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C. P. S.—A Church Publishing Society has been organized in the States with a capital of \$10,000. As stated in the prospectus of the Society, its object is "to promote the interests of the Church, its work and its charities, by means of the printing press." Any member of the Church may become a member of the Society on payment of ten dollars, for which he will receive a certificate entitling him to vote at the annual meeting of the Society, and participate in the profits to the extent of six per cent. All surplus earnings are to be applied to charities and missions or other Church work; one half must first be applied to the relief of the aged and infirm clergy in good standing, their widows or orphans.

We wish this laudable undertaking a grand success.

PATRONAGE—The subject of Church Patronage is receiving considerable attention in England and America. It is a most important and thorny subject, and requires careful handling.

In England the appointment of a clergyman is very often in the hands of a layman who may have inherited or bought the privilege; consequently, it sometimes happens that a faddist, indifferentist, or agnostic has the solemn trust of appointing a minister to a congregation of Christian people.

In the States, patronage is generally in the hands of the vestry, and the appointment of a clergyman is often the beginning of bickerings and strife; cliques are formed to gain the ends of partisans or men selfish of power; and when the appointment is made the clergyman has to spend half his time in smoothing ruffles and healing divisions.

Mr. Holland has a motion before the Pennsylvania Convention which attempts boldly and vigorously to deal with the subject by placing patronage almost entirely in the hands of the Bishops.

We give our readers the motion in extenso:—

"Section i. Whenever the rectorate of any parish becomes vacant, it shall be the duty of the vestry forthwith to give notice to the bishop of the diocese together with a statement of the support which the parish pledges itself to pay to the new rector. Whereupon it shall become the duty of the bishop to provide for the celebration of divine service in said parish by temporary supply (two-thirds of the regular salary to be paid for such service), and to fill the vacancy by appointment within ninety days from the receipt of

the aforesaid notice. Should the bishop fail to make the appointment within the prescribed time, the vestry may elect a priest to fill the vacancy, and give due notice thereof to the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese.

"Section ii. In the event of a disagreement between any parish and its rector, the same shall be referred to the bishop for adjustment, and his decision in the matter shall be final."

At the General Convention held recently in Minneapolis, an attempt was made, but failed, to change the name of the American Prayer Book. The House of Bishops passed a vote changing the title to "The Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, according to the American Use." It was felt by many of the bishops that to call the book, the Prayer Book of the Protestant Episcopal Church is a "narrow and limiting misnomer" and that the Church ought to offer it and proclaim it as no selfish possession of ours, but as the free privilege of all who would be guided by it in their private or public devotion, or in learning the principles of the Catholic Faith.

The proposal was rejected by the House of Deputies.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

This order is attempting to do work amongst young women similar to that of St. Andrews Brotherhood for young men. We have received several enquiries for particulars, and we trust the following clipping will be of interest to many of our readers:

BY MRS. E. A. BRADLEY

The Order of the Daughters of the King was organized in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, New York City. A class of young girls, under the care of Mrs. Franklin, set themselves apart during the Lent of 1885 to do special work for the Master; and this small seed sown eleven years ago, has sprung up and borne abundant fruit. The order now numbers 11,000 members in 64 dioceses, and has the fullest endorsement of many bishops and priests of the Church.

It is totally different from the King's Daughters, with which it is so often confounded.

The King's Daughters is a "ten times one" un denominational society, working "In His Name" and doing a good work for the Master. The Daughters