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| ANTE-BELLUM DAYS. <br> Editorials, Correspondence and News Items from the Advocate Files of 1857-58-59-50. CONFERENOA SKASONS. |  |  |  |  |  |
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| brethren are aiready beginning to arrange their plans, in view of the proximity of their ans metings. Dermit us to |  |  |  |  |  |
| their annual metings. Permit us to suggest, especially to our younger brethren, the importance of having everything |  |  |  |  |  |
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| ren, the importance of having everything done according to rale, and with the路 |  |  |  |  |  |
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| church registers and class-books all perfect, so that your suceessors may find no |  |  |  |  |  |
| fect, so that your sucecssors may find no difliculty in understanding the state of |  |  |  |  |  |
| their pastoral charges when they enter upon their new fields. Bo very particu- |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | yed me kindly that the day of our |
| lar to have your statistics carefully made out, so that your returns may be exactly correct: Numbers in society, probation- |  |  |  |  |  |
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| ers and those in full membership sepa- |  |  |  |  |  |
| rate; Sunday-schools, missionary and conference collections, etc., all in regular |  |  |  |  |  |
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| order. This will save much time at the sessions of the conferences, prevent any confusion with the secretaries, treasurers |  |  |  |  |  |
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| faction to all concerned. <br> Brethren will pardon these sugges. |  |  |  |  |  |
| tions. They are (fliciously made; but are hints thrown out which will be duly appreciated by those who have followed pastors who have neglected these little but very important matters. |  |  |  |  |  |
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| OHANGES BY THE NEXT GENERAL |  |  |  |  |  |
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| The editor of the southern Curistian |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Advocate, in his last issue, proposes three important changes by our next General Conference. The first one is, that "we change the legal style of our |  |  |  |  |  |
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| church, and disembarrass ourselves of the appendage, 'South.' " We beave long |  |  |  |  |  |
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| been in favor of this proposition, and have advocated it in these columns. It was first openly proposed, we believe, by |  |  |  |  |  |
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| the editor of the New Orleans Chris ian Advocate. Both the Nashville and IL chmond Christian Advocates have admit |  |  |  |  |  |
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| ted its desirableness. We have no doubt that the change will be made. It bas |  |  |  |  |  |
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| that the change will be made. 1 bas been impliedly insin were "ashlamed tha voring this change were "ashamed of"the word South. This is the mere clap- |  |  |  |  |  |
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| South is ashamed of the name, Suth, in a civil or social sense; but the wish to remove all geographical trammels from a |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Curistian church, whose divine mission is to "go into all the world," implies nothing of the kind. |  |  |  |  |  |
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| The editor very jastly says: "This change made, we shali be perfectly able, without any inconsistency, to push our |  |  |  |  |  |
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| without line onward among those conservative Methodis's with whom aboli- |  |  |  |  |  |
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| anathemas against them. If any selfrespect is left to them, they cannot much |  |  |  |  |  |
| longer remain where they are. We only-that is, a church holding to our prin-ciples-can give them the gospel they heard in their youth, and we ought to do |  |  |  |  |  |
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| it. They who preach such a gospel to them now are more nearly allied to us |  |  |  |  |  |
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| than to the prople they fraternize with, and unless they are demented, to be de stroyed, they will learn it before many years have elapsed. We see no reason why we may not estabish some churches in Balimore, Philadelphia, and New |  |  |  |  |  |
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| York; and when we have del calized ourselves, by taking a suitable name, wt can do it. There are preachers and people who would bid us welcome. |  |  |  |  |  |
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| "So, too, a name is needed for us, if we ever go abroad, where our sectional | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| aivisions are unknown. Suppose we were to establish missions in Soutl America. It we are called the M. E Cuurch, South, we are an enigma ; if |  |  |  |  |  |
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| the M. E. Cnurch, we have the title of another church, and may be confounded with it, which would be a great calam ity." |  |  |  |  |  |
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| The new name proposed by Mr. Myers is, the "Episcopal Wesleyan Methodist |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Churcb," White we may admit that a more expressive name would be hard to |  |  |  |  |  |
| find, we re-pectfully confess that it comes easily to neither the ear nor the mouth. "American Methodist Episco |  |  |  |  |  |
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| pal Chureh" suits us much better "American Methodism" is much mor |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Methodism," and would be a j ist distinction from the sectional Methodism of |  |  |  |  |  |
| the North.The next change proposed is, , orelieve |  |  |  |  |  |
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| the Publishing House of the support of the Bishops. We proposed this change |  |  |  |  |  |
| about a year ago, and are still of the same opinion. Such a burden upon our young Pablishing House is an unwise provision, and contrary to the principle upon which it was established, viz. : not to make a profit of our literature, but to cheapen it as much as possibie. Divided among the aunual conferences, it would not be felt, and would be cheerfully borne. It would pat the Bishops, where they used to stand, on the eame ground as other Methodist preachers, and bring |  |  |  |  |  |
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