

of the work during the interval of Conference is vested in a General Superintendent and an Annual Committee appointed by the Conference. These jointly have the superintendency of all matters connected with the church. Their powers are about the same as those of the committees above referred to. In the Methodist Episcopal Church, the superintendency is vested in a General Superintendent or Bishop. He is, by virtue of his office, chairman of all Annual and General Conferences, unless there should be more than one Bishop; in that case the work is either arranged between them, or parcelled out to them respectively by the General Conference. This officer, by and with the advice of the Advisery Committee, forms the districts, and appoints the Presiding Elders; and by and with the advice of the Presiding Elders the Bishop stations the preachers. This officer has, also, the full oversight of the entire work during the interval of the Annual Conference. The power to station preachers is not a power vested in a Methodist Bishop by virtue of his ordination, but by appointment of the General Conference. This court has always been understood, by us, to station the preachers, and the Bishop only to exercise that prerogative by virtue of authority delegated to him by that body—an authority which the General Conference has a right to withdraw from the Bishop whenever that body shall see it expedient to do so. The Deed of Settlement of the M. E. Church secures the occupancy of her pulpits to such preachers as the Annual or General Conference shall authorize. This shows conclusively, that the authorizing or appointing power is vested in the Conference alone, and although exercised by the Bishop or General Superintendent, the right to exercise such power is derived alone from the sufferages of the General Conference. This position is farther established by the fact, that the Bishop has no power to punish a preacher for refusing to go to the work assigned him in the plan of appointments. The power, to thus deal with a delinquent, is vested solely in the Conference. This shows conclusively that the power of