"That this House while regretting the failure of the efforts made during the last seven years to effect a reform in the mode of making appointments to Rectories, respectfully presses upon His Lordship the Bishop, the importance of not allowing the subject to drop, and hopes that the Executive Committee will be able to report their final decision in time for the present Synod."

2. "Your's of the 4th to hand, pamphlet received on Friday. The 'Proposal' meets with my unqualified approval, and it is my opinion that country delegates as a whole will also approve of it, when they come to realize the fact that a House of Laymen will afford an opportunity for full discussion among laymen, impossible in the Synod, where motions introduced by laymen, if they seem in any way to encroach on the irresponsible position of the clergy, are not allowed to be even discussed, in a word the mover is ostracised. Now if such motions were discussed by laymen before they were submitted to Synod, much of the odium now attached by the clergy to the movers of such motions would disappear."

3. "I have carefully considered the proposal of a House of Laymen, submitted by you, sections 9, 10 and 11 set forth the prominent reasons for the movement. Why should not the lay delegates appoint a Committee to sit apart, as occasion may call for, under regulations, to discuss such matters as affect the proceedings of Synod or to originate subjects for Synodical action."

A very good suggestion, but it asserts the principle of an independent House of Laymen. Our desire is to be in alliance with the Synod if possible.

"Impromptu motions made by members in Synod on important matters oftentimes make little impression and reasonably so in so large an assemblage."

"I observe that the House of Laymen in England was formally instituted by resolutions agreed to by both Houses of Convocation, and that the House was composed of 100 members of the Conference selected from each Diocese of the Province."

"I take it that the movement contemplated in your proposal must originate in Synod to be of service."

"Should I again represent my parish in Synod to be elected next Easter, I would gladly enter upon a discussion of matters affecting the usefulness of Synod's welfare of the Church."

4. "I am favored with your circular of 27th ult., enclosing a