

dist Episcopal Deputies was in effect as follows: "Brethren, we are quite willing to meet you half-way, but we cannot abandon our cherished system for a Superintendency so limited as the one you propose, because by the very constitution of our Church, we are prohibited from doing anything to destroy the plan of our Itinerant General Superintendency. We are willing; for the sake of Union, to *modify* our system, but we cannot consent to *destroy* it; and we ask no more of you."

*What will you Concede?*

"Well, what will you concede; and what do you ask?" "We would much prefer," the Methodist Episcopal Delegates said, "to keep our system just as it is; but knowing that, if Union is to take place, this cannot be, we will concede two things,—the life appointment and the separate consecration. But we ask that the Itinerant General Superintendent, whom it is proposed to appoint, shall be a reality, and not a mere figure-head; and that he shall have such a recognized place in the Annual Conferences as will constitute a real connection between these bodies and the General Conference."

What did the Primitive Methodist and Bible Christian brethren think of this? Well, they had been accustomed only to such Superintendency as is exercised by the Chairmen of Districts and the Presidents of Annual Conferences; but in such a Superintendency as was now proposed they could see no harm, and, indeed, they thought a little more Superintendency than they had been accustomed to might be a good thing for the Church. At all events, that no bar to Union might arise from their side, they were willing to accept the proposal of the Methodist Episcopal brethren.

*The Vote.*

Long and patiently the proposition was discussed, and opportunity was given to every man to say all that was in his heart. The more fully the question was considered the clearer it became that the Methodist Episcopal delegation was meeting the other Churches fully half way. At length a vote was taken, and out of a committee of some seventy members there were but eight or nine dissentients, at least three of whom were