

of probationers into full connection and their ordination, and the granting of the superannuated or supernumerary relation, on which exceptive questions ministers alone shall take action. In case any minister's character shall be arrested, it shall be competent for the ministerial members to meet in special session to examine into the case and pronounce judgment, reporting their action to the mixed conference,—such report to be for information and record, and not for discussion.

4. Each annual conference shall have authority to elect a president from among its present members.

5. The general superintendent, when present, shall open the annual conference and preside during the first day of its sessions, and afterwards alternately with the president elected by the conference: in the absence of a general superintendent, the president of the previous year shall take the chair and open the conference: in association with the president, the general superintendent shall conduct the ordination service, and they shall jointly sign the ordination parchments. But all other duties pertaining to the presidency of the annual conference shall be vested in the president elected by that body, and in the absence of the general superintendent, he shall conduct the ordination.

6. The president of the annual conference shall be *ex-officio* superintendent of the district in which he may be stationed during the year of his presidency.

7. The annual conference shall elect by ballot, without debate, a secretary or secretaries, as the case may require.

8. The annual conference may elect by ballot, without debate, a superintendent for each district, from among the ordained ministers within the bounds of such district.

9. Each annual conference at its session next preceding the sessions of each General Conference, shall divide into ministerial and lay electoral conferences, for the purpose of electing delegates to the General Conference, each body electing its own representatives. The delegates shall be elected from within the bounds of said conference, and the vote shall be by ballot.

10. Each annual conference shall have a stationing committee, composed of the president of the conference (who shall preside in the committee), the superintendents of districts, and one minister elected by each district meeting,—such election to be by the joint votes of ministers and laymen.

11. Each annual conference shall have authority to elect into full connection and ordain any probationer within its bounds who has travelled four years and fulfilled all disciplinary requirements; also to elect and ordain probationers of less than four years standing, when the necessities of the work require it.

12. All preachers who have received ordination in any of the uniting bodies, and are in good standing at the time of the union, shall retain all rights and privileges conferred by such ordination.

(3) District Meetings.

1. The territory occupied by each annual conference shall be divided into districts.

2. Each annual district meeting shall consist of all the ministers and probationers for the ministry within its bounds, and one lay delegate for each minister or probationer in the active work from each circuit, mission, or station throughout the district; said delegates to be elected by the quarterly meetings, as hereinafter provided.

3. Each district shall be under the supervision of a presiding officer, to be called the district superintendent, who shall be elected by the annual confer-

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