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TAKEN AT THE SEVERAL ANNUAL CONFERENCES OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, FOR THE YEAR 1794.

**Quest. 1. Who are admitted into full connection?**

Andrew Nichols, Wm. Talbot, Aquila Garretson, John Forrest, Hugh Work, Lawrence Mansfield, Daniel Hall, Samuel S. Stewart, James Dawley, James Hunter, Joel Tucker, Tobin Gibson, George Clark, William Fullwood, Benjamin Tarr, Thomas Oserander, Daniel Dennis, Jacob Eggert, Robert Manley, William Hunter, Anthony Turek.—33.

**Quest. 2. Who are the elders?**


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**New-River**
**Salt River**
**Hinkston**
**Limestone**
**Cumberland**
**Bedford**
**Bottetourt**
**Greenbrier**
**Clarkgurg**
**Ohio**
**Redstone**
**Pittsburgh**
**Herkimer**
**Oswego**
**Albany**
**Herkimer**
**Osage**
**Bay Quincey**
**Granville**
**Bostwick**
**Lyme**
**Needham**
**Greenwich**
**Warren**
**Litchfield**

**New-London**
**Hartford**
**Fairfield**
**New-Rochelle**
**Croton**
**Long Island**
**New York**
**State Island**
**Elizabeth**
**Bristol**
**Salisbury**
**Bethel**
**Burlington**
**Trenton**
**Chester**
**Philadelphia**

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Ware, Samuel Fowler, Evan Rogers, James Coleman, Matthias Swaim, John Clark, John Merrick, Wilson Lee, Robert Cowan, Robert Cloud, John Thomas, Thomas Morrell, Robert Hutchinson, John Dickinson—111.

Quest. 6. Who have been elected by the unanimous suffrages of the General Conference to superintend the Methodist Episcopal Church in America?

Thomas Coke, Francis Asbury—2.

Quest. 7. Who are under a location through weakness of body or family concerns?


Quest. 8. What preachers have withdrawn themselves this year from our order and connection?

Jeremiah Cosden, Jethro Johnson—2.

Quest. 9. Who have been dismissed for improper conduct?


Quest. 10. Who have died this year?

1. Philip Cox,—a native of Britain, who was born at Froome, Somerssetshire. He joined in our Society about eighteen years ago, and had been in the ministry about sixteen years, during which time he travelled extensively through several of the United States. He was a man of small stature, great spirit, quick apprehension, sound judgment; a lover of union; and often prayed and preached to the admiration of many, and in various parts with considerable success. His last services were great in circulating so many hundred books of religious instruction. On his return from a visit to the westward he was attacked with a disease in his bowels, accompanied with a fever and delirium. He observed on Sunday, the 1st of September, that it was such a day of peace and comfort to his soul as he had seldom seen. Tuesday he reached home; after which he continued delirious, till, on Sunday, the 6th, he departed in peace.

2. Henry Fletcher, of Bucks county, state of Virginia; between five and six years in the ministry;—a gracious, happy, useful man, who freely offered himself for four years' service on the dangerous stations of Kentucky and Cumberland. He might have returned at the Kentucky Conference, 1793, but finding there was a probability of Cumberland being vacated by the preachers, notwithstanding the pain in his breast, and splitting of blood, the danger of the Indians, and prevalence of the small pox, he went a willing martyr, after asking the consent of the Bishop and the Conference. We hoped his life would have been preserved, but report saith he departed in peace at Cumberland, on the western waters, in February, 1794.

He was one among the worthies who freely left safety, ease, and prosperity, seek after and suffer faithfully for souls. His meekness, love, labours, prayers, tears, sermons, and exhortations, will not be soon forgotten. He wanted no appeal from labour, danger, or suffering. His willing heart saith with Isaiah, Here am I, send me. And notwithstanding the presiding elder told him he thought it was more than could be required of him, expressing his fears of his life, his willing heart apparently said, "If I perish, I perish." Thus nobly he for Jesus stood, bold to seal the truth and his labours with his blood. This was the language of his heart and practice.

No cross, no suffering I decline, Only let all my heart be thine.

Who can doubt of his eternal rest, or fail to say, Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his?

3. James Wilson,—a native of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, about fifteen years in the profession of religion, near six years in public exercises. His piety, walking with God, fervour in prayer, and exhortations, were very great. Having found comfort in great consolations before his death, as he told several of his friends, we have reason to hope he died in peace. His body was in a languid state for some time, but he was suddenly called away by something like a paralytic or an apoplectic stroke. He departed at Churchhill, Queen Ann's county, Eastern Shore of Maryland, in October, 1793.

4. John Wyman,—near the age of twenty-seven years, a native of Sussex county, state of Virginia; between three and four years in the travelling connection. He was a man of address and natural elevation, of an upright heart, a son of affliction, willing to labour to the last. When unable to travel at large, he was indigested with a station in Winchester, and was well received and much approved of by the people. He had felt in his system such powerful afflictions as were strong indications to himself that he could not continue long. He had been under several attacks of a bilious disease, not without some consumptive symptoms. After about seven days' illness, he slept in peace the 27th of April, 1794.

Quest. 11. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation?

They were strictly examined, one by one.

Quest. 12. How are the preachers stationed this year?

Richard Whatcoat, Elder.

Dover, John Milburn.

Milford, Walter Fountain, Rezin Cash.

Somerset, Morris Howe, Richard Stuckett.

Northampton, John Jarrell, Stuart Redman.

Annanessock, John Smith, Thomas Haymond.

Dorchester, Joseph Wainwright, William Page.

Telbot, John Beard.

Caroline, Nathaniel B. Mills, Hamilton Jefferson.

Queen Ann's, John Chalmers, James Carlisle.

Kent, David Abbott, T. Bell, J. Vanneman.

Cecil, Benjamin Abbott, Frederick Carpenter.

Nelson Reed, Elder.

Harford, Benton Riggin, Joseph Rowen.

Baltimore, J. M'Claskey, Robert Sparks.

Christopher Spry, George Cannon.

Federal, Richard Parrott, John Durbin.

Annapolis, Joseph Wyatt.

Calvert, Wm. Hardey, Levin Moore.

Prince George's, Solomon Sharp.

Huntingdon, Robert Bonham, Thomas Edwards.

Frederick, Martin Hitt, Charles Burgoo, last six months.

Bath, Thomas Boyd, Wm. McCullum.

Montgomery, F. Garretson, jr., Edmund Wayman.

Little York, Simon Miller.

Carlisle, Wm. M'Dowell, Wm. Talbot.

Cokesbury, Joseph Everett.

Lemuel Green, Elder.

Leecebus, Thomas Anderson, to change after six months.

Alexandria, John Bloodgood, to change after six months. [six months. Winchester, John Wyman, to change after six months.

Fairfax, Andrew Nichols, Elijah Sparks.

Stafford, Nathaniel Graevens, Aquila Garretson.

Lancaster, Joshua Jones, Wm. Bishop.

Pendleton, Richard Ferguson, first six months, Euphras Chambers, last six months.

Berkeley, Andrew Nichols, Thos. Leeza.

Winchester, William M'Lenaahan, Lasley Matthews.

Rockingham, Joshua Wells, Seely Bunn.

Allegany, Abior White, William Beauchamp.

Alexandria, Thomas Anderson, last six months.

Reuben Ellis, Elder.

Amherst, Anthony Sale, — Gains.

Orange, John West, G. Martin, James Dawly.

Hanover, William A. Lilly, Daniel Hall.

Gloucester, William Moss, James Jones.

Williamsburg, John N. Jones, Thomas Easter.

Ira Ellis, Elder.

Amelia, John Air, Samuel Cowles.

Greenbush, S. Davis, L. Mansfield, T. Wilkerson.

Sussex, Henry Merritt, J. Rogers, H. Hill.

Portsmouth, James Meacham, Samuel S. Steward.

Bertie, Daniel Southall, Edward Hardy.

Cumberland, Joel Tucker, Wm. Wilkerson.

Brunswick, Josiah Ashby, Benj. Blanton.

Cumberland, Jas. Hunter, David Thompson—six months.

Northfolk, Lee Roy Cole.

Petersburg, John Lindsey.

Banks, William Ball.

Salathiel Weeks, John Baldwin, Book Stewards.

William Spencer, Elder.

Salisbury, Wm. Spencer, Josiah Cole.

Yadkin, Christopher S. Mooring, Pemberton Smith.

Anson, Henry Ledbetter, Daniel Dean.
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*Quest. 13. Which numbers are in Society?*
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Quest. 14. Where and when shall the next Conferences be held?

2. Petersburg, Nov. 25, 1794.
4. Kentucky, May 1, 1795.

It is most earnestly recommended by the Conferences, that the last Friday in February, 1795, be set apart throughout the United States, by the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as a day of solemn fasting and prayer, and that all worldly concerns be laid aside.

It is also recommended, by the said Conferences, that the last Thursday in October be set apart as a day of solemn and general thanksgiving, and that all servile labour be laid aside, and those days be observed with all the solemnity of a sabbath.

N. B. The bishop and Conferences desire that the preachers would generally change every six months, by the order of the presiding elder, whenever it can be made convenient.