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MINUTES

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

FOR THE YEAR 1812.

Quest. 1. Who are admitted on trial?

WESTERN CONFERENCE.


SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.


VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.


BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.


PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE.


NEW-YORK CONFERENCE.

Theodosius Clark, Thomas Thorp, Elisha P. Jacob, Tobias Spicer, Abraham Daniels, Stephen Beach, Josiah F. Chambers, Beardsley Northrop, Stephen Jacob, William Ross, Gad Smith—11.

NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE.


GENESEE CONFERENCE.

James Gilmore, Renolda Everts, Joseph Hickcox, James S. Lent, Ebenezer Doolittle, Elisha Beibins, Gideon Lanning—7.

Quest. 2. Who remain on trial?

WESTERN CONFERENCE.


SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.


VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.


BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

John C. French, James M'Cana, Abel Robinson, Jacob Gorwell—4.

PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE.


NEW-YORK CONFERENCE.


NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

Aaron Lummus, James' Jacques, Wil-
GENESEE CONFERENCE.

Quest. 4. Who are the deacons?
Those marked thus (*) were ordained this year.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.
Erasmus Stimson, Josiah Morton, Thomas M. Bacon, Robert Gilbraith—4.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE.

NEW-YORK CONFERENCE.


SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.
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NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

GENESEE CONFERENCE.
Noah Bigelow, Samuel Thompson, Samuel Ross, Timothy Lee—4.

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CHANDLER, JAS. POLEMUS, WM. M'LEUAN, HOWE, OLIVER SYKES—4.

Quest. 9. Who have been expelled from the connection this year? 206.

NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE.
John Brodhead, Zachariah Gibson, Pliny Brent—3.

Quest. 10. Who have been expelled from the connection this year? 207.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.
William Young, John M'Coy—2.

NEW-YORK CONFERENCE.
John McEuen, Samuel Fowler.

Quest. 11. Who have withdrawn from the connection this year? 208.

PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE.
Thomas Straton.

Quest. 12. Were all the preachers' characters examined before the Conferences? 209.

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

Quest. 13. Who have died this year? 210.

1. Samuel Mills,—who was born in Northampton county, North Carolina, in 1780. His parents were pious, and he was awakened, converted, and joined society in 1801. In 1801 he was a class-leader, and exerted himself to promote the salvation of souls. He was received on trial in 1802, but his father's death, which happened immediately after, prevented his setting out at that time. In 1804 he left all, and entered the Lord's vineyard, and was stationed in Ogeechee circuit, 1805 Little Pen River, 1806 Columbus, 1807 Buncombe, 1808 Lincoln, 1809 Charleston, 1810 Milledgeville, 1811 Camden, where he died at the house of Absalom Blanchard, on the 6th of June, of a bilious complaint, which continued eleven or twelve days. His confidence in God was strong, and he would frequently shout forth his praises; and though frequently delirious, his mind seemed fixed on the great work in which he had been employed; and the whole night before he died, he was as if engaged in prayer and preaching, rising on his feet and addressing congregations. His last words were a quotation from Luke xxii, 29, 30.

He was grave, with piety in dress and diet, never trifling in conversation, a strict disciplinarian, visiting his flock from house to house, reproving and admonishing them: of course he was not among the most popular, but he sought not the praise that cometh from men. He was a witness of sanctification, which he frequently pressed on his hearers. In Camden he ardently wished for the prosperity of Zion, and the fruit of his labours began to be very visible. Immediately after, a revival commenced, and numbers professed to have been awakened by his preaching. Thus though dead, he yet speaketh.

2. Nathan Weeden,—who was a native of Virginia, originally from the Northern Neck, was recommended and received on trial at the Annual Conference held at Edmund Taylor's, North Carolina, in 1805, and was appointed to Guilford circuit; 1806 to Madison circuit; 1807 to the Yadkin, 1808 to Trent, 1809 to Franklin, 1810 to Reaonoke, and in 1811 he was stationed on the Salisbury circuit. Accordingly he took his appointment, but before he had gone twice round his circuit he was attacked with a pain in the head, which at times produced symptoms of delirium, and obliged him to have recourse to a physician. He continued to receive medical aid until about the middle of August, at which time, having somewhat regained his strength, he resumed his labours, and was sent by the presbytery elder to the Yadkin circuit, where he continued to travel and exhort, and sometimes preached. In November he was more severely afflicted, and suffered the loss of sight, which continued more or less until his dissolution.

About five weeks before he died he preached his last sermon at Mrs. Gordon's. His complaint increasing, was productive of swelling, accompanied with a difficulty of breathing. About two weeks before his death he went to William Shepard's, in Surry county, North Carolina, where he ended his labours and sorrows together, on the 28th of December, 1811. It is well known that Nathan Weeden had his peculiarities, but those who were best acquainted with him believed him to be a man of God. This he himself acknowledged a few hours before his departure: conversing with a friend, he said, "Last night I felt the pains of death, but I am not afraid to die."

It is worthy of remark here, that notwithstanding all the symptoms of delirium that had appeared, there was nothing sinful in a single word he said or did, and it was believed he was perfectly in his senses the night before he left this abode of sorrow. Weeden is gone where the wicked cease to trouble, and the weary are for ever at rest.

3. Jesse Pinnell,—who was born Oct. 27, 1783, in Culpepper county, Virginia, and professed to be converted on the 4th day of June, 1804. He was admitted into the travelling connection in 1805, and graduated at elders' orders, soon after which his health began to fail, and he continued to decline, and died on the 3d day of February, 1812, in the 39th year of his age. Jesse Pinnell was a young man of exemplary piety, and highly respected by those who knew him. In him the graces of the Spirit shone with a peculiar lustre, and the tenor of his life seemed to be a living testimony of the truth of the divine Master. Seriousness, quietness, meekness, and patience, were some of his peculiar excellencies, and in him these were seen in that degree which is seldom equalled, and perhaps never exceeded.

His last illness, which terminated the mortal scene, was short and severe, and of a nature to give but little opportunity for conversation, and the things of God, he not being able to converse with his afflicted great; yet there was opportunity enough for him to express his firm confidence in his Redeemer, and the glorious hope of eternal life through him. From his conversation, which was solemn and savoury, (as reported by those who were with him,) we conclude that there is no room left to doubt that he has made a happy exchange of a world of sorrow and pain for a world of joy, peace, and everlasting happiness;
where pain, sorrow, affliction, and death are all done away! Thus faithfully lived and triumphantly died our beloved brother, Lansford Whiting. May all his surviving brethren follow him as he followed Christ, that they may be prepared to rejoin him in the more fair region and happy circle about the throne of God.

5. Samuel Thomas.—It was in early life that this man of God became acquainted with the power of religion, through the instrumentality of the Methodist preachers, and became a member of the society in the infant state of Methodism, in the state of New-Jersey, where he then lived.

After he married, his house for many years was a welcome home for the preachers that came into the neighbourhood where he resided.

For a number of years he was an acceptable local preacher; during which time (the latter part especially) his mind was much exercised about travelling; feeling an ardent desire to be more extensively useful in the church of God. He at length found his way clear, and entered into the travelling connection in the year 1796, wherein he continued till he was called from his labours to enjoy the reward of the faithful.

During the time he was able to travel and fulfil the duties of a preacher on a circuit, he filled the following stations:

- 1798, on Elizabethtown circuit; 1799, circuit, he filled the following stations exceptable local preacher; during which time he was stationed in Brooklyn.

He now war there was a great and glorious outpouring of God's Spirit; many were awakened and converted to God, and large additions made to the church.

He was strongly attached to the doctrines and discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and was ever considered as a strict disciplinarian where he had the charge of a circuit. Naturally he was a man of a slender constitution in consequence of which he often laboured with much bodily pain and weariness.

He was a man subject to dejection and frequently tempted and buffeted by the devil, but truly it may be said that he lived a suffering life; but his end was peace!

He was a man of great prayer, and diligent in reading, meditation, and searching the Holy Scriptures: this was obvious to those among whom he preached.

A preacher once speaking of a fall which he had from his horse, said it put him in mind of what he had heard his father Thomas (as he called him) say, that he never mounted his horse without recommending himself and horse to God by prayer; for he firmly believed that the providence of God extended to all events.

In the fall of the year 1808 he thought it his duty to remove with his daughter and son-in-law, and their family, to Cincinnati, in the state of Ohio, from whence he wrote back to his friends, expressing himself well pleased with that frontier country, and especially with the prosperous state of religion in those parts which, but a few years past, were only inhabited by the tawny savage and prowling wild beast; but now this wilderness hath boded, and blossomed as the rose.

Through the course of last winter and spring, he had experienced severe attacks, the last of which terminated in death, within three days after he was taken ill.

During the short time of his last sickness he said but little, though he appeared to be perfectly sensible; yet what he did say gave full evidence that he was dying in the Lord. When the awful messenger came, he calmly submitted to his stroke without a sigh, sensible; and those who die in the Lord, from henceforth, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them. O! may we, who survive him, be followers of those who, through faith and patience, do now inhabit the promised land.

6. Greenleaf R. Norris,—who died in the twenty-eighth year of his age, on the 24th of September, 1818, at the house of Mr. Richard Boardman, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he experienced the most humane attention and friendly treatment. He was born in the town of Sping, state of New-Hampshire, and pos-
New Hampshire Dist.
Whites. Col.

New-York Conference.

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Whites. Col.

New-England Conference.

New-Brunswick

New-Norfolk District.
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New-Berwick

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The elders' names are printed inItalic.
Mississippi Dist. Samuel Dunwoody, P. Elder.
Wilkinson, Sela Paine, Lewis Hobbs.
Natchez, John Johnson, Samuel Lewis.
Clarksbor. John W. Kennon.
Amit, William Winans.
Rapids, Frederick D. Wimberly.
Washataw, Thomas Griffin.
Atakapas, John S. Ford.
Tombechbe, Wm. Houston, Isaac Quinn.
New-Orleans, Miles Harper.
Illinois Dist. Samuel Parker, P. Elder.
Illinois, Jesse Walker, George A. Colbert.
Missouri, John Cord.
Maramac, Thomas Wright.
Cold Water, Daniel Frealey.
Cape Girardeau, John M'Farland.
Miami Dist. Solomon Langdon, P. Elder.
Cincinnati, William Burke, John Strange.
Mad River and Xenia, Scioto, Daniel Fraley.
Williamsburg, John C. Ballou, William M. Elliott.
Orangeburg, William Capers.
Tuscarawas, Joel Burgess.
Deer Creek, Robert Cloud, Chas. Waddell.
Lawrenceburg, Walter Griffith.
Pickaway, James M'Meur.
White Oak, Benjamin Lakin, Eli Turner.
Salt Creek, Jesse Spurgeon.
White Water, Robert W. Finley.
Delaware, Alexander Cummins.
Brush Creek, Isaac Favey.
Muskingsum Dist. James Quinn, P. Elder.
Fairfield, Isaac Quinn, James B. Finley.
Marietta, David Young, Thomas Branch.
Little Kanawha, John Brown.
Guyanott, Samuel West.
Letart Falls, William Nixon.
Knox, Elisha W. Bowman.
Tuscarawas, William Mitchell.
South Carolina Conference.
Oconee Dist. Lovick Pierce, P. Elder.
Appalachee, Henry Bass, John E. Byrd.
Broad River, Moses Andrew, Jacob Hill.
Alcovi, Michael Durr, Nicholas Punch.
Sparta, Thomas Y. Cook, L. C. Deyamant.
Cedar Creek, John Tarrant, Jas.-Koger.
Washington, Alexander Talley.
Oospee, John B. Glenn.
Satilpa, Joseph Saltenball, Britton Bunch.
Milledgeville, Samuel M. Meek.
St. Mary's, Benjamin Dulany.
Osagechee Dist. Lewis Myers, P. Elder.
Warren, Nicholas Powers, John Freeman.
Little River, Jesse Stancewell, Charles Dickinson.
Louisville, H. D. Green, D. Brown to change every 3 months, A. Pickins.
Augusta, John Porter.
Warrenton, Robert L. Kendon.
Savannah, James Russell.
Esoter Dist. William M. Kennedy, P. Elder.
Charleston, Francis Ward, Jacob Rump.
Cypress, William Scott.
Saltcather, James Capers, John Boswell.
Black Swamp, Reuben Tucker.
Orangeburg, William Capers.
Buch River, John S. Capers, Allen Turner.
Columbia, John Collinsworth, to change after six months with Osborn Rogan.
Camden Dist. Daniel Ashbury, P. Elder.
Santee, Wiley Warbrick, Hugh M'Phail.
Great Pee Dee, J. Haynes, A. Hewitt, G. Christopher.
Little Pee Dee, Nicholas Talley, Thomas Bohannon.
Bladen, Lewis Hatton, Samuel Jenifa.
Brunswick, John Gamewell, Benj. Scott.
Georgetown, James Norton.
Wilmington, Joseph Travis.
Fayetteville, William S. Talley.
Camden, Solomon Bryan.
Catawba Dist. Jonathan Jackson, P. Elder.
Morganton, James Hutto.
Lincoln, Robert Archibald Brown.
Rocky River, John Hill, John Shrock.
Montgomery, John Sewell, Jas. L. Bela.
Virginia Conference.
Norfolk Dist. Richard Lattinge, P. Elder.
Norfolk, John Weaver.
Portsmouth, Thomas Moore.
Suffolk, Edward Cannon, Minton Thrill.
Cadem, Henry Holmes.
Edenton, Joel Arrington.
Bertie, Chas. Roundtree, Matthias M. Dace.
Sussex, R. Griffith, Enoch Jones, T. Puckett.
Petersburg, John Anderson.
Mecklenburg Dist. Philip Bruce, P. Elder.
Greensville, John Early, Josiah Morton.
McKenzieburg, Ewen Johnson, Thos. Neely.
Cumberland & Buckingham, Jesse Brown, John G. Traylor.
Amelia, Hezekiah M'Leodland, J. R. Bradlay.
Brunswick, Robert Thompson, Thomas M. Bacon.
Bedford and Lynchburg, Joel Burgess.
Swain Thrift, John Giles.
James River Dist. Thomas L. Douglass, P. Elder.
Richmond, Jesse Lee, Charles Callaway.
Hanover, Thos. Pinnell, Robert Gilbraith.
Williamsburg, Sixth Mead, Jas. Sanford.
Gloucester, John C. Ballou, William M. Elliott.
Orange, John Latimore, Wm. Compton.
Green Mountain, Robert Barnes.
Amherst, Alexander Sale, John Mallory.
New-River, Edmund Wright, Joshua Lawrence.
Beaufort, Humphrey Wood, James Avant.
Nunse, Christopher S. Mooring.
Pamlico and Terrill, Thos. Cooper, Caleb N. Bell.
Mattamuskeet, Jacob Hill.
Banks, Lewis Kimbell.
Newbern, Leroy Merritt.
Washington, James M. Arthur.
Black River, John Humphries.
Raleigh Dist. John Buxton, P. Elder.
Haw River, Thomas Mann, Peter Wyatt.
Caswell, Henry Warren, Jesse Branch.
Tar River, Cennellum H. Hines.
Roxmore, Josiah Philips, James Thomas.
Raleigh, Samuel Garvard, Erasmus Stimson.
Raleigh city, James Morris.
Yadkin Dist. William Joan, P. Elder.
Rocky Mount, Henry Hardy.
Franklin, James Harris, Abraham Trull.
Guilford, Ethelebrit Drake.
Salisbury, John Moore, Samuel Hunter.
Iredell, Jos. N. Kilpatrick, S. Waggoner.
Yadkin, Thomas Berge.
Baltimore Conference.
Baltimore Dist. Joshua Wetts, P. Elder.
Baltimore, Job Guest, Sam'l Montgomery.
Great Falls, David Stevens, John W. Bond.
Pell's Point, William Ryland.
Severn, Joseph Toy, John C. French.
Annapolis, Rezin Hammond.
Calvert, Henry Smith, Jacob Foreman.
Prince George's, Simon Gillespie, Abby Pool.
Potomac Dist. Enoch George, P. Elder.
Stephensburg, Beverly Waugh.
Winchester, Seely Dunn.
Berkely, Hamilton Jefferson, Geo. Askin.
Loudon, Eli Henkle, Thomas Sewell.
Fairfax, Richard Tidings, Oliver Woodworth.
Stafford and Frederickburg, John Davis, Caleb Reynolds, John White.
Lancaster, Lasley Matthews.
Alexandria, Nicholas Snelten.
Georgetown Dist. Nelson Reed, P. Elder.
Washington city, Andrew Hemphill.
Georgetown, Robert R. Roberts.
Montgomery, Alfred Griffith, Edward Miles.
Fredericktown and Frederick circuit, John Swartzwelder, John Pitts, Joseph Lanston, James M'Cann.
Allegany, James Reid, Jacob Sneyder, J. Windsor.
Greenbrier Dist. Christopher Frye, P. Elder.
Rockingham, John G. Watt, Ezra Grover.
Stanton, Daniel Stanbury.
Bottetourt, Wesley Webster, Rob't Hanna.
Now-River, James Peyster.
Monroe, James Wilson.
Greenbrier, Benedict Reynolds.
Pendleton, Gerard Morgan.
Harford, Tobias Reiley, John Bull.
Carline, W. Houston, N. Lodge, J. Ewen.
Lyttleton, James Hunter, Nath'l B. Mills.
Jumpa, Eli Towne.
Huntingdon and Mishanon, Wm. Butler, John Thomas.
Bellford, John Watson.
Answick, James Stevens.
Chambersburg, Robert Wilson.
Monongahela Dist. Jacob Gruber, P. Elder.
Pittsburg, Jacob Dowell.
Connevel, Simon Lauck, Lewis R. Pechitige.
Redstone, John Meck, Joshua Monroe.
Greenfield, John West, William Monroe.
Monongahela, Thornton Fleming, William Shanks.
East Wheeling, Amos Barnes.
Ohio, James M. Hanson, F. A. Monjar.
Mahonan, James Reiley.
Randolph, James Charles.
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**PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE.**


**CHESEAPEAKE DIST. John M’Claskey, P. Elder.**


**DELAWARE DIST.Jas. Smith, P. Elder.**


**EAST JERSEY DIST. Peter Vannest, P. Elder.**


**NEW-YORK CONFERENCE.**

Daniel Hitt, Thomas Ware, editors and general book stewards.

**NEW-YORK DIST. Freeborn Garrettson, P. Elder.**


**RHINEBECK DIST. Elijah Woolsey, P. Elder.**


**NEW-YORK DIST.**


**NEW-ENGLAND CONFERENCE.**


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


**NEW-HAMPSHIRE DIST. Solomon Sias, P. Elder.**


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


**KENNEBEC DIST. Chas. Virgin, P. Elder. Readfield, Zechariah Gibson, Thomas F. Norris.**


**GENESEE CONFERENCE.**

**GENESEE DIST. Gideon Draper, P. Elder.**

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Cayuga, James Kelsey, Samuel L. Rawleigh.
Scipio, Joseph Willis, Ira Fairbank.
Susquehannah Dist. George Harmon, P. Elder.
Lycoming, John Hazzard, Jas. S. Lent.
Shamokin, James H. Baker, James Hickcox.
Northumberland, Geo. Thomas, Ebenezer Doolittle.
Wyoming, John Kimberlin, Elisha Bebins.
Canaan, Loring Grant, Orin Doolittle.
Lebanon, Dan Barnes.
Shenango, Chandley Lambert.
Broome, Elijah King.
Tioga, Marmaduke Pearce, Abraham Dawson.
Newtown, Thomas Wright.
Oneida Dist. William Case, P. Elder.
Westmoreland, Asa Cummins, Abner Chase.
Pompey, Jonathan Huestis, Gideon Lanning.
Otsego, Ebenezer White, Ralph Lanning.
Herkimer, Luther Bishop, Wm. B. Lacy.
Western, Charles Giles.
Turin, Reuben Farley.
St. Lawrence, Isaac Puffer.
Black River, Joseph Kinkead.
Mexico, Isaac Teller.
Utica, Seth Mattison.
Upper Canada Dist. Henry Ryan, P. Elder.
Augusta, J. Rhodes, E. Cooper, S. Hopkins.

Bay Quintic, Isaac B. Smith, John Reynolds.
Smith's Creek, Thomas Whitehead.
Young-street, Joseph Gatchell.
Niagara, Andrew Prindle, Ninian Holmes.
Ancaster and Long Point, Enoch Burdock, Peter Covenhoven.
Detroit, George W. Densmore.

Montreal, Nathan Bangs.
Quebec, Thomas Burch.
Ottawha, Robert Hibbard.
St. Francis River, Samuel Luckey, J. F. Chamberlain.

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

1. Ohio Conference, at Chillicothe, October 1, 1812.
2. Tennessee Conference, Fountainhead, November 1, 1812.