

helping each other is resorted to, in order to success.' But all this can, doubtless, be avoided, by appointing the lay delegates in a proper manner. We have already proposed to have them appointed by the district meeting, and to have about three or four from each district: however, the number may be graduated by the number of circuits and stations on the districts. As the Annual Conference has no power to legislate, we can see no necessity of having the number of laymen and ministers equal; especially as the largest portion of the business of the Conference would relate to the ministers, and not to laymen. Perhaps some of our brethren, who may be opposed to lay delegation, will say, why have laymen in the Annual Conferences at all, seeing the General Conference will amply protect their interests. We answer, that while there is no need of lay delegation in the Annual Conference as a measure to protect the rights and privileges of the laity, there is need of it as a means for successfully managing the finances connected with the various institutions of the church. We want laymen on all committees, whose business it may be to see after, and report upon, the temporalities of the church. This manner of appointing them, would, doubtless, secure two important points. It would have for its advantage, first, the securing of the right stamp of men to fill such a position. Each quarterly Conference would, doubtless, send its best man as its representative in the district meeting; and as only one in three of those attending the district meeting would be sent as delegates to the Annual Conference, we may expect to have in that assembly laymen who will be fully equal in ability and experience to the same number of men in the ministry. The second advantage would, doubtless, be to secure the lay members of the Conference against that sectionalism to which we have already alluded, and to which the appointment of a conference delegate by each circuit must tend. All instructions and requests coming from circuits would have to be to the district meeting, and the question receive the approbation of such meeting, and from them be