

ed it as an organization for the propagation of the gospel and the culture of piety in the individual heart. They took its *laws* from the Bible, which is the great constitution and statute book of Methodism. They framed its *discipline*, rather as a code of by-laws to provide for the execution of the divine statutes, than as a book of legislative canons. Hence, nearly everything in the discipline relates to the constitution of a series of *executive* bodies and officers charged with the execution, not of Mr. Wesley's laws, but of the precepts of Christ. The classes, love feasts, and prayer-meetings are for the fulfilment of Christ's law of Christian fellowship; the Board Meeting, the Quarterly Meeting, and the Annual Conference, are chiefly to secure wholesome discipline, and to make such secular and other provisions as may be necessary to the maintenance of a visible organization of Christians. The Conference is a legislative body, only so far as it determines for the church what moral practices the precepts of Christ require it to enforce, and what to reject ; and what executive me-