

lay delegation is a failure; and we apprehend that this will never happen. They may submit to a modification of it without any compromise of principle, and, doubtless, will be ready to do so, as far as can be shown to be for the better regulation of the church, but they will never surrender it.

On the other hand, Episcopacy and the General Conference plan of legislation are the distinctive features of the M. E. Church—these she cannot and will not abandon. She has contended long and earnestly for their maintenance, meeting with subtle opposition, and still she has triumphed. Every year has confirmed her in a belief of their utility, and we think we can safely say, that members and ministers have a stronger attachment to these peculiar institutions than they have had at any previous season. To surrender them now, would be to give up an institution uncondemned, for which she has laboured and toiled for near forty years. If these have got to be given up in order to Union, it would be quite as well to drop the subject at once. For, from what we know of the sentiment of the M. E. Church, both in the ministry and laity, we are convinced that she will surrender any thing else sooner than these. She may submit to their modification, but will, in our opinion, never surrender them. We think all other differences can be compromised without difficulty, but the peculiarities of these several churches must be retained. As to the name, there is no need of uneasiness on that score. A convention properly formed would soon settle on what is best to be done in that respect. If it is thought best to retain one of the old names, amalgamate the two, or take an entire new one, it can be done accordingly. Finally, as a means of getting properly at work in this matter we would recommend the visitation of each others conferences in order to bring us into closer proximity. A more extended acquaintance is desirable, and we should make use of every possible means for its cultivation. The exchange of pulpits would, no doubt, have a beneficial tendency, as a means of cultivating an acquaintance between the ministers and people of those