

Methodist Episcopal Church surrenders the life appointment and the separate ordination, or, as they prefer to call it, consecration. The Methodist Church of Canada concedes an eight years' term of office and an extension of authority, whereby such Superintendent may preside, in turn, with the President elected by an Annual Conference, and conduct an ordination service. The Primitive Methodist and Bible Christian Churches accept this arrangement as a necessary part of a general Union scheme.

4. *Annual Conferences.*—The Methodist Church of Canada and the Methodist Episcopal Church concede the introduction of lay representatives in equal numbers with ministers. The Primitive Methodist Church consents to one lay representative for each minister, instead of two. Equal lay representation being already the practice in the Bible Christian Church, no concession was necessary on their part. The two latter Churches also concede that certain questions shall be dealt with by ministers only, and that the Stationing Committee shall be composed entirely of ministers. The above change in the composition of Annual Conferences involves a change in the election of laymen to the General Conference. If the Basis is confirmed, they will henceforth be elected by the laymen in the Annual Conferences, instead of in the District Meetings.

5. *Ordination of Preachers.*—The Methodist Episcopal Church relinquishes the ordination of deacons as a distinct office, and the ordination of local preachers; but Annual Conferences are to have authority to ordain probationers of less than four years' standing, when the necessities of the work require it; no change worth mentioning takes place in either the District or Quarterly Meetings; and all preachers who have been ordained in any of the uniting bodies, and are in good standing at the time of the Union, are to retain all rights and privileges conferred by such ordination.

6. *District Meetings.*—No change worth mention is made in the composition or functions of District Meetings, and no concessions were necessary.

7. *District Chairman.*—It is proposed that this officer shall be in name what he is in fact,—District Superintendent. The Methodist Episcopal Church relinquishes her plan of travelling Chairmen.