

an inferior class of circuits will always have a very inferior class of preachers. This serves to defeat the ends of itinerancy, by as effectually stereotyping the work as Congregationalism can possibly do it. By this course, the Stationing Committee becomes a pigmy, only making appointments for those circuits which are so inferior as to be unable to obtain a preacher, and for those preachers who are of such inferior talents as to be unable to negotiate for themselves. This system has the effect to destroy the beneficial results derived from an interchange of preachers; for while there is a change it precludes that change of variety, which is the main advantage of itinerancy. A compulsory itinerancy cannot be successfully practiced without a General Superintendency. Such Superintendency the M. E. Church now possesses, and we shall endeavour to show it to be the least liable to objection of any system ever established.

While it serves to prevent Congregationalism, and to cement the different portions of the church into one consolidated body, there are sufficient safeguards thrown around the office to prevent all usurpation. The Episcopacy of the M. E. Church in the United States is the same as that of the same church in Canada, and they have never suffered from their Bishops usurping too great authority: As we have already noticed, they are accountable to the General Conference for the proper discharge of their duty; and for neglect or abuse of their authority, are subject to removal from office by that body. It will be remembered that this Conference is not composed of a bench of Bishops, like the English hierarchy, but of Elders of the church, and in the arrangements proposed, in case of Union, of elders and an equal number of laymen associated with them. This effectually secures the church against any abuse of the authority vested in an Episcopal Methodist Bishop. In our view of Episcopacy, any minister who may be vested with the office of overseer or superintendent is really a Christian bishop. This view we shall try to establish from Scripture, and the practice of the