

Legislation.—The number of memorials, resolutions, etc., on almost every conceivable subject, were "legion." These were referred to the respective committees, and by-and-by were reported, but it was truly astonishing how frequently with the word "non-concurrence," a clear indication that the conservative element is largely in the ascendancy.

The bishops in their quadrennial address recommended that three new bishops should be elected. The committee recommended that the number should be four. Some in the Conference wanted five, and a motion to elect this number was introduced. Then the discussion began in good earnest. Some strong men took part in the contest, which was very animating and would have continued much longer but that the call was made for "the previous question," and immediately the vote was taken, and the recommendation of the committee was adopted, and on motion a day was appointed for the election to take place. The following honoured brethren were elevated to the highest position in the gift of their Church: Professor Duncan, Wofford College; Dr. Galloway, Editor of New Orleans *Christian Advocate*; Dr. Hendrie, President of Central College, Miss.; and Dr. Key, Presiding Elder. All good men, though only one of them is at present engaged in the pastorate.

Our space will not allow us to detail minutely the various subjects which were discussed in Conference. The appointment of an evangelist in each Annual Conference was urged, but the request was negatived. The discussion on the mode of conducting public worship was spirited, but the request for a change was not complied with. In future, expenses of delegates to General Conferences are not to be paid by their respective Annual Conferences, but by a *pro-rata* system on all the Conferences, and \$30 to be allowed each delegate for board while at Conference. The expenses of the present Conference are nearly \$23,000.

One subject was discussed in

which I felt great interest, viz., the union of effort in foreign missions so as to save both men and money. The committee to whom the question had been referred recommended no action, but it was plain that there was a great number in the Conference to whom the recommendation would not be acceptable. Hence an amendment was proposed for a committee to confer with a similar committee of the M. E. Church to consider this important question. Some earnest, eloquent speeches were delivered both for and against the amendment. Bishop Keener made a speech in opposition. All the speeches breathed a fine Christian spirit. The vote was at length taken, which resulted in the amendment being lost and the committee's report adopted by a majority of twenty-nine. The union spirit, however, will not by any means be extinguished. If the writer is not mistaken, there will come a time when the United States will comprise three General Conferences, and one Federal Conference, representing the whole, to meet once in five or six years.

The services held in connection with the ordination of the bishops was very impressive. There was a good deal of old Methodist fire. Bishop McTyeire preached a plain practical sermon on Jeremiah iii. 15. The bishops elected were presented by two friends each, and were set apart by the imposition of hands.

Having to catch the train, I was obliged to leave after the first bishop had been ordained. I felt sorry to part with so many whose kindness for two weeks had been most exuberant. The Methodists in the South are a noble people and retain a great deal of old Methodist fervour. May the God of our fathers increase them more and more. I have given but a feeble utterance to the feelings of my heart in this paper. Knowing that space is valuable I have been necessitated to restrain my pen. God bless the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and let all our readers say Amen.