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## TO THE READER.

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THE Annual Minutes of the Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church contain the statistics of the church in detail. They are therefore both entertaining and useful. All who feel an interest in the prosperity of Methodism in this country derive much satisfaction from perusing these documents ; and, as a source of authentic information respecting many things connected with the history, polity, and usages of the church, they are indispensable. But being published in pamphlet form, they are liable to be lost ; and it requires no small trouble, when a consecutive series is needed for any purpose, to procure one. For these reasons the idea of publishing them in a volume was early conceived by John Dickins, first book agent in this country, who, in 1794, issued a volume embracing all the Minutes from the commencement of Methodism in America, a period of about twenty-one or twenty-two years.

In 1813 a volume was published by D. Hitt and T. Ware, book agents. But this work is out of print, and the desire of many to have the whole from the commencement to the present period seems to call for the publication now offered.

In addition to the benefit of having at hand a work of reference to which resort may be had for settling any disputed or doubtful question relating to the statistics of the church, the volume now offered to the public may be recommended as a useful reading book. The biographical sketches of deceased preachers, of which there are many in the work, are highly interesting, and cannot, we think, be read without profit.

The readers of the Minutes should bear in mind, that they are dated, severally, at the time of their publication ; and the matters recorded in each relate to the year closing at that period. This is necessary to avoid mistakes in regard to dates.

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OF SOME CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE PREACHERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE REV. MR. JOHN WESLEY.

LEESBURG, MAY 19, 1778.

Quest. 1. *What preachers are admitted this year?*

Joseph Cromwell, William Gill, Thos. M'Clure, John Littlejohn, John Tunnell, Isham Tatum, Samuel Strong, Thomas S. Chew, Edward Bailey, Carter Cole, John Dickins—11.

Quest. 2. *What preachers remain on trial?*

Henry Willis, John Beck, Richard Ivy, Philip Adams, William Moore, John Atkins, James O'Kelly, Richard Ogburn, Daniel Duvall—9.

Quest. 3. *What preachers act as assistants?*

William Watters, Edward Drumgole, Wm. Glendenning, James Foster, Freeborn Garrettson, Henry Kennedy, John Littlejohn, Francis Poythress, John Dickins, Isham Tatum, Lee Roy Cole, Reuben Ellis—12.

Quest. 4. *Where are the preachers stationed?*

New-Jersey, Daniel Ruff.  
Kent, Freeborn Garrettson, Joseph Hartley, John Littlejohn.  
Caroline, John Cooper, Henry Kennedy, William Duke.  
Baltimore, Joseph Cromwell, John Tunnell, Thomas M'Clure, John Beck.

Fairfax, William Watters, Daniel Duvall. Berkley, Edward Bailey.

Hanover, Francis Poythress, Nicholas Watters.

Fluvanna, Isham Tatum, Richard Ivy. Amelia, Reuben Ellis, Samuel Strong. Brunswick, John Dickins, Edward Pride. Sussex, Edward Drumgole.

Lunenburg, James Foster. Roanoke, William Glendenning.

Pittsylvania, William Gill, John Major, Henry Willis.

James City, Isaac Rollins.

Quest. 5. *What numbers are in Society?*

Members 6095. Preachers 29.

Quest. 6. *Who shall act as general stewards?*

William Moore, Henry Fry.

Quest. 7. *What was done with the balance of the collection?*

Lodged with Henry Fry.

Quest. 8. *What shall the preachers be allowed for quarterage?*

Eight pounds, Virginia currency.

The last Friday in August is appointed for a fast day.

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KENT COUNTY, DELAWARE, APRIL 28, 1779.

Quest. 1. *What preacher is admitted this year?*

Caleb B. Pedicord.

Quest. 2. *Who remain on trial?*

Joshua Dudley, Philip Cox, Richard Garrettson, Lewis Alfrey—4.

Quest. 3. *Who desist from travelling?*

Robert Cloud, William Duke—2.

Quest. 4. *What preachers act as assistants?*

Francis Asbury, Daniel Ruff, Joseph Hartley, Freeborn Garrettson, Thomas M'Clure, Caleb B. Pedicord—6.

Quest. 5. *Are there any objections to any of the preachers?*

They were examined one by one.