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of the name of the Lord; the contempt of the sabbath, even by those who acknowledge the obligation we are under to keep it holy, for many make no distinction between this and a common day, and others make a very bad distinction, by sleeping, walking, visiting, talking about the world, and taking their pleasure; too many also, in many parts of the country, profane the sacred day, by running their land and water stages, wagons, &c.; disobedience to parents, various debaucheries, drunkenness, and such like; to lament the deep-rooted vassalage that still reigneth in many parts of these free, independent, United States; to call upon the Lord to direct our rulers, and teach our senators wisdom; that the Lord would teach our people a just and lawful submission to their rulers; that America may not commit abominations with other corrupt nations of the earth, and partake of their sins and their plagues; that the gospel may be preached with more purity, and be heard with more affection; and that he would stop the growing infidelity of this age, by calling out men who shall preach and live the gospel; that the professors may believe the truths, feel the power, partake of the blessings, breathe the spirit, and obey the precepts of this glorious gospel dispensation; that Africans and Indians may help to fill the pure church of God.

GENERAL THANKSGIVING.

It is recommended, by the general ministry, to all our dearly beloved brethren and sisters that compose our societies and sacred assemblies, to observe the last Thursday in October, 1796, as a day of holy gratitude and thanksgiving; to lay aside the cares of the world, and to spend the day in acts of devotional gratitude: as a society, to give glory to God for his late goodness to the ancient parent society from whom we are derived; that they have been honoured with the conversion

of hundreds and thousands within these two years last past; for such a signal display of his power in the Methodist society, within the space of twenty-six years, through the continent of America, as may be seen in the volume of our annual Minutes, published in 1795;* for the late glorious and powerful work we have had in Virginia and Maryland, and which still continues in an eminent and special manner in some parts of our American connection; for the many faithful public witnesses which have been raised up, and that so few (comparatively speaking) have dishonoured their holy calling; that we have had so many drawn from the depths of sin and misery to the heights of love and holiness among the subjects of grace, numbers of whom are now living, and others have died in the full and glorious triumph of faith; to take into remembrance the goodness and wisdom of God displayed toward America, by making it an asylum for those who are distressed in Europe with war and want, and oppressed with ecclesiastic and civil tyranny; the merciful termination of our various wars; the pacifications of the savage tribes; and the rapid settlement and wonderful population of the continent; that we have been able to feed so many thousands at home and abroad; that we have had such faithful, wise, and skilful rulers; that we have such good constitutions formed for the respective states; for the general union and government, that this may be kept pure and permanent; for the admirable revolution, obtained and established at so small a price of blood and treasure; that religious establishments by law are condemned and exploded in almost every spot of this extensive empire. And for African liberty; we feel gratitude that many thousands of these poor people are free and pious.

* That volume is now included in this.

MINUTES

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

FOR THE YEAR 1796.

Quest. 1. Who are admitted on trial?

John Fell, John Sale, William Brittain, William Lambeth, Solomon Wyatt, Wm.

Early, Moses Black, Jeremiah Lawson, Obadiah Strange, Joseph Dunn, Ralph Williston, Aaron Humphrey, Timothy

Merritt, Peter Vannest, Samuel Thomas, Wesley Budd, Zenas Conger, Roger Benton, Robert Leeds, Shadrach Johnson, Charles Bonnewell, James Lattomus, Jas. Stokes, Archibald Foster, Solomon Harris, Thomas Everard, Ebenezer Smith, Richard Sneath, James Hunter, Michael H. R. Wilson, Joseph Stone, Caleb Kendall—32.

Quest. 2. Who remain on trial?

Edmund Ellis, Duke W. Hullom, Archer Moody, Humphrey Wood, Joseph Pinnell, William Kenyon, John Shepperd, Henry M. Gaines, Benjamin Matthews, Nathan Williamson, Thos. Mann, Richard Posey, William Guiry, Nathaniel Norwood, Moses Wilson, Aquila Jones, Benj. Lakin, Wm. Duzan, Josiah Cole, Elias Hull, Stephen Hull, Daniel Crouch, Michael Coate, John Finnegan, Jeremiah Ballard, Benjamin Essex, Thos. Curry, Hezekiah Harryman, John Pitts, John Cullison, Anning Owen, Jonathan Bate-man—32.

Quest. 3. Who are admitted into full connection?

Levin Moore, William Page, Frederick Curp, William Beauchamp, Robert Bonham, Henry Smith, Rezin Cash, Lewis Garrett, David Thompson, James Jones, John Weeks, Jeremiah Munday, Edward T. Rowzee, Charles Ledbetter, Roger Hancock, William Wells, Williams Kavanaugh, James King, James Patterson, Thomas Coope, Nicholas Sneath, Nathaniel Chapin, Cyrus Stebbins, Daniel Brumly, Joseph Mitchell, William Storms, Ezekiel Canfield, David Brown, Samuel Coate, David Buck, Jacob Rickow, Thos. Woolsey, Roger Searle, Timothy Dewy, John Seward, Curtis Williams, Thomas Edwards, Thomas F. Sargent, Samuel Welsh, John Potts, Charles Cavender, Stephen Timmons, John Robinson, John Falcom, James Moore, John Brodhead, James L. Higgins, Joseph Whitby—48.

Quest. 4. Who are the deacons?

William Bishop, Hamilton Jefferson, James Campbell, William Talbot, John Potts, David Martin, John Watson, Levin Moore, William Page, Frederick Curp, Wm. Beauchamp, Henry Smith, Rezin Cash, Ephraim Chambers, Thomas Lucas, Daniel Hall, George Martin, John Bonner, Archer Moody, Samuel Risher, Wm. Wilkerson, Robert Cox, William Early, Lewis Garrett, James Jones, Charles Led-

better, Roger Hancock, William Wells, Anthony Sale, Benjamin Denton, Williams Kavanaugh, Edward T. Rowzee, James Jenkin, Nathaniel Norwood, James Douthet, John Page, Thomas Wilkerson, Nicholas Sneath, Thos. Coope, Nathaniel Chapin, Cyrus Stebbins, Joseph Mitchell, Daniel Brumly, Hezekiah C. Wooster, David Bartine, Jacob Egbert, Anthony Turck, Daniel Dennis, William Storms, Ezekiel Canfield, David Brown, Samuel Coate, David Buck, Jacob Rickow, Thos. Woolsey, Timothy Dewy, Joseph Rowen, James Smith, James Paynter, Charles Cavender, James Ward, Robert Manley, John Falcom, Aquila Garretson, John Seward, Thomas F. Sargent, Stephen Timmons, John Robinson, James Moore, Alward White, Robert Bonham, Joseph Whitby, Anning Owen, John Brodhead, Curtis Williams—75.

Quest. 5. Who are the elders?

Nelson Reed, Joseph Everett, Charles Conaway, Lemuel Green, John Milburn, Benton Riggan, Robert Sparks, John Bloodgood, Joshua Wells, Samuel Hitt, Lasley Matthews, Daniel Hitt, Thomas Haymond, Morris Howe, John Chalmers, Charles Burgoon, Andrew Nichols, James Fleming, Stephen G. Roszel, Nathaniel B. Mills, Joseph Wyatt, Joshua Jones, William M'Lenahan, Ira Ellis, James Meachem, John Baldwin, Josiah Askew, Salathiel Weeks, Wm. M'Kendree, Wm. Spencer, William Moss, Jonathan Bird, Thomas Bowen, James Tolleson, John West, Benjamin Blanton, Christopher S. Mooring, Pemberton Smith, John N. Jones, Rufus Wiley, Hezekiah Arnold, Isaac Lansford, James Hunter, John Ray, David Thompson, Stith Mead, Joel Tucker, Philip Sands, Samuel S. Steward, Lawrence Mansfield, Samuel Rudder, Wm. A. Lilly, Philip Bruce, Jonathan Jackson, Enoch George, John Russell, Joshua Cannon, Josias Randle, Henry Hill, Joseph Moore, James Rogers, Samuel Cowles, William Moody, Tobias Gibson, George Clark, John Simmons, Isaac Smith, Thomas Humphries, Hope Hull, Francis Poynthress, John Kobler, Wm. Burke, John Buxton, Aquila Sugg, Jesse Lee, Amos G. Thompson, Christopher Spry, Philip Wager, Geo. Pickering, Evan Rogers, John Harper, Joshua Hall, George Cannon, Robert Yallaly, Lawrence M'Combs, Joel Ketchum, Jesse Stoneman, Enoch Mudge, James Covel,

Zebulon Kankey, Daniel Ostrander, Geo. Roberts, Wilson Lee, Joseph Lovell, Freeborn Garrettson, John Merrick, Thos. Ware, Richard Swain, Robert Green, Robert Hutchinson, John Ragan, Sylvester Hutchinson, Smith Weeks, Shadrach Bostwick, Peter Moriarty, Samuel Fowler, James Coleman, Elijah Woolsey, John Clark, Darius Dunham, Joshua Taylor, John Fountain, Benjamin Fidler, Joseph Totten, Robert M'Coy, Hezekiah C. Wooster, Albert Van Nostrand, Richard Whatcoat, John M'Claskey, John Dickins, Ezekiel Cooper, Solomon Sharp, William Hardesty, William Colbert, Isaac Robinson, Thomas Bell, John Smith, Valentine Cook, Thornton Fleming, Joseph Cromwell, Seely Bunn, Elisha Pelham, Wm. Hunter, Fredus Aldridge, Thomas Everard—135.

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?*

James Fleming, Thomas Haymond, Daniel Dean, Absalom Kinsey, Leonard Dyson, Thomas Easter, Abner Henley, Henry Merritt, Edward Hardy, William Bellamy, Thomas Anderson, John Hutt, Isaac Smith, Benjamin Tarrant, Nicholas Watters, William Fulwood, Robert Cloud, John Hill, Amos G. Thompson, Robert Dillon, Matthias Swain, Lemuel Smith, Thomas Morrell, Moses Crane, William Talbot, Robert Sparks, Stephen G. Roszel, William Page—28.

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

William Ball, John Clark—2.

Quest. 9. *Who have been expelled from our connection for immoral conduct?*

Richard Ferguson.

Quest. 10. *Who have died this year?*

1. Jacob Brush,—a native of Long Island. His name had an acceptable standing upon our Minutes from the year 1785 till his death. He was an active man of God, a great friend to order and union. He exerted himself much in his labours, but had long been subject to an

inflammatory sore throat, which prevented his usefulness from being so extensive as he wished. He died in New-York, of the epidemical fever, in the month of September, 1795, about the thirty-third year of his age. As his last illness was so severe, we can give very little account of the state of his mind in his latter moments: he was principally in a stupor, or unable to speak. However, just before he died, a preacher who was present took him by the hand, and asked him if he was happy. Not being able to speak, he gave his hand an affectionate squeeze, with an expression in his appearance of a calm resignation to God. We entertain no doubt but he rests in Abraham's bosom.

2. Stephen Davis,—a native of Gloucester county, in Virginia. He died in Norfolk, of the pestilential fever, in August, 1795, about the thirtieth year of his age. He had travelled in the itinerant connection about seven years. A man of established piety and great strength of memory. He was persuaded to take a part with some who sought to divide a part of the connection in Virginia; but soon discovered his error, and in his latter days he faithfully and successfully defended the order and government of the church, and promoted the union of the body. Industry and frugality were his constant companions; he wrought frequently with his own hands, and left what he possessed to the management of his brethren in the ministry, for the support and help of the travelling preachers. We have reason to believe, as he lived many years in Christ, so in Jesus he died. His mother was a child of God; her house was the first that was opened in Gloucester county for our preachers; from which there was a gracious spread of the gospel throughout the country, which still continues in a lively flame.

3. William Jessop,—a native of Sussex county, in Delaware state. He was a follower of Jesus about fifteen years, and a travelling preacher from the year 1784 till his death. A man of great simplicity and gospel sincerity. He laboured beyond his bodily strength. He had travelled in Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New-York; also a considerable time in Nova Scotia. He was patient in his affliction, and happy in his death. He died in Lancaster county, Penn., the latter end of the year 1795.

4. Reuben Ellis,—about twenty years in the travelling connection, during which time he travelled and preached through Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North and South Carolina, and Georgia. A man of slow, but very sure and solid parts, both as a counsellor and a guide. In his preaching weighty and powerful; a man of simplicity and godly sincerity. He was a faithful friend; he sought not himself. During twenty years' labour, to our knowledge, he never laid up twenty pounds by preaching:—his horse, his clothing, and immediate necessaries, were all he appeared to want of the world. And although he married in the last year of his life, he, like a Fletcher, lived as on the verge of eternity, enjoying much of the presence of God. He was a native of North Carolina; a man large in body, but slender in constitution. A few years before his death he was brought to the gates of eternity, and the fall before his dissolution was reduced very low by affliction; but he was always ready to fill any station to which he was appointed, although he might go through the fire of temptation and waters of affliction. The people in South Carolina well knew his excellent worth as a Christian and a minister of Christ. His last station was in Baltimore, where he ended his warfare in the month of February, 1796. His way opened to his everlasting rest, and he closed his eyes to see his God. It is a doubt whether there be one left in all the connection higher, if equal, in standing, piety, and usefulness.

5. Richard Ivy,—eighteen years in the work; a native of Sussex county, in Virginia. He travelled extensively through Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North and South Carolina, and Georgia. A man of quick and solid parts. He sought not himself any more than a Pedicord, a Gill, or a Tunnell; men well known to our connection, who never thought of growing rich by the gospel; their great concern and business was to be rich in grace, and useful to souls. Thus Ivy, a man of affliction, lingered out his latter days, spending his all, with his life, in the work. Exclusive of his patrimony, he was indebted at his death. He died in his native county, in Virginia, in the latter part of the year 1795.

His race it is run—his sorrows are o'er;
His work it is done—he'll suffer no more.

6. Francis Acuff,—three years a travelling preacher; a young man of genius and improvable parts, and apparently of a firm constitution;—was much beloved, and greatly lamented by his family and Christian friends. He was born in Culpeper county, and brought up in Sullivan county, near Holston, in the state of Tennessee. He died in August, 1795, near Danville, in the state of Kentucky, in the twenty-fifth year of his age. Thus dropped the morning flower: though flourishing in the morning, in the evening cut down and withered. He was soon called away from his labours in the vineyard to the rest that remaineth for the people of God.

7. John Jarrell,—a man of an honest heart, and faithful in his labours. Considering his family charge, and the affliction and weakness of his body, he served the church of God in an almost unexpected manner. He travelled all the circuits in Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland, including the whole peninsula. He preserved a Christian and ministerial character; was a plain and lively preacher; a friend to discipline, order, and union. He died in Wilmington, Delaware state, in June, 1796. He had been travelling and preaching about ten years. His last illness was short. In his life and in his death his preaching was, Be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. He had an unshaken confidence and great peace and joy in the Lord Jesus Christ, as they who were with him in his last hours can testify.

8. Zadok Priest,—a native of Connecticut, who left his friends and connections to travel and preach the gospel, in which work he was faithfully employed for about two years and a half, but was taken with a discharge of blood, which increased to such a degree that he was obliged to desist travelling the circuit as a preacher where he was appointed. He then returned home to his friends; but his disorder increased, and terminated in a consumption. He returned to Warren circuit, in Rhode Island state, and from thence to Norton, in Massachusetts, where he was confined about three weeks, in which time he expressed a strong confidence in the favour of God, and had no doubt of his being saved, though by reason of his affliction he did not feel that joy in the Lord he had done at other

times. He died in peace on the 22d of June, 1796, in the twenty-seventh year of his age.

9. Benjamin Abbott, — about twenty years in the society, several years as a local preacher. Eight or ten years of his life he travelled considerably through York, Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland. He was a man of a childlike simplicity and sincerity, of great faith and unshaken confidence in God. Touching his ministry, he was not skilled in the refinements of language or arts of elocution, yet has often been heard to speak with demonstration of the Spirit and with great power. He was owned of God as an instrument of convincing, converting, and sanctifying power to many souls. He laboured with great weakness toward the last; and although a strong man in body, brought down to childlike weakness, and lingered out his days in pain. He died August, 1796. Perhaps he was one of the wonders of America, no man's copy, an uncommon zealot for the blessed work of sanctification, and preached it on all occasions, and in all congregations; and, what was best of all, lived it. He was an innocent, holy man. He was seldom heard to speak about any thing but God and religion. His whole soul was often overwhelmed with the power of God. He was known to hundreds as a truly primitive Methodist preacher, and a man full of faith and the Holy Ghost. His last labours were upon the Eastern Shore of Maryland, where many will remember him for years to come, and will, we hope and trust, shout the praises of God and the Lamb with him to all eternity. Several revivals have taken place by his means, sometimes upon the hearts of the preachers and people; yea, we trust the sacred flame still spreads on the much-favoured peninsula, begun chiefly by his instrumentality. His life was pressed out as at every pore of the body: he was brought very low before he died, and made perfect through suffering.

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

Their characters were strictly examined, one by one, before the Conference.

Quest. 12. What numbers are in Society?

Province of Maine.		Whites. Col.	
	Whites. Col.	Portland	Readfield
Bath		80	204
Penobscot	73	—	357

New-Hampshire.		Whites. Col.	
Chesterfield	68	Seneca	215
Massachusetts.		Tioga	138
Boston	63, 2	Wyoming	221
Granville	247		2631 389
Lynn	111	Delaware.	
Marblehead	22	Dover	783 493
Needham	84	Milford	594 288
Pittsfield	250	Wilmington	40 36
Provincetown	45		1417 811
	822 2	Maryland.	
Rhode Island		Annapessex	295 105
Greenwich	59	Annapolis	68 132
Warren	161	Baltimore cir.	593 90
	220	Baltimore	
Connecticut.		Town	457 191
Litchfield	231	Calvert	602 924
Middletown	170	Caroline	473 174
New-London	197	Cecil	424 200
Pomfret	180	Dorchester	726 634
Redding	142	Federal	536 374
Tolland	122	Frederick	270 45
	1042 8	Harford	332 118
Vermont.		Kent	334 468
Vershire		Montgomery	505 284
New-York.		Queen Ann's	775 533
Albany	328	Prince	140 240
Brooklyn	24	George's	485 89
Cambridge	326	Somerset	481 309
Columbia	243	Talbot	
Croton			7506 4918
Delaware	314	Virginia.	
Dutchess	391	Alexandria	73 47
Herkimer	301	Alleghany	280 7
Long Island	280	Amelia	396 41
Newburg	357	Amherst	287 63
New-Rochelle	375	Bath	283 13
New-York	641	Bedford	366 69
Saratoga	246	Berkley	430 78
Staten Island		Bottetourt	336 18
	3826 218	Brunswick	500 187
New-Jersey.		Clarksburg	346 2
Bethel	340	Cumberland	445 40
Burlington	354	Fairfax	347 62
Elizabeth-town	260	Franklin	390 67
Flanders	275	Gloucester	546 71
Freehold	387	Greenbrier	172 6
Salem	476	Greensville	682 230
Trenton	154	Hanover	338 66
	2246 105	Holston	272 18
Pennsylvania.		Lancaster	288 123
Bristol	152	New-River	127 13
Carlisle	239	Norfolk and	
Obester	132	Portsmouth	91 105
Huntingdon	233	Northampton	537 301
Strasburg	152	Ohio	411
Little York	13	Orange	567 61
Northumberland	260	Pendleton	87 10
Pittsburg	198	Portsmouth	610 380
Philadelphias	363 181	Rocking-	
Redstone	315 5	ham	337 49
		Russell	130 7
		Stafford	215 14
		Sussex	644 180
		Williams-	
		burg	385 97
		Winchester	403 133
			11321 2458

North Carolina.		Whites. Col.	
Anson	300	Little Pee	720 62
Banks	148 22	Dee	362 156
Bertie	466 113	Santee and	292 16
Bladen	386 42	Catawba	2834 825
Camden	388 230	Seleuda	
Caswell	362 25		
Contentney	250 53	Georgia.	
Goshen	390 17	Burke	292 3
Guilford	503 34	Richmond	434 62
Mattamus-		Washington	302 81
keet	170 45		1028 146
New-Hope	470 65	Tennessee.	
Pamlico	363 82	Cumberland	190 30
Roanoke	447 264	Green	313 13
Salisbury	560 14		503 43
Swain	348 10	Kentucky.	
Tar River	506 32	Danville	437 36
Trent	389 171	Hinkstone	380 3
Union	334 35	Lexington	300 20
Yadkin	645 34	Limestone	323 9
	7425 1288	Salt River	226 16
South Carolina.			
Broad River	410 55		1666 84
Bush River	314 3	Upper Canada.	
Charleston	76 305	Bay Quintie	269 1
Edisto	412 60	Niagara	64
Georget-	6 70	Oswegotchie	139 1
own			472 2
Great Pe			
Dee	242 98		

RECAPITULATION.

	Whites.	Col.
Province of Main-	357	
New-Hampshire	68	
Massachusetts	822	2
Rhode Island	220	
Connecticut	1042	8
New-York	3826	218
New-Jersey	2246	105
Pennsylvania	2631	380
Delaware	1417	811
Maryland	7506	4910
Virginia	11321	2458
North Carolina	7425	1288
South Carolina	2834	825
Georgia	1028	146
Tennessee	503	43
Kentucky	1666	84
Upper Canada	472	2
	45384	11280

Preachers 293.

Quest. 13. Where are the preachers stationed this year?*

Joseph Everet, *Elder*.
 Calvert, Rezin Cash, John Phillips.
 Prince George's, James L. Higgins.

* As the Conference held at Philadelphia, 1795, (where the yearly Minutes are ended,) did not include the Western Shore of Maryland, which was included in the said Conference of 1796, it follows of course that several of these stations must appear twice in the present Minutes; — once, as the appointments were made after printing the Minutes of 1795, and again, as they were made at Philadelphia, 1796.

Baltimore, Joshua Jones, Seely Bunn, T. Lyell.
 Baltimore Town, William Jessop, Andrew Nichols, three months; Henry Willis, John Hagerty.
 Fell's Point, Nelson Reed, Joseph Wyatt.
 Harford, John Milburn, Robert Bonham.
 Federal, Lemuel Green, N. B. Mills, S. Hitt.
 Montgomery, J. Bloodgood, D. Martin, A. Garretson.
 Frederick, S. G. Roszel, L. Matthews, J. Cromwell.
 Huntingdon, Wm. M'Lenahan, Benjamin Essex.
 Little York, Charles Burgoon, Thomas Edwards.
 Joshua Wells, *Elder*.
 Bath, Ephraim Chambers, H. Harriman.
 Alleghany, Wm. Bishop, Thos. Curry.
 Berkley, Curtis Williams, Frederick Curp.
 Winchester, Wm. Talbot, J. Cullison, J. Pitts.
 Daniel Hitt, *Elder*.
 Clarksburg, Daniel Hitt, Wm. Page.
 Ohio, Andrew Nichols, John Seward.
 Redstone, C. Conaway, T. Haymond, J. Fell.
 Pittsburg, William Beauchamp.
 William M'Kendree, *Elder*.
 Orange, David Thompson, Lewis Garrett.
 Amherst, John Ray, Humphrey Wood.
 Hanover, Stith Mead.
 Williamsburg, William M'Kendree, John Bonner.
 Gloucester, Joel Tucker, A. Moody, Lee Roy Cole, John Ellis.
 William Spencer, *Elder*.
 Greenbrier, William Spencer.
 Bedford, Pemberton Smith.
 Bottetourt, Richard Bird, Wm. Brittain.
 Cumberland, John Fore, Williams Kavanaugh.
 Greensville, J. Tolleson, S. Ansley, B. Denton.
 Brunswick, Bennet Maxey, H. M. Gains, I. Ellis.
 Amelia, Isaac Lunsford, Wm. A. Lilly.
 Sussex, Samuel Risher, W. Early, G. Martin.
 Bertie, J. Hunter, E. Ellis, D. Southall.
 Portsmouth, Robert Cox, Joseph Pinnell.

Camden, William Wells.
Banks, William Atwood.
Norfolk and Portsmouth, Philip Bruce,
Joshua Cannon, William Moss.
John Baldwin, Book Steward for the
west of Virginia.

James Meacher, *Elder*.
Tar River, Samuel S. Steward, Jeremiah
Munday.

Roanoke, Rufus Wiley, John Shepperd.
Pamlico, Daniel Hall, Solomon Wyatt.
Contentney, Lawrence Mansfield.
Trent, Edward T. Rowzee, Wm. Ormond.
Goshen, John West.
Bladen, Anthony Sale.
Mattamuskeet, Benjamin Matthews.

Josiah Askew, *Elder*.
Swaino, Wm. Wilkerson, John Sale.
Yadkin, Hezekiah Arnold, Samuel Rudder.
Salisbury, John N. Jones, Wm. Lambeth.
Union, Jonathan Bird, Thomas Mann.
Anson, Christopher S. Mooring.
New-Hope, Philip Sands, Wm. Kenyon.
Caswell, John Weeks, Roger Hancock.
Guilford, John Jones.
Frankford, Charles Ledbetter, D. W.
Hollam.

Jonathan Jackson, *Elder*.
Washington, Jas. Rogers, Jas. Patterson.
Richmond, Samuel Cowles, John Sim-
mons.
Burke and Savannah, Jonathan Jackson,
Josias Randle.
Seleuda, James King.
Bush River, Nathaniel Norwood.

Enoch George, *Elder*.
Broad River, Joseph Moore, Jas. Douthet.
Santee and Catawba, Geo. Clark, Nathan
Williamson.
Edisto, J. Gibson, M. Wilson, M. Black.
Charleston, Benjamin Blanton.
Georgetown, Anthony Sale.
Great Pee Dee, James Jenkin, J. Hum-
phries.
Little Pee Dee, Richard Posey.

John Kobler, *Elder*.
New-River, James Campbell.
Holston, Obadiah Strange.
Russell, Joseph Dunn.
Green, John Page, Nathaniel Mansy.

Francis Poythress, *Elder*.
Limestone, Henry Smith.
Lexington, Thomas Wilkerson.
Hinkstone, Aquila Jones.
Danville, Benjamin Lakin.
Salt River, John Watson.
Shelby, Jeremiah Lawson.

Cumberland, John Buxton, Wm. Duzan.
Logan, Aquila Sugg.
Guilford, William Burke.

Jesse Lee, *Elder*.
Greenwich, Stephen Hull.
Warren, Daniel Ostrander,
Boston and Needham, George Pickering,
Joshua Hall.
Lynn, James Covell.
Marblehead, George Cannon.
Chesterfield, Philip Wager.
Portland, Jesse Stoneman.
Readfield, Cyrus Stebbins, John Brodhead,
Bath, Enoch Mudge.
Penobscot, Elias Hull.
Provincetown, Robert Yallaley.
Kennebeck, Aaron Humphrey.
Vershire, Nicholas Snaethen.

Freeborn Garrettsen, and Sylvester
Hutchinson, *Elders*.
New-London, Nathaniel Chapin, Timothy
Merritt.

Pomfret, Joel Ketchum, Daniel Brumby,
Middletown, Joshua Taylor, Lawrence
M'Combs.

Tolland, Evan Rogers, Thomas Coope,
Litchfield, Daniel Dennis, Wesley Budd.
Granville, Joseph Mitchell, Ralph Wil-
liston.

Redding, Elijah Woolsey, Robert Leeds.
Cambridge and Saratoga, Shadrach Bos-
wick, Smith Weeks, Roger Searle.
Pittsfield, Timothy Dewy.

Columbia, Samuel Coate, Jeremiah Bal-
lard.

Dutchess, Peter Moriarty, Samuel Fowles,
New-Rochelle and Croton, Joseph Totter,
David Brown, Ezekiel Canfield.

Long Island, John Clark, Jacob Rieckhow,
David Buck, William Phoebus.
New-York, George Roberts, Andrew
Nichols.

John M'Claskey, *Elder*.
Salem, Robert M'Coy, Peter Vannest.
Bethel, John Ragan, Anthony Turck.
Burlington, Benjamin Fisler.
Trenton, David Bartine, Roger Benton.
Freehold, Richard Swain, Robert Hutch-
inson.

Elizabethtown, John Fountain, Albert Vass
Nostrand.
Flanders, Thos. Woolsey, Samuel Thomas,
Newburg, Jacob Egbert, John Finnegan,
Delaware, Zenas Conger, Daniel Crouch,
Herkimer, William Storms.
Albany, Robert Green, Joseph Lovell.

Darius Dunham, *Elder*.
Bay Quintie, Samuel Coate.

Oswegotchie, Hezekiah C. Wooster.
Niagara, James Coleman.

Christopher Spry, *Elder*.
Cecil, William Hunter, Fredus Aldridge.
Kent, Zebulon Kankey, David Stevens.
Queen Ann's, Wm. M'Lenahan, Richard
Stockett.

Caroline, Seely Bunn, Robert Bonham.
Talbot, William Hardesty, John Falcom.
Dorchester, Charles Cavender, Archibald
Foster.

Annamessex, William Beauchamp, John
Lackey.
Northampton, John Harper, Wm. Bishop.
Somerset, John Milburn, Joseph Jewell.
Milford, Solomon Sharp, John Robinson.
Dover, John Smith, Isaac Robinson.

Solomon Covington, Book Steward.
Valentine Cook, *Elder*.
Clarksbury, R. Manley, H. Harriman, T.
Haymond.

Ohio, Shadrach Johnson, Jonathan Bate-
man.
Redstone, James L. Higgins, Charles
Conaway.

Pittsburg, John Cullison.
Greenfield, James Smith, Jas. Lattomus.

Thomas Ware, *Elder*.
Philadelphia, Wilson Lee, Ezekiel Cooper.
John Dickins, Book Steward.

Chester, Thomas Bell, Samuel Welsh.
Wilmington, John Vanneman.
Strasburg, Ephraim Chambers, James
Stokes.

Northumberland, John Seward, Richard
Sneath.

Wyoming, Alward White.
Tioga, Michael H. R. Wilson.
Seneca, Hamilton Jefferson, Anning Owen.
Bristol, Wm. Colbert, Joseph Whitby.

Joseph Everett, *Elder*.
Baltimore Town, Daniel Hitt.
Harford, Samuel Hitt, Thomas Lucas.
Montgomery, Joseph Cromwell, Joseph
Stone.
Federal, Lemuel Green, J. Potts, T.
Lyell.

Frederick, James Moore.
Huntingdon, Rezin Cash, James Hunter.
Calvert, Elisha Pelham, Jacob Colbert.
Carlisle, Thos. F. Sargent, L. Matthews.
Prince George's, Thornton Fleming.
Fell's Point, Nelson Reed.
Old Town, Henry Willis.
Baltimore cir., A. Garrettsen, B. Essex,
S. Harris.

Joshua Wells, *Elder*.
Lancaster, Morris Howe, Curtis Williams.
Stafford, Stephen Timmons.
Fairfax, Chas. Burgoon, Caleb Kendall.
Alexandria, Benton Riggins.
Winchester, John Bloodgood, John Philips.
Alleghany, Nathaniel B. Mills, Ebenezer
Smith.

Pendleton, James Ward.
Berkley, James Paynter, Levin Moore.
Rockingham, Joseph Rowen, Chas. Bon-
newell.

Bath, John Pitts.
N. B. Nova Scotia is left out of the
Minutes this year.

Quest. 14. *What drafts have been made
on the preachers' fund in the course of the
present year?*

The Baltimore Conference ordered,
Charles Conaway £24
Joseph Cromwell 24
Widow Jarrell 20
Jonathan Forrest, two years'
allowance 48
Thomas Haymond 24
Benjamin Abbott, funeral
expenses and doctor's
bill 9 7 6

Quest. 15. *Where and when shall our
next Conferences be held?*

1. Maberry's Chapel, Va., Nov. 15,
1796.
2. Charleston, Jan. 5, 1797.
3. Kentucky, at Bethel School, May 1,
1797.
4. Wilbraham, Sept. 19, 1797.
5. Philadelphia, Oct. 10, 1797.
6. Baltimore, Oct. 20, 1797.

MINUTES

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

FOR THE YEAR 1797.

Quest. 1. *Who are admitted on trial?*
John King, Nathaniel Walker, James
Floyd, Alexander M'Caine, Loammi Floyd,
Geo. Shanks, Wm. West, Robert Gaiges,
Samuel Douthet, Thomas Allen, Robert
Wilkerson, Joseph Snelling, John Nichols,