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Minutes

of the

Annual Conferences

[containing information on the annual
South Carolina Conferences]

of the

Methodist Episcopal Church

for the year 1816.

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MINUTES TAKEN AT THE SEVERAL ANNUAL CONFERENCES OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

FOR THE YEAR 1916.

Quest. 1. *Who are admitted on trial?*
OHIO CONFERENCE.
Cunningham, Absalom Hunt, James Simmons, John Tivis, Othniel Talbot, James Cornelius Springer, Samuel Hamilton, G. Leach, Matthew Mahan, Samuel Che- Andrew Monroe, Benj. Lawrence, Wm. nowith, John Kent—13.

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TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

Lewis Garrett, John Seaton, John Hutchinson, Nathan Barnes, Dan'l M'Henry, Thomas Davis, John Bloom, Wm. Stevenson, Benjamin Proctor, Joseph Piggott, Alex. Fleming, Josiah Daughtry, Philip Davis, John Smith—14.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

Zaccheus Dowling, Zachariah Williams, Daniel Gartman, James Bellah, Samuel Harrison, Jesse Sinclair, Dan'l Christenbury, Andrew Hammill, Tillman Sneed, David Garretson—10.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

James Hanner, John Turner, Samuel Hooser, Russel Foster, George Burnett, William Peebles, Wm. H. Star, Samuel Wells, John W. Boyd, Solomon Day, Stephen Rowe, William Richards, Thos. Saunders—13.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

Joseph Carper, Morris Covert, Thomas Beaks, Mordecai Gosnell, George Brown, James Taylor—6.

PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE.

Sinickson Tuff, John Creamer, Walters Burrows, Abraham Ketchum—4.

NEW-YORK CONFERENCE.

James Covell, David Barclay, Jeremiah M'Daniels, John Goodsel, Isaac Lent, John Boyd, David Miller, Ibrl Cannon, Isaac Hill, Zalmon Stewart, Horace Weston, John Lovejoy—12.

NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

Jeremiah Marsh, Moses Fifield, Daniel Plumley, Daniel Dorchester—4.

GENESEE CONFERENCE.

Daniel Shepenson, John Dempster, Abraham Lippett, Joshua Beebee, Alpheus Davis, Joseph M'Creary, George Peck, Isaac Grant, William Jones, Ebenezer Fairchild, John Byem, Thomas M'Gee, George Ferguson—13.

Quest. 2. *Who remain on trial?*

OHIO CONFERENCE.

Lemuel Lane, Boroughs Westlake, Joseph Pownal, Sadosa Bacon, Henry Baker, William P. Finley, Elijah Truitt, John Waterman, William Hunt, Russell Bigelow, William Adams, Jabez Bowman, Henry B. Bascom—13.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

Josiah Patterson, George M'Nelly, Nace Overall, Jacob Whitesides, John

C. Harbison, John Scrips, Elijah Gentry—7.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

John W. Norton, John Simons, Wm. Kennedy, John Mote, Bryan Gause—5.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

Daniel Day, Thacker Muire, Allen R. Barnard, John T. Braine, David Browder, Thomas Browder, Joshua Featherstone, John F. Wright, Ebenezer W. Ward, Benj. Stephens, James Reid—11.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

John Everhart, Henry Baker, John Childs, Robert Cadden, Bazil Barry, Robert Boyd—6.

PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE.

Rich'd W. Petherbridge, Jacob Moore—2.

NEW-YORK CONFERENCE.

Aaron Pierce, Sherman Minor, Josiah Bowen, James Young, Heman Bangs, Smith Dayton, Earl Bancroft, Phinehas Doan—8.

NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

John Lord, Josiah A. Searritt, Nathan Paine, Salmon Winchester, Bradbury Clay, Joseph C. Pierce—6.

GENESEE CONFERENCE.

James H. Harris, William Brown, Joshua Rogers, John Arnold, Peter Baker—5.

Quest. 3. *Who are admitted into full connection?*

OHIO CONFERENCE.

John Solomon, David Sharp, Samuel Brown, Oliver Carver, Jacob Hooper, Shadrach Ruark—6.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

Hardy M. Cryer, Ivy Walke, John Schrader, John Manifee, William Stribling, Nicholas Norwood, Moses Ashworth, Joshua Butcher, Peter James, Thomas Owen, Thomas Bailey, John M'Gee, John S. Ford, Elisha Lott—14.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

Elijah Bird, David Hilliard, John Lane, John Murrow, Daniel Monaghan, West Williams, John M'Clendon, William Wingham, Travis Owen, Aquila Leatherwood, William Collinsworth, John Scott, Nicholas M'Intyre—13.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

Hugh A. M'Cain, James C. M'Aden, Peyton Anderson, Waddell Johnson, Reu-

ben Ellis, Bowen Reynolds, William Jones, Charles Moseley—8.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

Samuel P. V. Gillespie, John Bear, Samuel Davis, Richard Hunt, James Sewell, Henry Padgett, Thomas Larkins—7.

PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE.

William Prettyman, Daniel Moore, William Lummis, Edward Stout, Joseph Rusling, William Ross, Henry Kunzelman, Lott Warfield, Amos C. Moore—9.

NEW-YORK CONFERENCE.

Buel Goodsell, Daniel Brayton, Charles Northrop, William M. Stilwell, Daniel I. Wright, Eli Barnett, Samuel Eighmey, Moses Amedon—8.

NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

Zenas Adams, Orin Roberts, Job Pratt, Ezekiel W. Coffin, Bartholomew Otheman, Walter Sleeper, Henry True, Eleazar Phelps—8.

GENESEE CONFERENCE.

Wyatt Chamberlin, John Griffin, James Hazen, Elias Bowen, William Cameron, William Barlow—6.

Quest. 4. *Who are the deacons?*

Those marked thus (*) were ordained this year.

OHIO CONFERENCE.

John Graham, Charles Waddel, Robert C. Hatton, John Dew, Francis Landrum, John Solomon, David Sharp, Samuel Brown, Jacob Hooper, Shadrach Ruark, elect—10.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

Thomas Nixon, John Bowman, Claiborne Duval, Benjamin Malone, James Porter, William F. King, Jesse Hale, Thomas Bailey, Moses Ashworth, Peter James, elect, Elisha Lott, Ivy Walke, Hardy M. Crver, John Schrader, John Manifee, William Stribling, Joshua Butcher, Nicholas Norwood, John S. Ford, Thomas Owen, elect—20.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

Anderson Ray, Samuel K. Hodges, Daniel M'Phaill, James Parsons, William Harris, West Harris, Dabney P. Jones, Wm. B. Barnett, David S. M'Bride, Samuel Johnson, Jas. B. Turner, Philemon Ogletree, James O. Andrew, John Wright, Benjamin C. Scott, W. Collinsworth, elect, Elijah Bird, David Hilliard, John Lane, John Scott, elect, John Murrow,

Daniel Monaghan, Nicholas M'Intyre, elect, West Williams, John M'Clendon, William Winningham, Travis Owen, Aquila Leatherwood—28.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

Lewis Kimbell, Lewis Skidmore, John Doyle, Fletcher Harris, Elijah Sparks, Samuel B. White, Abraham Trail, Hugh A. McCain, James C. M'Aden, Peyton Anderson, Reuben Ellis, Bowen Reynolds, William Jones, Charles Moseley—14.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

Caleb Leach, John Macklefresh, Thomas C. Thornton, William C. Morrison, Thomas Kennerly, John Connelly, Zachariah Mitchell, Samuel P. V. Gillespie, John Bear, Samuel Davis, Richard Hunt, Henry Padgett, Thomas Larkins—13.

PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE.

Phineas Price, elect, Wm. Prettyman, elect, Daniel Moore, elect, Wm. Lummis, elect, Edward Stout, elect, Joseph Rusling, elect, Wm. Ross, elect, Henry Kunzelman, elect, Amos C. Moore, elect, John Potts, elect, Samuel J. Cox, elect, John Goforth, elect—12.

NEW-YORK CONFERENCE.

Thomas Thorp, Beardsley Northrop, Nicholas White, Buel Goodsell, Daniel Brayton, Charles Northrop, William M. Stilwell, Daniel I. Wright, Eli Barnett, Samuel Eighmey, Moses Amedon—11.

NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

Jason Walker, Shipley W. Wilson, Hezekiah Davis, Vanrensellaer Osborn, Joshua Nye, David Hutchinson, John Paine, Zenas Adams, Orin Roberts, Job Pratt, Ezekiel W. Coffin, Bartholomew Otheman, Walter Sleeper, Joseph B. White, Henry True—15.

GENESEE CONFERENCE.

Israel Cook, Israel Chamberlin, Elijah Warren, Goodwin Stoddard, James Hall, Nathaniel Reeder, Robert Menshall, David Youmans, Nathan Dodson, Peter Jones, David Culp, John Hamilton, Wyatt Chamberlin, John Griffin, James Hazen, Elias Bowen, William Cameron, William Barlow—18.

Quest. 5. *Who have been elected and ordained elders this year?*

OHIO CONFERENCE.

John M'Mahan, elect, John Cord, Ro-

bert W. Finley, Benjamin Rhoten, Wm. Dixon, Jonathan Stamper, Thomas D. Porter, William M'Mahan, John Somerville—9.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

Thomas A. King, Joseph Foulks, Jesse Cunningham, Wm. Hart, John Phipps, George Ekins, Thomas Griffin—7.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

Griffin Christopher, Allen Turner, Thomas W. Stanley, Nicholas Talley, Jacob Hill, Henry Bass, Archibald Brown, James L. Belin, Charles Dickinson, John Bunch, Hugh M'Phaill, elect, William Partridge, elect—12.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

Joshua Lawrence, Minton Thrift, Peter Wyatt, Matthew M. Dance—4.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

Lewis R. Fechtige, John Bull, William Shanks, Thomas Sewell, elect—4.

PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE.

George Banghart, elect, David Dailey, elect, Lott Warfield, elect—3.

NEW-YORK CONFERENCE.

Theodosius Clark, Tobias Spicer, Elisha P. Jacob, Stephen Jacob, Wm. Ross, Samuel Luckey, Gad Smith, elect—7.

NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

Benjamin Burnham, John Atwell, elect, John Adams, Richard Emery, Thomas W. Tucker, J. F. Chamberlain, elect, Jacob Sanborn, Jonathan Worthen—8.

GENESEE CONFERENCE.

James Gilmore, Elisha Bebins, Ebenezer Doolittle, Gideon Lanning, Renaldo M. Everts, James S. Lent—6.

Quest. 6. *Who are the bishops and superintendents?*

William M'Kendree, Enoch George, Robert Richford Roberts—3.

Quest. 7. *Who have located this year?*

OHIO CONFERENCE.

Oliver Carver, Samuel Hellums, James M'Mahan, Joseph Oglesby, Abel Robinson, Jonathan Stamper—6.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

John I. E. Bird, William Winans, Sela Paine, Joseph Foulks, Samuel Browne, John M'Farland, Baker Wraether—7.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

Andrew Pickins, William Arnold, Ben-

jamin S. Ogletree, Robert Porter, Alexander H. Saunders, James C. Sharp, Lucius Q. C. Deyampert, Daniel Brown, John Collinsworth—9.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

Stith Mead, Thomas Cooper, William M. Elliot, Richard H. Parks, Henry Robinson, Allen Elliott, John C. Burruss—7.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

John C. French, Jacob Dowell, James Laws, Thomas Sewell, Rezin Hammond, James M. Hanson, Job Guest, Robert Hanna, John Swartzwelder, David Stevens—10.

PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE.

George Sheets, Joseph Lybrand, William W. Foulks, William Hardesty, Daniel Ashton, Lott Warfield—6.

NEW-YORK CONFERENCE.

Benjamin Griffen, James M. Smith, John Finnegan, Friend Draper, John T. Addoms, Jonathan Lyon—6.

NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

Cyrus Cummins, Aaron Lummis, Josiah Emerson, Francis Dane, Elias Marble, Samuel Hillman, Artemas Stebbins—7.

GENESEE CONFERENCE.

James H. Baker, Reuben Farley, John Hazzard, Truman Gillett, James S. Lent—5.

Quest. 8. *Who are the supernumerary preachers?*

OHIO CONFERENCE.

Michael Ellis, Isaac Pavey—2.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

Wiley Warwick.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

Morris Howe, Caleb Reynolds, William Houston—3.

NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

Joshua Nye.

GENESEE CONFERENCE.

John Kimberlin.

Quest. 9. *Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers?*

OHIO CONFERENCE.

Henry M'Daniel, William Burke, Isaac Quinn—3.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

William Jean, Samuel Waggoner—2.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

Seely Bunn, John Pitts, Thomas Lucas, Joseph Stone, Hezekiah Harriman, Asa Shinn, Amos Barnes—7.

PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE.

William M'Lenahan, Robert M'Coy, Thomas Everard, Joseph Aydelott, Nathan Swain—5.

NEW-YORK CONFERENCE.

Gad Smith, Elisha P. Jacob, Samuel Fowler, Isaac Candee, James Coleman, Stephen Richmond, John Crawford, Oliver Sykes—8.

NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

John Brodhead, Benjamin Hezelton—2.

GENESEE CONFERENCE.

Asa Cummings, Thomas Whitehead, Abraham Dawson, James Gilmore, Nathan Dodson—5.

Quest. 10. *Who have been expelled from our connection this year?*

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

Joshua Windsor.

PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE.

Joseph Samson, for refusing to subscribe to the 2d article of the doctrines of our church.

NEW-YORK CONFERENCE.

Thomas Drummond.

Quest. 11. *Who have withdrawn from the connection this year?*

NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

Joseph Baker.

Quest. 12. *Were all the preachers' characters examined before the Conferences?*

This was strictly attended to by calling over their names, one by one, before their respective Conferences.

Quest. 13. *Who have died this year?*

1. The venerable Francis Asbury,—late superintendent or bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America, who was born in England, near the foot of Hamstead Bridge, in the parish of Handsworth, about four miles from Birmingham, in Staffordshire, on the 20th of August, 1745. His parents were people in common life, remarkable for their honesty and industry, and had all the comforts of plenty about them. There were but two children, a daughter and son; the daughter dying in infancy, he might be viewed

as an only child. From his childhood he neither dared an oath, nor hazarded a lie. The love of truth is not natural; but the habit of telling it he acquired very early; and so well was he taught, that his conscience would never permit him to swear profanely. He abhorred mischief and wickedness, although his playmates were among the vilest of the vile. From such society he often returned home uneasy and melancholy. Sometimes he was much ridiculed, and called Methodist parson, because his mother invited any people who had the appearance of religion to her house. By the conversation and prayers of one of these he was awakened, before he was quite fourteen years of age: it was now easy and pleasing to him to leave his company, and he began to pray morning and evening. It was not long before he began to inquire of his mother, who, where, and what were the Methodists: she gave him a favourable account, and directed him to a person that could take him to Wednesbury to hear them. "The people appeared very devout, men and women kneeling, saying amen. Now, behold they were singing hymns. Sweet sound! Why! strange to tell! the preacher had no prayer-book; and yet he prayed wonderfully! What was yet more extraordinary, the man took his text, and had no sermon book! Thought I, this is wonderful indeed! 'Tis certainly a strange way, but it is the best way. The preacher talked about confidence, assurance, &c., of which all my flights and hopes fell short." After this, some others, with himself, met for reading and prayer. They had large and good meetings, and were much persecuted, until the person at whose house they held them being frightened, they were discontinued. He then held meetings frequently at his father's house, exhorting the people there, as also at Sutton Colefield, and several souls professed to find peace through his labours. He met class at Bromich Heath, and in band at Wednesbury. He had preached some months before he publicly appeared in the Methodist meeting-houses, when his labours became more extensively witnessed. Some were amazed, not knowing that he had exercised elsewhere. Behold him now a local preacher, the humble and willing servant of any and every preacher that called on him, by night or by day; being ready, with hasty steps, to go far or wide to do good: visit-

ing Derbyshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, and indeed almost every place within his reach, for the sake of precious souls; preaching, generally, three, four, and five times a week. He was between twenty-one and two when he gave himself up entirely to God and his work, after acting as a local preacher nearly five years.

He landed in Philadelphia on the 27th of October, 1771, and immediately began his labours. On Tuesday, the 13th of November, he preached his first sermon in New-York. Early in November, 1772, he visited Maryland. On Saturday evening, the 28th of November, he first preached at Fell's Point, in Baltimore. Until 1784, Mr. Asbury held his authority from Mr. Wesley. At the General Conference, held in Baltimore, in the month of December of that year, Doctor Coke and himself were unanimously elected superintendents of the Methodist Church in America, by his ordination, on the 27th of the same month, made Episcopal. It would appear that Bishop Asbury had laboured in England, as a local and travelling preacher, about ten years; in America upward of forty-four, nearly thirty-two of which he, as bishop, held the superintendency. When we count the thousands throughout this vastly extensive continent, who, with affectionate veneration, owned him as their spiritual father, we may question if a weightier charge has been committed to any man since the days of the apostles; and when the records of his life shall meet the public eye, who, that patiently examines and candidly decides, will be bold enough to say, that since that time duties so great and so various have been by one man more faithfully performed.

His constitution was naturally delicate. For many years he was subject to the asthma, and inflammatory affections; he also had his full share in those diseases which prevail in certain parts of our country: he was no stranger to fevers and agues, bilious fevers, &c. Finally, his almost worn-out constitution yielded to the fatal consumption. The approximate cause of this disease seems to have been the influenza, with which he was taken in South Carolina, about Christmas, 1815. It was followed by an almost entire loss of appetite, and the formation of ulcers on the lungs. During the course of the winter he continued to make efforts to meet the ensuing General Conference,

to be holden in May, in Baltimore. Having reached Richmond, in Virginia, he preached his last sermon in that city, in the old Methodist church, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, Sunday, March 24th. Some of his friends, on account of his extreme weakness, dissuaded him in vain from the attempt of preaching; to which he replied, he must once more deliver his testimony in that place. He was carried from his carriage door to the pulpit, and placed on a table. He spoke nearly an hour, from Rom. ix, 28, with much feeling and effect, pausing at intervals to recover breath, and was taken back to his carriage in the same manner. On Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, he travelled, and reached the house of his old friend, Mr. George Arnold, intending to go on about twenty miles, to Fredericksburg; but the weather proved too inclement. Overhearing brother Bond (his travelling companion) and the family conversing about an appointment for meeting, he observed, that they need not be in a hurry. A remark so unusual gave brother Bond much uneasiness. Toward evening he became greatly indisposed; about 3 o'clock next morning, he observed that he had passed a night of great bodily suffering. It was proposed to send for a physician, but he would yield to no entreaties; adding, finally, that before the doctor could get there his breath would be gone! He observed, that he had no farther communication to make, having fully expressed his mind in his addresses to the bishop and General Conference. About 11 o'clock on Sunday, he inquired if it was not time for meeting; but recovering his recollection, he desired that the family might be called together. Brother Bond sung, prayed, and expounded the twenty-first of Revelation. Throughout the exercise he appeared to be collected, and much engaged in devotion. They offered him a little barley water, but he was unable to swallow, and his speech began to fail. Observing the agony of brother Bond's distress, he raised his hand, and looked joyfully at him. Brother Bond then asked him if he felt the Lord Jesus Christ to be precious! He seemed to exert all his remaining strength, and raised both his hands as a token of triumph; and in a few minutes after, as he sat in his chair, with his head supported by brother Bond's hand, without a struggle, he breathed his last, on Sunday, the 31st of March, 1816,

in the 71st year of his age. "Mark the perfect man! behold the upright! for the end of that man is peace!"

During the time of his ministry it is presumed that he preached from fifteen to eighteen thousand sermons, presided at more than two hundred Conferences, travelled on this continent from one hundred to one hundred and fifty thousand miles, and perhaps ordained more ministers than any other man ever did. Bishop Asbury possessed good natural and acquired abilities, read the Scriptures in the languages in which they were originally written, and was acquainted with the several branches of polite literature, which he appeared studious to conceal. But nothing short of deep and uniform piety could so long have secured to him the love and confidence of a people who knew how to distinguish between the form and power of godliness. To deep and uniform piety, and talents far above the common grade, may be added a zeal and diligence that have been equalled but by few, and exceeded by none.

For almost half a century this extraordinary man traversed this extensive continent, encountering the summer's heat and winter's cold. And when pressed with age and infirmity, and solicited by his friends to lessen his labours, his zeal prompted him on to the last, travelling and preaching till within a few days of his death: he then stepped, as it were, from labour, toil, and sufferings to his everlasting rest. The remains of Bishop Asbury were deposited in the family burying ground of G. Arnold, at whose house he died; and afterward, by the order of General Conference, were taken up and brought to Baltimore, and interred in a vault prepared for the purpose, in the Methodist Church in Eutaw-street.

2. Learner Blackman,—who was born in the state of New-Jersey. From the best information we are enabled to collect, our brother now under consideration appears to have been a branch of a good family, some of whom were the honoured instruments of declaring the "glad tidings of great joy." He was a part of the fruit of their labours. From the numerous stations he filled, and dying in the flower of his age, he must have been very young when he embraced religion. He could not have been more than nineteen years of age when he commenced his itinerant career. In the year 1800 he was admit-

ted on trial, and stationed on Kent circuit. In 1801 he travelled Dover; 1802, Russell, state of Virginia; 1803, New-River, in the same state; 1804, Lexington, state of Kentucky. In 1805, in compliance with the request of the bishops, he went on a mission to Natchez. Here a new scene of things presented itself to his view. He is now to face uncivilized nations, and a wilderness of four or five hundred miles. After a journey of ten or eleven days, and lying out as many nights, making his saddle-bags his pillow, his blanket and cloak his bed, the heavens his covering, the God of Israel his defence, he arrived safe in the territory. At the time of his arrival, Methodism was in its infancy in that country. A few had been awakened and converted to God, through the instrumentality of our beloved Tobias Gibson.

Notwithstanding there were some respectable men and women friendly disposed, yet it is a lamentable truth, that a number of the first settlers of that country were bankrupts in morals, and their proud hearts and irreligious lives made them oppose the truths which this, as well as other good men, delivered. As such, our first preachers in those parts had considerable difficulties. We may venture to affirm that they were the subjects of almost universal contempt; and brother Blackman shared largely in these sufferings. In 1806 he was appointed to preside in the Mississippi district: God honoured his administration with success, sinners were converted, and houses were built and dedicated to God. In 1807 he still presided in the district; his labours were still blessed, souls were converted, and his name is remembered with pleasure among that people to this day.

He left the low lands, followed by the blessings of the people. In 1808 he presided in Holston district, state of Tennessee; 1809, continued in the same. In 1810 he was appointed to Cumberland; 1811, he continued in the same district. In 1812, 1813, 1814, he presided in the Nashville district. In 1815 he was appointed to Cumberland district: in this year he terminated his laborious, useful life, which occurred as follows:—He and Mrs. Blackman, his consort, had been on a visit over the Ohio River; on their return, recrossing the Ohio, while they were in the ferry-boat, their horses were affrighted,

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and leaped out and threw him in the river, where in a few minutes he perished among the waves.

Notwithstanding he was happily united with one of the most agreeable women, and in possession of as many earthly blessings as would have rendered him comfortable at home, yet he renounced them all, and travelled on, and preached scarcely a sermon less. At all times and places, and in all the stations he filled, he was acceptable and useful, and was rendered a blessing to preachers and people. As a single man, he was respected; as a man of a family, he filled his station with that prudence, dignity, and propriety which become the great and good man; as a citizen, he was honoured and revered. Justly was that portion of sacred truth verified, "Them that honour me will I honour." He has left a weeping companion to mourn her irreparable loss; but she is not alone, for thousands of others will associate to mourn with her. He has left the stage of action, put off the garment of mortality, and gone to his reward.

3. Richmond Nolley,—who was a native of Virginia. In an early period of his life his parents moved to the state of Georgia. About the year 1806 he was converted to God. While a private character, he was serious, humble, and exemplary. In the fall of 1807 he began to labour in a more extensive manner, and in the conclusion of the year he gave himself up wholly to the Lord and his work. In 1808 he was appointed to Edisto circuit, in South Carolina. In 1809 he was stationed in Wilmington, North Carolina. In 1810 he was stationed in Charleston, South Carolina. In 1811 he travelled Washington circuit, in the state of Georgia. In 1812, in compliance with the request of the bishop, he went on a mission to Tombeckbee. After passing through the savage nations, a wilderness of three hundred and fifty miles, swimming deep creeks, and lying out eleven nights, he arrived at the place of destination. Here he spent two years in labouring indefatigably for the glory of God and the good of souls. He filled all his appointments punctually. He never stopped for wet or cold, nor even for the want of a horse. He would take his saddle-bags on his shoulders and walk to his appointments, if his horse should be out of the way. He not only preached, but diligently instructed the children in every

place, by catechising them regularly. He also instructed the poor blacks in the things of God, with great care and diligence. In short, he called and prayed at every house in his way, if he could obtain permission; but, alas! some refused to receive or let him pray among them; and when he undertook to entreat them they got angry, and threatened to abuse his slender body; but all this did not discourage him; he went on as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

He was on Tombeckbee when the Indians became hostile, and the people were all in forts, and afraid to go to their plantations. He never stopped, but went from fort to fort and preached the gospel to the people. His name will ever be dear to many on Tombeckbee circuit. In consequence of his labours, and delicate constitution, he became quite relaxed and debilitated; and although he was sufficiently exhausted to retire from the itinerant field, yet his zeal prompted him still to go forward, and accordingly he was appointed to the Attakapas circuit, in the state of Louisiana, in 1814. Here he spent one year in the midst of difficulties, such as long rides, muddy roads, deep waters, and swarms of flies and moschetoes, together with intense heat, which were sufficient to render life itself disagreeable; but his zeal and courage made him bear them with apostolic firmness. In the conclusion of the year he attended the Conference. The peculiar situation of the church in that quarter made it necessary for him to return to the Attakapas circuit. It may be remarked, that he received his appointment cheerfully, and started without a murmur or sigh.

The author of these remarks accompanied him over the Mississippi, and through a vast swamp. The difficulties we had to encounter were almost incredible. On the 24th of November we parted. The weather was wet and cold. That day he reached the place he designed, and stayed with a friendly family: the weather still disagreeable. He started and went a circuitous way to avoid a bad swamp and some deep creeks. There was no white person living on the path. In the evening he came to a village of Indians. He was to pass a creek, and was apprehensive it would be full. He employed an Indian to go with him. When he arrived it was as he expected. There was no other alternative but to cross or stay with

the savages; so he left his valise, saddle-bags, and a parcel of books, and attempted to ride the stream. The current was rapid, and beat him and his horse down; the banks were steep, so that his horse could not get out. In the struggle he and his horse parted. He got hold of a bush and pulled himself out; his horse swam back to the shore from whence they started. He then directed the Indian to keep his horse until morning, and he would walk on to the first house, about two miles. He had got about a mile on the way, when the wet and cold combined stopped his progress, (it seems he was conscious of his approaching dissolution; he had knelt down on the ground—for his knees were both dirty—and commended his spirit to God,) there in the woods, until death gave him an honourable discharge. There lay our beloved Richmond Nolley, on the cold ground and wet leaves, at full length, his eyes neatly closed, his left hand on his breast, his right hand a little fallen off. Here his life and toil ceased together.

He was not what some call a great preacher, but possessed what many an archbishop is void of—deep humility and genuine piety. He was serious and solemn. Who ever saw him light and trifling? Who ever heard him speak an idle word? Always busy, he rose at four o'clock in the morning, at all times and places. He was ever acknowledged to be a holy man; and even in Louisiana, in the midst of French superstition and American infidelity, he was acknowledged to be a servant of the most high God.

We have no scruples in saying, no doubt exists, that he has gone to the haven of repose, to receive that reward that remains for the faithful. Hail, happy spirit! hail!

4. Zachariah Witten,—who was born in Tazewell county, state of Virginia, of parents highly respectable, from whom he received a tolerable English education. He was blessed from his childhood with the instructions, the preaching, and admonitions of the Methodist itinerant clergy—who always found at his father's house a comfortable home—through whose instrumentality he was awakened and converted some time in the year 1811, when he was perhaps about twenty years of age. He presently began to exercise his gift in exhortation and prayer; and his sound piety, promising talents, holy boldness, and

well-tempered zeal were such as to evince that it was not designed of the great Shepherd and Bishop of souls that he should long remain in the obscure walks of private life. The word of the Lord was like fire in his bones. He was persuaded he was called of God to preach the gospel; and his way being open, he was sent by the presiding elder, in 1812, to Powell's Valley circuit, where he travelled until Conference, when he was admitted on trial as a travelling preacher, and was appointed to the charge of Flint circuit. In 1813 he was appointed to Vincennes. In 1814 he was appointed to Duck River; but being sick at the time of Conference, and having a desire to visit his parents, he determined to go home and stay till he recovered his health, which he accordingly did, and stayed until the spring of 1815, when he, on his way to his charge, about the last of March, was taken with the consumption, which terminated his short but useful life on the 18th of May, 1815. He was very useful in all the stations he filled. He was zealous in his Master's work, and was honoured in the awakening and converting of many precious souls. But he is taken from us to the land of rest: his toils are over, his sufferings and his pain. His last words were, "I leave this world without trouble or sorrow." Happy soul! We doubt not that he shines as the brightness of the firmament, and as a star in the kingdom of our divine Father.

5. Joel Arrington,—who was born and raised in Iredell county, North Carolina. The divine Spirit of truth deeply penetrated his mind when about twenty years of age: the arrows of the Almighty were directed to his conscience: he sought mercy in the bitterness of his soul, and obtained grace and forgiveness through the atoning merits of a Redeemer. Not long had he experienced the healing balm of a Saviour's blood, before the burden of the Lord came upon him. He felt himself interested for a world of perishing sinners, and soon after began to exhort them to flee the wrath to come. In 1807 he came duly recommended to the Virginia Conference, held in Newbern, and was received on probation into the travelling connection, and was appointed to Haw River circuit; in 1808, Brunswick; 1809, Orange; 1810, Guilford; 1811, Portsmouth, where in the latter part of the year he experienced great affliction of

body; 1812, he was appointed to Edenton, but in consequence of his ill health was not able to fill the appointment; in 1813 he was appointed to Guilford; in 1814, continued to travel the same circuit; in 1815 his name appeared on the Minutes among the superannuated preachers. In all the above stations (as far as we are able to learn) our beloved brother Arrington laboured cheerfully and successfully in the work. Although his afflictions were great for two or three of the last years of his life, yet he never hesitated faithfully to discharge the duties of a minister, as far as his strength would admit.

We should not, perhaps, do justice to this amiable servant and minister of Christ, were we to omit to state that he was a man of a correct and discriminating mind, pure and correct in his doctrines, vigilant and attentive to his duties, which endeared him to many with whom he zealously laboured, and before whom he exhibited his pious examples. Much indeed might be said in his praise. We might be indulged, if our limits were not so circumscribed, to speak at large of those qualities which adorned his life, which supported him under all its trying scenes.

In the summer of 1815, his health being in some degree restored, he thought it expedient to visit the western country, for the purpose of adjusting some temporal concerns. He visited the Tennessee Conference in his journey. Scarcely had he reached the place where it was then sitting, before he was arrested by the last stroke of affliction, which terminated all his sorrows and his toil. He resigned his soul to God in peace the last day of the Conference, and is now in possession of that glorious heritage prepared for the people of God. He died as he lived; with strong confidence, and in full assurance of the promises held out in the gospel of Christ, after having spent about eleven years in the service of God, and nine years in the work of the ministry.

Happy soul, thy days are ended,
All thy mourning days below!
Go, by angel guards attended,
To the sight of Jesus, go.

6. Ewen Johnson,—a native of Caswell county, North Carolina, who was admitted on trial as a travelling preacher in 1808, and appointed to Mattamuskeet; in 1809, to Cumberland; in 1810 he was ordained a deacon in the church of God, and

appointed to Suffolk; in 1811, to Caswell; in 1812 he was ordained an elder, and appointed to Mecklenburg circuit; in 1813, to Amelia; in 1814, to Terrill; in 1815, to Suffolk circuit, in which he ended his labours, sorrows, and life. He departed this life on the 4th of January, 1816, at the house of the Rev. David Waters, in Princess Ann, Virginia. E. Johnson was of an humble and timid spirit; nevertheless, he was persevering and faithful. He was studious and zealous, and in a few years he became an acceptable and useful minister of the gospel. It was apparent that he had wholly given himself up to the work of the ministry, and sought to glorify God in the reformation and salvation of men; and having lived and acted to the glory of God, and filled up his station in this world with perseverance and fidelity, we doubt not that his merciful and gracious Sovereign owned and crowned him an heir of endless life!

His bodily affliction was severe and violent; he lost his speech a little prior to his dissolution, but continued to enjoy his senses. On the day before his decease, he arose, fell on his knees, clasped his hands together, and appeared to be filled with the divine presence. Thus departed that servant of the Lord to receive his reward, a crown that fadeth not away.

7. George Askin,—who was a native of Ireland. He entered the travelling ministry in 1801, and filled the following stations, viz.: Montgomery, 1801; Ohio, 1802; Shenango, 1803; Muskingum and Little Kanawha, 1804; Limestone, 1805; Hinkstone, 1806; Lexington, 1807; Danville, 1808; Shelby, 1809; Scioto, 1810; Staunton, 1811; Berkley, 1812; Chambersburg, 1813 and 1814; and Frederick, 1815. His last discourse was delivered on sabbath evening, the 18th of February, 1816, in Fredericktown, to a large congregation, with more than usual zeal and acceptability, when an inflammatory fever immediately ensued, which he bore with great patience and resignation to the will of Heaven.

On the evening of the 26th he had a severe conflict with the enemy of his soul; but was enabled to declare that God had delivered him, and immediately commenced singing, Glory! glory! glory! hallelujah!

The evening preceding his death, his afflicted companion asked him, "My dear,

are you going to leave us?" To which he replied, "Leave that to the Lord—if I go, I shall go happy." A few minutes before his departure he saw his affectionate wife kneeling by the bed, and asked her if she was willing to let him go: she replied, "That is hard to say, but I desire to be resigned to the will of God." He answered, "That is right," and took his leave of her. During his illness he continually gave himself up to his God in prayer, frequently calling upon the surrounding friends to sing and pray; expressing an unshaken confidence in God, and a desire to depart and be with Christ; and even to his last moments would raise his hands and praise God.

He retained his senses to the last, and about ten minutes before his exit asked his Christian friends to sing, "O glorious hope of perfect love." Some of his last words were, "The Lord our God is my God;" "O what a beautiful prospect lies before me;" "Holiness is the way to heaven;" "Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord—get all you can in the way to heaven—my God is mine and I am his—I have been in the dark mountains, but King Jesus has given me complete victory—glory, honour, praise, and power be to God."

He died on Wednesday morning about four o'clock, the 28th of February, 1816, in the triumphs of faith, and with a hope full of glorious immortality.

8. Nathan Lodge,—who was a native of Loudoun county, state of Virginia, born August 26th, 1788, and removed some time in the early part of life to Concord, in Pennsylvania. In the sixteenth year of his age he was awfully alarmed by a dream, which presented to him a view of the general judgment; and the transactions of that day were so indelibly impressed on his mind, that he recollected and often repeated them with great concern, long after the date. From this alarming moment, he set out with full purpose of heart to seek that preparation necessary to meet God with joy: and soon after this, while groaning for redemption in Jesus, the only hope of eternal life, he found him to be the fairest among ten thousand, and to his soul altogether lovely; and rejoiced exceedingly from a sense of pardoning love.

The same year in which he was converted he joined society; was appointed to assist his grandfather in meeting a class,

and licensed to exhort. He was licensed to preach at a quarterly meeting held at Concord, Littleton circuit, February 11th, 1809. He was received into the travelling connection March 17th, 1810, at the Conference held in Baltimore, and was appointed to Alleghany circuit; in 1811 he travelled in St. Mary's; in 1812 he received deacon's orders at the Conference held in Leesburg, March 22d, and was appointed to Carlisle circuit; but in consequence of some failure on the part of the preacher appointed to Juniata, he was removed there. In 1813 he was appointed to Prince George's circuit, where he married Miss Mary Hugbet, daughter of Benjamin and Ann Hugbet. In 1814 he was ordained elder at the Conference held in Baltimore, March 20th, and appointed to Winchester circuit; in 1815 he travelled Berkley, where, on the 27th of November, about ten o'clock in the morning, after four or five days of illness, he finished his course, changing the cross for the crown. Nathan Lodge was a firm and safe friend; and when well known, found to be an Israelite free from guile; a very acceptable, laborious, and useful minister of Christ Jesus. His great worth was more manifest in the last year of his life than ever before. In him was that scripture verified, "The path of the just is as the shining light, which shineth more and more to the perfect day." During the last three months of his life it was manifest to many, and mentioned by some, that he was ripe for heaven. In every duty of his station it seemed as if he saw his time was short; and he made every exertion to get his work done well. He seemed to labour in sight of eternity; and this, as it always does, made such an impression on the minds of saint and sinner as will never be forgotten. The last week of his labours was evidently too great for the strength of his shattered lungs. His last sermon was at the funeral of two of his friendly flock, (from 2 Tim. iv, 6, 7,) with whom he had often held sweet communion in the house of God. With what immortal joy have they met in the heavenly world, where they now sit and tell their conflicts o'er, and wait the arrival of those they left to labour and toil a little longer in this valley of tears! It was said by one of his hearers at this funeral, "Lodge is ready, and will soon be gone;" and so it was. He went home from the funeral to his family, and was

taken sick. His disorder laid such hold on his breast and lungs that it became difficult for him to speak through the whole course of his illness. Such patience and resignation as he manifested are seldom seen. Just before his departure he raised his head and looked around the room; he then laid down calmly, and without a struggle or groan left his clay behind, and went to his reward in heaven. Several of his congregation had met to hear him preach once more; but lo! a messenger proclaimed his death; they were seen in every direction moving slowly along, while from weeping hearts was heard to resound, "Lodge is dead! Lodge is dead!"

At the quarterly meeting on Saturday following his funeral sermon was preached from 2 Cor. iv, 17. But how awful did some of the preachers and leaders, with many of the members feel, when, coming in, they heard the preacher say, "Lodge is dead!" they having never heard he was sick. His name will be precious to the people of Berkley as long as they live. The love they had for him was like that of the Galatians mentioned by St. Paul, "if it had been possible they would have given him their eyes." His very grave will be a preacher to the inhabitants of Shepherdstown; they will remember his last sermon, wherein he called God to record that he was clear of their blood; and the last prayer he ever prayed in public was on the night he was taken sick, when, toward the close of the meeting, he said, "Let us pray once more for the inhabitants of Shepherdstown." On the Sunday night of the quarterly meeting, a little boy who had gotten his soul converted, and loved him with uncommon affection, was seen weeping and praying on his grave. The people from different parts of the circuit coming to town, are seen visiting the grave, weeping. He has left a wife and one child, with many connections, and the church at large to mourn his loss. The friendship of the people to his family confirms the belief, that they who will serve God, God will serve them: and they who honour God, God will honour. Lodge is gone to unite with the heavenly hosts around the throne of God, where momentary ages are no more.

9. James Quail,—who was born August 25th, 1785, in Cecil county, Maryland. He was converted to God in 1799, received on trial into the travelling con-

nection in 1809, and travelled acceptably the following circuits, viz., Canaan, 1809; Milford, 1810; Kent, 1811; Freehold, 1812; New-Mills, 1813; Queen Ann's, 1814; and Sussex, 1815.

Our beloved brother Quail was a young man, eminent for piety, and diligent in the discharge of his ministerial duties. In March, 1815, he was severely afflicted, but recovered so far as to take an appointment at the ensuing Conference; and in much weakness of body continued to travel until the 7th of December following, when he was confined with his last illness. During his state of debility, he was frequently solicited by his friends to decline his public services, but he would reply, "If it were not for preaching, I should not know what to do; for it is in this exercise that God abundantly blesses my soul." In his last illness he enjoyed great peace of mind, with entire resignation to the divine will, and on the first day of January, 1816, he departed this life, and went (we doubt not) to the enjoyment of his great reward.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them."

Quest. 14. What numbers are in Society?

OHIO CONFERENCE.

Ohio District.		Whites. Col.	
	Whites. Col.	Brush Creek	804
Sheaango	336	Scioto	545
Erie	569	Salt Creek	402
Trumbull and Grand River	1100		4323
Beaver	213		2
Cross Creek	959	Miami District.	
West Wheel-		Cincinnati	310
ing	485	Little Miami	655
Tuscarawas	442	Lawrence-	
Marietta	596	burg	300
	4699	White Water	490
		Oxford	577
		Union	689
		Mad River	1012
		White Oak	1130
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		Kentucky District.	
		Licking	339
		Lexington	598
		Hinkstone	908
		Big Sandy &	
		Little Sandy	320
		Fleming	709
		Limestone	560
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			370
		Salt River District.	
		Danville	508
		Cumberland	320
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Whites. Col.	Whites. Col.	Broad River District.	Whites. Col.
Madison 395 32	Shelby 438 36		Georgetown 73 1670
Salt River 510 30	Blue River 195	Congaree 335 151	Fayetteville 117 211
Jefferson 444 35		Sandy River 413 205	Deep River 165 28
Silver Creek 563 3	3273 209	Wateree 707 376	Wilmington 92 584

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

<i>Nashville District.</i>		Knoxville	473	36	Reedy River	636	163	<i>Catawba District.</i>	
Nashville	517 102	Holston	573	62	Columbia	125	152	Upper French-	
Stones River	455 58	Lee	360	32	Santee and			Broad	449 27
Lebanon	680 92	Tazewell	420	51	Camden	804	1238	Black Moun-	
Cany Fork	534 60							tain	337 22
Elk River	557 43		4981	416		4014	2502	Morganton	420 23
Flint River	585 34	<i>Illinois District.</i>			<i>Pee Dee District.</i>			Lincoln	685 373
Duck River	463 48	Illinois	462		Lynch's Creek	495	93	Sugar Creek	231 63
Richland	335 35	Okaw	33		Black River	403	375	Union	827 99
					Little R.			Rocky River	631 89

Cumberland District.	Whites. Col.	Pee Dee District.	Whites. Col.
Red River 410 128		Lynch's Creek 495 93	
Fountain 429 25		Black River 403 375	
Head 429 25		Little Pee 858 216	
Goose Creek 671 18		Dee 377 339	
Roaring River 456 19		Bladen 557 248	4038 755

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Otsego 386 3	Newtown 289
Herkimer 272 2	
Paris 106	3350 18
Westmoreland 428 2	Upper Canada District.
Western 380	Bay Quintie 634
Black River 398 3	Smith's Creek 92
Sandy Creek 381	Young-street 165
	Ancaster 374
	Niagara 372
	Detroit 136 4
2915 10	
Genesee District.	
New-Amsterdam 156	1773 4
Caledonia 514	Lower Canada District.
Bloomfield 504	Augusta 301
Ontario 700 2	St. Lawrence 251
Lyons 714 14	Ottawa 153
Crooked Lake 343 2	Montreal 25
	730

RECAPITULATION.

	Whites.	Col.
Ohio Conference	24095	644
Tennessee Conference	19699	2059
South Carolina Conference	23065	16129
Virginia Conference	18732	5629
Baltimore Conference	19369	7205
Philadelphia Conference	21567	8835
New-York Conference	18373	1338
New-England Conference	11865	109
Genesee Conference	15166	56

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Total 214235
Total last year 211165

Increase this year 3070
Preachers 695.

Quest. 15. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

OHIO CONFERENCE.

OHIO DIST. *David Young*, P. Elder.
Shenango, *John Somerville*.
Erie, *Robert C. Hatton*.
Mahoning, *John Waterman*, *Shadrach Ruark*.
Beaver, *Henry Baker*.
West Wheeling, *Archibald M'Iroy*.
Chetauqua, *Lemuel Lane*.
Steubenville, *James P. Finley*, *Joseph Pownal*.
Grand River, *Samuel Brown*.
Tuscarawas, *Curtis Goddard*.
MUSKINGUM DIST. *Jacob Young*, P. Elder.
Guyandott, *John Dew*.
Letart Falls, *Cornelius Springer*.
Little Kanawha, *Samuel Hamilton*.
Fairfield, *Charles Waddle*, *Michael Ellis*.
Zanesville, *Wm. Knox*.
Knox, *John Solomon*, *John M'Mahan*.
Marietta, *Marcus Lindsey*.
Barnesville, *Burroughs Westlake*.

SCIOTO DIST. *James Quinn*, P. Elder.
Deer Creek, *Walter Griffith*, *Isaac Pavey*.
Pickaway, *Moses Trader*, *William Cunningham*.

Paint Creek, *Robert W. Finley*.
Scioto, *Samuel West*, *Elijah Truitt*.
Columbus, *Jacob Hooper*.
Brush Creek, *William P. Finley*.

MIAMI DIST. *John Sale*, P. Elder.
Cincinnati, *William Dixon*.
Miami, *Alex Cummins*, *Russell Bigelow*.
Lawrenceburg, *David Sharp*.
White Water, *Daniel Freley*.
Oxford, *Benjamin Lawrence*.
Union, *Abbot Goddard*.
Mad River, *Moses Crume*, *Henry B. Bascom*.

Whiteoak, *John Strange*, *Samuel Chenowith*.

KENTUCKY DIST. *Sam'l Parker*, P. Elder.
Licking, *Leroy Cole*, *Othniel Talbott*.
Lexington, *Thomas D. Porter*, *John Tivis*.
Hinkstone, *Benjamin Lakin*, *Thomas Nelson*.

Big Sandy and Little Sandy, *John Cord*, *John Kent*.

Fleming, *Wm. M'Mahan*.
Limestone, *Francis Landrum*.

SALT RIVER DIST. *Charles Holliday*, P. Elder.

Danville, *Benjamin Rhoden*.
Cumberland, *Andrew Monroe*.
Madison, *Absalom Hunt*.
Jefferson, *William Adams*, *Sadosa Bacon*.
Silver Creek, *Joseph Kinkaid*.
Shelby, *William Hunt*, *Jabez Bowman*.
Blue River, *James Simmons*.
Salt River, *James G. Leach*.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

NASHVILLE DIST. *Thomas L. Douglass*, P. Elder.
Stones River, *Lewis Garrett*.
Nashville, *Hardy M. Cryer*.
Lebanon, *Isaac Lindsey*.
Cany Fork, *Thomas Griffin*, *John Bloom*.
Elk River, *John Cragg*.
Flint River, *Moses Ashworth*, *H. M'Phaill*.
Richland, *Joshua Butcher*.
Duck River,

CUMBERLAND DIST. *John M'Gee*, P. Elder.
Red River, *George M'Nelly*.
Fountainhead, *James Gwin*.
Goose Creek, *John Johnson*.
Roaring River, *Benjamin Malone*.
Wayne, *Jesse Cunningham*.
Summerset, *Thomas Bailey*.
Green River, *John Phipps*.
Barren, *Nicholas Norwood*.

GREEN RIVER DIST. *Peter Cartwright*, P. Elder.

Christian, *Claiborne Duval*.
Livingston, *Benjamin Edge*.
Henderson, *William Stribling*.
Hartford, *John Smith*.
Breckenridge, *William F. King*.
Dixon, *Elisha Loti*.
Dover, *Nace Overall*.

HOLSTON DIST. *James Axley*, P. Elder.
Abingdon, *James Porter*.
Nollichuckie, *John S. Ford*.
Branch-Broad, *John Bowman*.
Tennessee Valley, *Wm. Hart*.
Clineh, *Ivy Walke*.
Carter's Valley, *Nathan Barnes*.
Powell's Valley, *John Seaton*.
Knoxville, *John Henninger*.
Holston, *John Hutchinson*.
Lee, *Josiah Daughtry*.
Tazewell, *George Ekins*.

ILLINOIS DIST. *Jesse Walker*, P. Elder.
Illinois, *John Scrips*.
Okaw,
Cash River, *John C. Harbison*.
Bigby, *Josiah Patterson*.
Wabash, *Daniel M'Henry*.
Pattoea, *Thomas A. King*.
Blew River, *John Schrader*.
Vincennes, *Thomas Davis*.

MISSOURI DIST. *Samuel H. Thompson*, P. Elder.

New-Madrid, *Philip Davis*.
Cape Girardeau, *Jesse Hale*.
Spring River.
Saline, *Thomas Wright*.
Bellevue, *William Stevenson*.
Cold Water, *Benjamin Procter*.
Missouri, *Jacob Whitesides*.
Boon's Lick, *Joseph Piggott*.
MISSISSIPPI DIST. *Sam'l Sellers*, P. Elder.
Claiborne and Natchez, *James Dixon*, *John Lane*.
Wilkinson, *Thomas Nixon*.
Amit, *Elijah Gentry*.
Pearl River, *John Manifee*.
Tombeckbee, *Ashley Hewitt*, *Alexander Fleming*.
Rapids, *Thomas Owen*.
Attakapas, *Peter James*.
Washataw,

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

OCONEE DIST. *Lewis Myers*, P. Elder.
Sparta, *Jacob Hill*, *James Bellah*.
Oakmulgee, *Travis Owen*, *Jesse Sinclair*.
Alcovi, *William Partridge*, *John Mote*.
Cedar Creek and Milledgeville, *John Wright*.

Washington, *Charles Dickinson*.
Ohoopce, *James Hutto*.
Satilla and St. Mary's, *Elijah Bird*.
OGEECHEE DIST. *Joseph Turpley*, P. Elder.
Broad River, *Dabney P. Jones*, *Daniel Gartman*.

Appalachee, *West Harris*, *David Garretson*.
Grove, *John Sewell*.
Little River, *James B. Turner*, *D. F. Christenbury*.
Warren, *Aquila Leatherwood*, *Z. Williams*.

Louisville, *Thomas Darley*.
Augusta, *John B. Glenn*.
Savannah, *Whitman C. Hill*.
EDISTO DIST. *Alexander Talley*, P. Elder.
Charleston, *T. W. Stanley*, *G. Christopher*, *J. O. Andrew*.

Cooper River, *Philemon Ogletree*.
Cypress, *Nicholas M'Intyre*, *Tillman Sneed*.

Saltketcher, *John Bunch*.
Black Swamp, *West Williams*.
Orangeburg, *David Hilliard*.
Bush River, *Robert L. Edwards*.
Keewee, *Eppes Tucker*, *Andrew Hammill*.

BROAD RIVER DIST. *Anthony Senter*, P. Elder.

Congaree, *Henry Bass*.
Sandy River, *Samuel Johnson*, *John W. Norton*.
Wateree, *Samuel Harrison*, *Bryan Gause*.
Enoree, *Reuben Tucker*, *Wiley Warwick*.
Reedy River, *Anderson Ray*.
Santee, *Nicholas Talley*, *William Harris*.
Camden, *Hilliard Judge*.
Columbia, *Samuel Dunwoody*.

PEE DEE DIST. *William M. Kennedy*, P. Elder.

Lynch's Creek, *Daniel Monaghan*, *W. Winningham*.
Black River, *Allen Turner*.
Little Pee Dee, *John Gancwell*, *James Parsons*.

Bladen, *John Boswell*.
Deep River, *John Murrow*.
Brunswick, *John M'Clendon*.
Waccamaw, *James L. Belin*.
Georgetown, *Solomon Bryan*.
Fayetteville, *James Norton*.
Wilmington, *Samuel K. Hodges*.

CATAWBA DIST. *Daniel Ashury*, P. Elder.
Upper French-Broad, *William Kennedy*, *William Collinsworth*.
Black Mountain, *Benjamin C. Scott*.
Morganton, *David S. M'Bride*.

Union, *Jesse Richardson*, *Zaccheus Dowling*.
 Lincoln, *Daniel M'Phaill*, *John Simons*.
 Sugar Creek, *William B. Barnett*.
 Rocky River, *Archibald Brown*.
 Montgomery, *John Scott*.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

ROANOKE DIST. *Philip Bruce*, P. Elder.
 Caswell, *Lewis Skidmore*.
 Haw River, *Jesse Branch*, Wm. Peebles.
 Washington and Swift Creek, *John Doyle*.
 Albemarle Sound, *James C. M'Aden*.
 Roanoke, *Samuel Garrard*, *James Reid*.
 Tar River, *James M. Arthur*.

NORFOLK DIST. *John Weaver*, P. Elder.
 Norfolk, *Hugh A. M'Cain*.
 Portsmouth, *Robert Griffith*.
 Suffolk and Princess Ann, *Joshua Lawrence*, *Thomas Browder*.

Camden and Edenton, *Christopher S. Mooring*, *Samuel Wells*.
 Bertie, *Peter Wyatt*.

Sussex, *Robt. Thompson*, *David Browder*.
 MEHERREN DIST. *Thos. Burge*, P. Elder.
 Greenville, *Thos. Mann*, *Thos. Saunders*.
 Mecklenburg, *James Sandford*, *Joshua Featherstone*.

Petersburg, *Matthew M. Dance*.
 Amelia, *John Moore*, *Charles Mosely*.
 Cumberland and Manchester, *John Malory*.

Brunswick, *William Compton*, *William Richards*.

Buckingham, *Daniel Day*, *Thacker Muire*.
 Bedford, *James Patterson*.

Lynchburg, *Thomas Moore*.

JAMES RIVER DIST. *Ethelbert Drake*, P. Elder.

Richmond, *Fletcher Harris*.

Hanover, *Jacob Hill*, *Stephen Rowe*.

Williamsburg, *John T. Brame*.

Gloucester, *Samuel B. White*, *Allen R. Barnard*.

Orange, *Samuel Hunter*, *Russell Foster*.

Columbia, *John C. Ballaw*.

Amherst, *Lewis Kimbell*.

YADKIN DIST. *Edward Cannon*, P. Elder.

Franklin, *John Turner*, *Samuel Hooser*.

Guilford, *James Hanner*, *Abraham Trail*.

Salisbury, *Bowen Reynolds*.

Iredell, *Reuben Ellis*, *Ebenezer W. Ward*.

Yadkin, *Benj. Stephens*, *George Burnett*.

NEUSE DIST. *Canellm H. Hines*, P. Elder.

Raleigh city and circuit, *Peyton Anderson*, *John W. Boyd*.

Newbern, *Minton Thrift*.

New-River, *Elijah Sparks*, *Wm. H. Starr*.

Beaufort and Straits, *Waddill Johnson*.
 Black River, *John F. Wright*.
 Mattamuskeet and New-Currituck, *Wm. Jones*.
 Banks and Islands, *Solomon Day*.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

BALTIMORE DIST. *Nelson Reed*, P. Elder.
 Baltimore cir., *John Davis*, *Henry Baker*.
 Great Falls, *Eli Henkle*, *Bazil Barry*.
 Fell's Point, *Joshua Wells*.
 Baltimore, *Stephen G. Roszel*, *Andrew Hemphill*, *Lewis R. Fechtige*, *Richard Hunt*.

Severn, *James Smith*, *John W. Bond*.
 Calvert, *James Reid*, *Mordecai Gosnell*.
 Annapolis, *Jesse Lee*.
 Prince George's, *Henry Smith*, *James Sewell*.
 Montgomery, *Frederick Stier*.

POTOMAC DIST. *Joseph Frye*, P. Elder.
 Winchester, *Hamilton Jefferson*, *R. Buckingham*.

Berkley, *Beverly Waugh*, *Nathaniel B. Mills*.

Loudoun, *John G. Watt*, *Ezra Grover*.
 Fairfax, *Nicholas Willis*.

Stafford and Fredericksburg, *Thos. Kennerly*, *T. C. Thornton*, *Caleb Reynolds*.

Lancaster, *John Childs*, *Henry Padgett*.

Alexandria, *Alfred Griffith*.

Washington, *Samuel Montgomery*.

Georgetown, *William Ryland*, *Thomas Burch*.

GREENBRIER DIST. *Gerard Morgan*, P. Elder.

Rockingham, *James Paynter*, *William Houston*.

Staunton, *William Shanks*.

Bottetourt, *James M'Cam*, *Thos. Beaks*.

New-River, *William C. Morrison*, *Z. Mitchell*.

Walker's Creek, *John Bull*.

Monroe, *Jacob Snyder*.

Greenbrier, *James Watts*.

Pendleton, *Samuel P. V. Gillespie*.

Alleghany, *Tobias Riley*, *Robert Cadden*.

CARLISLE DIST. *Jacob Gruber*, P. Elder.

Carlisle, *Richard Tydings*, *Robert Boyd*.

Juniatta, *William Butler*, *Morris Howe*.

Huntingdon, *Samuel Davis*, *Jas. Taylor*.

Bedford, *James Reily*.

Auckwick, *Thomas Larkins*.

Chambersburg, *Robert Wilson*, *George Brown*.

Frederick, *Daniel Hall*, *Caleb Leach*.

Harford, *Joseph Toy*, *Daniel Stansbury*.

Somerset, *James Wilson*.

MONONGAHELA DIST. *Christopher Frye*, P. Elder.

Pittsburg and Connelsville, *Thornton Fleming*, *John Macklefresh*.

Redstone, *John West*, *John Everhart*.

Greenfield, *Joshua Monroe*, *John Watson*.

Ohio, *John White*.

East Wheeling, *Harrison*, *Asby Pool*.

Monongahela and Randolph, *Wm. Montoe*, *Joseph Carper*.

Mahoning, *John Bear*.

PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE.

SCHUYLKILL DIST. *Daniel Hitt*, P. Elder.

Philadelphia—

St. George's, *Robert Burch*, *M. Ruter*, *S. Martindale*.

Union, *John Emory*, *James Ridgaway*.

Kensington, *Sylvester Hill*.

St. John's, *John Price*.

Dauphin, *John Goforth*.

Bristol and Northampton, *Asa Smith*, *Daniel Ireland*, *Phineas Price*.

Lancaster, *David Best*, *Thomas Miller*.

Chester, *William Torbert*, *Charles Reed*.

Wilmington, *William Williams*.

Antalany, *Henry Kunzelman*.

William Hunter, missionary.

CHESAPEAKE DIST. *Henry Boehm*, P. Elder.

Smyrna, *Lawrence M'Combs*, *Samuel P. Lewis*.

Dover, *James Moore*, *Daniel Fidler*.

Caroline, Wm. Leonard, *Daniel Crouch*.

Talbot, *William Ross*.

Queen Ann's, *John Woolson*, *Sinickson Tuff*.

Kent, *William Ryder*.

Cecil, *John Sharpley*, *Edward Stout*.

DELAWARE DIST. Wm. Bishop, P. Elder.

Cambridge, *Thomas Walker*, *John Smith*.

Dorchester, *William Prettyman*.

Somerset, *James Polhemus*, *Ava Melvin*.

Annapessex, *Lawrence Lawrenson*, *Sam'l J. Cox*.

Accomack, *James Smith*, *Jacob Moore*.

Snow Hill, *John Collins*, *David Dailey*.

Lewistown, *Richard Sneath*.

Milford, *Joseph Bennett*, Wm. Lummis.

NEW-JERSEY DIST. Jas. Smith, P. Elder.

Burlington, *John Van Schoick*, *John Fox*.

Trenton, *John Robinson*, *Joseph Rusling*.

Asbury, *Manning Force*, *Geo. Banghart*.

Sussex, *David Bartine*, *William Smith*.

Hamburg, *Jos. Osborn*, *Abraham Ketchum*.

Bergen, *John Finley*, *Watters Burrows*.

Essex and Staten Island, *Joseph Totten*, *John Potts*, *Daniel Moore*.

Freehold, *Peter Vannest*, *Thomas Neal*.
 New-Mills, *James Aikins*, *Richard W. Petherbridge*.

Gloucester, *John Walker*, *Amos C. Moore*.
 Cumberland, *Solomon Sharp*, *Thos. Davis*.

Salem, *George Woolley*, *John Creamer*.

NEW-YORK CONFERENCE.

Joshua Soule, *Thos. Mason*, book agents.

NEW-YORK DIST. *Samuel Merwin*, P. Elder.

New-York, *Daniel Ostrander*, *William Thacher*, *E. Washburn*, *L. Andrus*, *A. Scholefield*.

New-Rochelle, *Nathan Emery*, *Smith Arnold*.

Courtlandt, *Eben Smith*, *Coles Carpenter*.

Croton, *Ezekiel Canfield*, *Jesse Hunt*.

Stamford, *Aaron Hunt*, *Theodosius Clark*.

Suffolk, *Beardsley Northrop*, *Zalmon Stewart*.

Sag Harbour, *John Reynolds*.

Jamaica, *Thos. Ware*, *Marrin Richardson*.

Brooklyn, *Joseph Crawford*.

Frederick Garrettson, *Seth Crowell*, missionaries.

RHINEBECK DIST. *Nathan Bangs*, P. Elder.

Poughkeepsie, *William Jewett*.

Dutchess, *Elijah Woolsey*, *Noble W. Thomas*.

Rhinebeck, *Datus Ensign*, *John B. Mat-thias*.

Pittsfield, *Lewis Pease*, *James Covell*.

Granville, *Billy Hibbard*, *David Miller*.

Middletown, *Thomas Thorp*.

Durham, *Elijah Hebard*, *Smith Davton*.

Burlington, *Phineas Cook*, *Aaron Pierce*.

Goshen, *Samuel Cochran*, *Cyrus Culver*.

New-Haven, *Truman Bishop*.

Stratford, *Reuben Harris*.

Redding, *Samuel Bushnell*, *John Boyd*.

ASHGROVE DIST. Sam'l Draper, P. Elder.

Cambridge, *Andrew M'Kaine*, *Jacob Hall*.

Troy, *Tobias Spicer*.

Thurman, *Daniel I. Wright*.

Montgomery, *Gershom Pierce*, *Ibri Cannon*.

Saratoga, Wm. Anson, *David Barclay*.

Chatham and Hudson, Wm. Ross, *Henry Fames*.

Whitingham, *Samuel Eighmey*, *Sherman Minor*.

Pittstown, *Samuel Lackey*.

Pownal, *Peter Bussing*, *John Lovejoy*.

CHAMPLAIN DIST. *Henry Stead*, P. Elder.

Brandon, *J. Byington*, *D. Lewis*, *C. H. Gridley*.

Middlebury, *Samuel Howe*.

Charlotte, *Jacob Beeman*, *Gilbert Lyon*.

St. Albans, *Almon Dunbar*.
 Stowe and Dunham, *Daniel Brayton*,
Phineas Doan, *Isaac Hill*.
 Grand Isle, *John B. Stratten*.
 Plattsburg, *E. Barnett*, *B. Goodsell*, *J. M'Daniels*.

Ticonderoga, *Moses Amedon*.

HUDSON RIVER DIST. *Peter P. Sandford*,
P. Elder.

Albany, *William Phœbus*.

Albany cir., *Phineas Rice*, *Isaac Lent*.

Schenectady, *Isaac Clark*.

Schenectady cir., *Charles Northrop*, *Jas. Young*.

Sharon, *Heman Bangs*, *John Goodsell*.

Delaware, *Bela Smith*, *Horace Weston*.

Ulster, *Wm. M. Stilwell*, *Earl Bancroft*.

Newburg, *Stephen Jacob*, *Josiah Bowen*.

New-Windsor, *Zalmon Lyon*, *Jno. Kline*.

NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

NEW-LONDON DIST. *Asa Kent*, *P. Elder*.

Tolland, *Salmon Winchester*, *Nathan Paine*.

Ashburnham, *Leonard Bennett*.

Needham, *Orlando Hinds*.

Providence, *Vaurensellaer Osborn*.

Mansfield, *Jason Walker*.

Warwick, *Elisha Streeter*.

Bristol and Rhode Island, *John Lindsey*.

Somerset, *Richard Emery*.

New-London, *Ebenezer Blake*, *Daniel Dorchester*.

Pomfret, *Edward Hyde*.

BOSTON DIST. *Charles Virgin*, *P. Elder*.

Lynn, *George Pickering*, *Benjamin F. Lambord*.

Boston, *Elijah Hedding*, *Daniel Fillmore*.

Marblehead, *Solomon Sias*.

Salisbury, *Caleb Dustin*.

Poplin, *Philip Munger*.

Portsmouth, *Josiah F. Chamberlain*.

Scituate, *Bartholomew Otheman*.

Sandwich, *Moses Fifield*.

Falmouth, *John W. Hardy*.

Harwich, *Benjamin R. Hoyt*.

Wellfleet, *Orin Roberts*.

Nantucket, *William Marsh*.

Martha's Vineyard, *Shipley W. Wilson*.

VERMONT DIST. *Joseph A. Merrill*,
P. Elder.

Athens, *Thomas W. Tucker*, *Joseph B. White*.

Wethersfield, *Amasa Taylor*.

Barnard, *Warren Banister*.

Vershire, *Jonathan Worthen*.

Barre, *Joel Steele*, *Thos. C. Pierce*.

Danville, *Zenas Adams*.

Unity, *Erastus Otis*.

Stanhed, *Benjamin Sabin*.

St. Francis River, *Daniel Plumley*.

NEW-HAMPSHIRE DIST. *David Kilburn*,
P. Elder.

Landaff, *Walter Sleeper*, *Iezekiah Davis*.

Stratford, *Eleazar Phelps*.

Bridgewater, *Leonard Frost*.

Sandwich, *Josiah A. Searritt*.

Pembroke, *Noah Bigelow*.

Conway, *James Jaques*.

Tuftenborough, *Job Pratt*.

Norway Plains, *John Lord*.

Canaan, *Benjamin Burnham*.

PORTLAND DIST. *Eleazar Wells*, *P. Elder*.

Portland, *Jacob Sanburn*.

Durham, *Ebenezer P. Newell*.

Scarborough, *Robert Hayes*.

Buxton and North Yarmouth, *John Wilkinson*.

Poland, *John Adams*.

Bethel, *John Paine*.

Readfield, *Ezekiel W. Coffin*.

Livermore, *Joshua Randell*.

Vienna, *Bradbury Clay*.

KENNEBECK DIST. *Oliver Beale*, *P. Elder*.

Norridgewock, *David Hutchinson*.

Hallowell, *Henry True*.

Unity, *William Hinnan*.

Pittstown and Bristol, *John Lewis*, *Jere-
 miah Marsh*.

Industry, *John Atwell*.

Orrington and Penobscot, *Joseph Lull*,
Joshua Nye.

Union and Hadden, *Benjamin Jones*, *Daniel Wentworth*.

GENESEE CONFERENCE.

ONEIDA DIST. *Charles Giles*, *P. Elder*.

Utica, *Benjamin G. Paddock*.

Litchfield, *Isaac Puffer*, *James Hazen*.

Owega, *Seth Mattison*.

Herkimer, *Abraham Lippett*.

Paris, *Abner Chase*.

Western, *Joseph Willis*, *John Arnold*.

Black River, *Ira Fairbank*, *Goodwin Stoddard*.

Sandy Creek, *George Gary*.

Westmoreland, *Chandley Lambert*.

GENESEE DIST. *Jonathan Huestis*,
P. Elder.

New-Amsterdam, *James H. Harris*, *Wm. Jones*.

Caledonia, *Robert Menshall*, *Thomas M'Gee*.

Bloomfield, *Gideon Draper*, *Peter Baker*.

Ontario, *Wm. Barlow*, *John Byem*.

Lyons, *Gideon Lanning*, *Elijah King*.

Crooked Lake, *Ralph Lanning*, *Orin Doolittle*.

Seneca, *Wm. Snow*, *Ebenezer Fairchild*.

Newtown, *Palmer Roberts*.

Eden, *James Hall*.

Ridgeway, *Daniel Shepersen*.

CHENANGO DIST. *Geo. Harmon*, *P. Elder*.

Pompey, *Zenas Jones*, *Joshua Rogers*.

Sodus, *Joseph M'Creary*.

Scipio, *James Kelsey*, *Joshua Beebee*.

Cayuga, *Loring Grant*, *John Kimberlin*.

Owega, *William Brown*.

Chenango, *Dan Barnes*.

Lebanon, *George W. Denmore*.

Broome, *Elisha Robins*, *George Peck*.

Courtlandt, *William Cameron*.

SUSQUEHANNAH DIST. *Marmaduke Pearce*,
P. Elder.

Bald Eagle, *Ebenezer Doolittle*.

Lycoming, *Israel Chamberlin*, *Renaldo M. Everts*.

Shamokin, *Benjamin Bidlack*.

Northumberland, *John Thomas*, *Alpheus Davis*.

Wyoming, *Elias Bowen*.

Canaan, *Israel Cook*.

Bridgewater, *Isaac Grant*.

Wyalusing, *John Griffin*.

Tioga, *Michael Burdge*.

UPPER CANADA DIST. *Henry Ryan*,
P. Elder.

Young-street,

Niagara, *Elijah Warren*.

Ancaster, *David Youmans*, *David Culp*.

Detroit, *Joseph Hickox*.
 Westminster, *John Hamilton*.

LOWER CANADA DIST. *William Case*,
P. Elder.

Augusta, *Andrew Prindle*, *Peter Jones*.
 St. Lawrence, *Wyatt Chamberlin*, *John Dempster*.

Ottawa, *George Ferguson*.

Montreal, *William Brown*.

Bay Quintie and Kingston, *Thomas Mad-
 den*, *John Rhodes*.

Smith's Creek, *Nathaniel Reeder*.

Quest. 16. *Where and when shall the
 next Conferences be held?*

1. Ohio Conference, at Louisville, Ky.,

Sept. 3, 1816.

2. Tennessee Conference, at Franklin,

Tenn., Oct. 20, 1816.

3. South Carolina Conference, at Col-

umbia, S. C., Dec. 25, 1816.

4. Virginia Conference, at Petersburg,

Va., Feb. 5, 1817.

5. Baltimore Conference, at Baltimore,

March 12, 1817.

6. Philadelphia Conference, at Phila-

delphia, April 1, 1817.

7. New-England Conference, at Con-

cord, Grafton county, N. H., May 16,

1817.

8. New-York Conference, at Middle-

bury, Vt., June 3, 1817.

9. Genesee Conference, at Elizabeth-

town, Upper Canada, June 21, 1817.