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MINUTES
TAKEN AT THE SEVERAL ANNUAL CONFERENCES OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
FOR THE YEAR 1797.

Quest. 1. Who are admitted on trial? Geo. Shanks, Wm. West, Robert Gaipes,
John King, Nathaniel Walker, James Samuel Douthet, Thomas Allen, Robert
Floyd, Alexander M'Caine, Loammi Floyd, Wilkerson, Joseph Snelling, John Nichols,
Minutes for 1797.


Quest. 2. Who remain on trial?


Quest. 3. Who are admitted unto full connection?


Quest. 4. Who are the deacons?


Quest. 5. Who are the elders?


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 concer?


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 What preachers have withdrawn themselves this year from our order and connection?

None.

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

Thomas Coope, Joseph Cromwell—2.

Quest. 10. Who have died this year?

1. John Ragan,—a native of Ireland, between thirty-five and forty years of age. He came to America soon after the peace of 1783, and for the last eight years past was an itinerant preacher in our connection. He travelled principally in Maryland, New York, and New Jersey. He was an elder in the church, and a conscientious, upright man, both as a Christian and a minister. His labours were greatly blessed the last year of his life in Bethel circuit. He possessed great solitude of mind, and was subject to depression, weariness, and afflictions. He was remarkably fond of books, and, having a retentive memory, became extensively acquainted with history, ancient and modern, and the sciences. On a visit to Philadelphia in August last, he took the prevailing fever, of which he died the beginning of September, soon after his return to the circuit; and we believe that he is now numbered among the spirits made perfect, in possession of uninterrupted pleasures above.

He's gone from all afflictions here. To reign in joys eternal there.

2. Albert Van Nostrand,—a native of Long Island, in the state of New-York, about forty years of age. He joined the Methodist society in 1785, among the first who formed a class at Serintown. Soon afterward he began to preach; and for several years past he has been in the travelling connection. He had graduated to the order of elder, was circumcised and approved in the church. He died the latter part of September last, at the White Plains, in his native state; and we believe he is now happy with his Redeemer.

His friends are left behind to mourn; They'll follow him—he'll not return.

Quest. 11. What numbers are in Society? Proceeds of Taxes.

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Trenner, Richard

Dover, Jospeph White

Essex, Amelia

Hall, Joel Tucker.

Flanders, Samuel Thomas

Lancaster, James Lattomus.

Albany, R.

Queen Ami’s, Robert Bonham

Greenbrier, John Greenbrier

Tolleson, James Tolleson.

Cecil, W. Hunter

Kankey, J. Smith

Alleghany and Bath, Rezio Cash

Talbot, Thos. Jackson

Orange, Benjamin Matthews,

Dorchester, John Milburn

Kent, Richard Stockett

Wm. M’Kendree,

Herkimer, Jacob Egbert

Berkley, John Potts

Hunter, James Hunter.

Bethel, R. Hutchinson

Prince George’s, Shadrach Johnson

Huntingdon, Seely Bunn

Calvert, Thornton Fleming

Newburg, Samuel Fowler

Fleming, Samuel Fowler

Tar River, Roger Hancock

Toawood, William Atwood

Coomer, John King

Newbern, James Jones

Contentney, Lewis Garrett

Pamlico, Samuel Risher.

Maltamaskett and Banks, John Sale.

Quest. 13. What regulations have been made in respect to the printing business, and the publication of books?

The Philadelphia Conference, in whom the management of these affairs was invested by the General Conference, and who have not time during their annual sessions to complete this business, have, by the advice and consent of Bishop Asbury, unanimously appointed the following persons to be a standing committee, viz.—

Exekiel Cooper, Chairman.

Thomas Ware, John McClaskey, Christopher Spry, Presiding Elders.

William McIntahan, Richard Swain, Solomon Sharp, Chas. Cravender, Elders.

The above committee are to meet at Philadelphia on the 2d of January, 1798,

and once a quarter afterward, or oftener if necessary, to consider and determine what manuscripts, books, or pamphlets shall be printed.

Four of the said committee, when met as above, shall proceed to business, provided that the chairman and one of the preachers belonging to the Virginia Conference be present. And the general book steward shall lay before the committee all manuscripts, books, and pamphlets which are designed for publication, except such as the General Conference has authorized him to publish.

Quest. 14. Where and when shall our next Conference be held?


2. Salem, Va., April 9, 1798.

3. Holston, May 1, 1798.


The preacher are requested to bring to the next Conferences the names of all the licensed preachers in their respective circuits.

Minutes

Taken at the several annual conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church,

For the year 1798.

Quest. 1. Who are admitted on trial?

George Daugharty, Thomas Milligan, Thomas Shaw, Hanover Donnan, Samuel Hooser, Cornelius Hill, John Sanders, John Evans, Obadiah Strange, John Wiliam—43.

Passmore, Wm. Miss, Daniel Gossage.

Salisbury, Geo. M’Kenny, Samuel Analzy.

Guilford, William Early.

Haw River, Joseph Pinnell, Collier Hill.

Franklin, Jerusalem Munday, Llewellyn Evans.

James Rogers, Presiding Elder.

Caswell, Edmund Ellis, Hill Jones.

These Minutes include two Conferences in Virginia; in consequence of which the names of the preachers belonging to the Virginia Conference are twice inserted.