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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.

## MINUTES

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

FOR THE YEAR 1793

Quest. 1. *Who are admitted on trial?*

John Durborough, Hamilton Jefferson, Joshua Jones, William Bishop, Richard Stockett, Andrew Nichols, John Philips, Randolph Smith, William Ball, William Wilkerson, Anthony Sale, William Douglass, David Richardson, Thomas Wilkerson, William Wells, Benjamin Denton, James Johnson, Samuel Risher, James Douthet, William Le Masters, Joseph Thrift, Francis Acuff, Samuel Hollis, Jesse Stoneman, Robert Bonham, Alward White, Joel Ketchum, Hezekiah C. Wooster, Zadok Priest, Moses Crane, Elijah Woolsey, Anthony Turck, Enoch Mudge, Jason Perkins, Daniel Ostrander, Jacob Egbert, Daniel Dennis, Frederick Curp, William Page, David Abbott, John Vaneman, James Smith, William Hunter, David Bartine—44.

Quest. 2. *Who remain on trial?*

Thomas Lucas, Rezin Simpson, Elijah Sparks, William Talbot, Thomas Lyell, Henry Crank, Lawrence Mansfield, Daniel Hall, Samuel S. Steward, James Dawley, Tobias Gibson, George Clark, James Ward, Richard Bird, Benjamin Northcott, John Page, Stith Mead, Jacob Peck, Ephraim Chambers, John Watson, Joel Tucker, James Hunter, Edward Hardy, Jeremiah Jackson, Philip Sands, Absalom Kinsey, James Nolly, Coleman Carlisle, William Fulwood, Benjamin Tarrant, James Jenkin, Seely Bunn, James Paynter, Solomon Sharp, Jordan Rexford, Zebulon Kankey, Smith Weeks, Geo. Strebeck, Joseph Totten, Lawrence M'Combs, Joseph Wainwright, Joseph Rowen—42.

Quest. 3. *Who are admitted into full connection?*

Andrew Nichols, Aquila Garrettson, Lewis Browning, Nathaniel Greaves, Samuel Hitt, Stuart Redman, James Fleming, James Rogers, John Buxton, Henry Hill, John Ahair, William Ormond, Abner Henley, Samuel Edney, Freeman Killinsworth, Joseph Moore, William Bellamy, William Moody, James Tolleson, Josias Randle,

Samuel Ansley, John Clark, James Holly, Jeremiah Norman, John Sewell, John Ray, George Martin, Thomas Boyd, Robert Dillon, Elisha Pelham, James Covell, David Valleau, Joshua Hall, Aaron Hunt, Benj. Fisler, Samuel Fowler, Joshua Taylor, Robert M'Coy, James Coleman, Levi Rogers, Simon Miller, Isaac Robinson, Shadrach Bostwick, James Boyd, John Beard, William Early, William Hardesty—47.

Quest. 4. *Who are the deacons?*

Walter Fountain, Charles Burgoon, John Fountain, James Wilson, Matthias Swaim, Joseph Moore, Daniel Shines, William Bellamy, Ezekiel Humphrey, Lewis Browning, James Campbell, John Simmons, Evan Rogers, Morris Howe, John Chalmers, Thomas Bell, William M'Dowell, John Hutt, George Cannon, Thomas Haymond, Samuel Hitt, Stuart Redman, James Fleming, William Moss, Nicholas Sebrell, Pemberton Smith, Christopher S. Mooring, John N. Jones, Benj. Barnes, Daniel Southall, William Spencer, Daniel Stringer, John Metcalf, John Ellis, James Rogers, John Wynn, Thos. Easter, John West, Benjamin Blanton, John Pace, Rufus Wiley, Enoch George, Daniel Dean, Henry Hill, William Ormond, Samuel Edney, Simon Carlisle, John Crawford, John Russell, Francis Parker, Arthur Lipsey, Samuel Ansley, John Bonner, Hezekiah Arnold, John Clark, William A. Lilly, John Ball, John Ray, Samuel Rudder, John Sewell, George Martin, William M'Lenahan, Daniel Fidler, Lasley Matthews, Robert Dillon, James Covell, David Valleau, Fredus Aldridge, Joshua Hall, Aaron Hunt, Philip Wager, Benj. Fisler, Joseph Lovell, John Clark, Menzies Rainer, Samuel Fowler, Joshua Taylor, Jas. Boyd, Benjamin Wilson, Robert Hutchinson, Gamaliel Bailey, Isaac Robinson, Simon Miller—83.

Quest. 5. *Who are the elders?*

Joseph Everett, John Smith, Jonathan Jackson, Jesse Richardson, John Milburn, Wilson Lee, Nathaniel B. Mills, Christo-

pher Spry, John Jarrell, Robert Sparks, Joseph Cromwell, James O. Cromwell, Nelson Reed, John Bloodgood, Richard Whatcoat, Joseph Wyatt, Richard Parrott, Benton Riffin, Joshua Wells, Wm. Colbert, James Thomas, John Hagerty, Philip Bruce, Samuel Breeze, George Wells, Richard Swift, Lewis Chastain, Ira Ellis, James Meachem, Stephen Davis, John Easter, John Baldwin, Arthur Davis, Josiah Askew, Thomas Anderson, Henry Merritt, Philip Cox, Salathiel Weeks, Thomas Bowen, Isaac Lowe, John M'Gee, James Parks, John Fore, Joshua Cannon, Barnabas M'Henry, Francis Poythress, Henry Birchett, Jacob Lurton, John Lindsey, Bennet Maxey, John Kobler, Isaac Lunsford, Thornton Fleming, Charles Conaway, Hardy Herbert, Stephen G. Roszel, Valentine Cook, Thomas Scott, Martin Hitt, Daniel Hitt, David Kendall, Jonathan Newman, Freeborn Garrettson, Darius Dunham, Samuel Wigton, John Crawford, Robert Green, Jesse Lee, John Hill, Ezekiel Cooper, Lemuel Smith, Jacob Brush, Amos G. Thompson, George Roberts, Geo. Pickering, Richard Swain, Sylvester Hutchinson, Peter Moriarty, Thomas Ware, John Ragan, James Mann, William Jessop, Thomas Morrell, Jeremiah Cosden, John M'Claskey, Sihon Smith, Aquila Sugg, Reuben Ellis, Richard Ivy, Isaac Smith, Daniel Smith, John Merrick, Jas. Thomas, Robert Cann, Henry Willis, John Dickins, Benjamin Abbott, Lemuel Green—98.

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?*

Jonathan Forrest, John Rowen, Jesse Nicholson, Frederick Roper, John Halliday, Hubbard Saunders, Mark Whitaker, Daniel Lockett, Stephen Brooks, George Wells, Joseph Cromwell, James O. Cromwell, Richard Swift, Samuel Breeze, Thomas Jackson, William Dougherty, Thomas Anderson, Arthur Davis—18.

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

James O'Kelly, John Allen, Rice Haggard, John Robertson—4.

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

James Bell.

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

1. Benjamin Carter,—who professed faith in Jesus Christ about eight years, and was about six years employed in the ministry. He was a native of the western waters, and received a wound in the late war, which greatly weakened him in his labours:—a pointed, zealous preacher, and a strict disciplinarian;—a happy man, and one that appeared not to fear the face of any. He died in August, 1792, at Shoulderbone, Washington county, in the state of Georgia, and was blest with frequent consolations in his last hours.

2. John Sproul,—a simple, honest man, who gave himself wholly to God and his work; but was suddenly taken from toil to rest. Though he was weak in body he was fervent in spirit; and we venture to hope, though surprised by death, he went in peace to his eternal home.

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

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

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

Richard Whatcoat, *Elder*.

Dover, John Milburn, William Page.  
Milford, Walter Fountain, Joseph Rowen.  
Somerset, William Bishop.  
Northampton, to be supplied.  
Annamesssex, John Smith.  
Dorchester, Charles Burgoon.  
Talbot, to be supplied.  
Caroline, Christopher Spry, Hamilton Jefferson.

Queen Ann's, to be supplied.  
Kent, David Abbott, John Vanneman.  
Cecil, Benjamin Abbott, Frederick Corp.

Thomas Anderson, *Elder*.

Amherst, John Ellis, Henry Crank.  
Orange, D. Stringer, J. Buxton, W. Wilkerson.

Hanover, John Wynn, William Ball.  
Gloucester, William A. Lilly, James Dawley.

Williamsburg, William Spencer, Lawrence Mansfield.

Ira Ellis, *Elder*.

Cumberland, Stephen Davis, Christopher S. Mooring.

- Mecklenburg, Jas. Meachem, Wm. Moss.  
 Amelia, James Rogers, Joel Tucker.  
 Brunswick, Henry Merritt, Daniel Hall.  
 Greenville, Daniel Southall, Thomas  
 Easter.  
 Sussex, John Baldwin, Pemberton Smith.  
 Surry, Salathiel Weeks, Samuel Cowles.  
 Bertie, Benj. Barnes, Nicholas Sebrell.  
 Portsmouth, William Heath, John West.  
 Camden, Benj. Blanton, Anthony Sale.  
 Banks, James Hunter.  
 Edenton, Archer Davis.  
 Richmond and Manchester, Josiah Askew.  
 Norfolk and Portsmouth, William M'Ken-  
 dredde.  
 Petersburg, John Lindsey.  
 Franklin, J. N. Jones, S. S. Steward, T.  
 Wilkerson.  
     Isaac Lowe, *Elder*.  
 Caswell, F. Killinsworth, Geo. M'Kenney.  
 Union, Joseph Moore, James Holly.  
 Swanino, Samuel Edney.  
 Guilford, John Pace, Absalom Kinsey.  
 Haw River, David Richardson.  
 New-Hope, Aquila Sugg, William Wells.  
     James Parks, *Elder*.  
 Yadkin, John Fore, John Ahair.  
 Salisbury, David Haggard.  
 Anson, Jonathan Bird.  
     Thomas Bowen, *Elder*.  
 Bladen, Sihon Smith, Benjamin Denton.  
 Tar River, Joshua Cannon, C. Carlisle,  
 L. Dyson.  
 Goshen, Daniel Shines, Robert Cox.  
 Trent, Rufus Wiley, Simon Carlisle.  
 Mattamuskeet, Ezekiel Humphrey.  
 Scoperlong, Daniel Dean.  
 Contentney, William Bellamy, William  
 Douglass.  
 Pamlico, Wm. Ormond, Jeremiah Jack-  
 son.  
 Roanoke, James Nolley, Philip Sands.  
 Broad River, Enoch George, Wm. Moody.  
     Isaac Smith, *Elder*.  
 Catawba, John Bonner.  
 Santee, Tobias Gibson.  
 Edisto, John Russell, Samuel Ansley.  
 Great Pee Dee, Arthur Lipsey.  
 Little Pee Dee, Henry Ledbetter, Heze-  
 kiah Arnold.  
 Georgetown, Jesse Richardson.  
     Reuben Ellis, *Elder*.  
 Charleston, Daniel Smith, Jonathan Jack-  
 son.  
 Washington, James Tolleson, Jethro  
 Johnson.  
 Richmond, Josias Randle, Abner Henley.
- Burke, Benjamin Tarrant, Samuel Risher.  
 Savannah, Hope Hull.  
 Cherokee, John Crawford, Francis Parker.  
 Oconee, James Jenkin.  
 Seleuda, George Clark, James Douthet.  
 Bush River, John Clark. [ard.  
     Richard Ivy, Travelling Book Stew-  
     John Kobler, *Elder*.  
 New-River, Jacob Peck.  
 Holston, John Simmons, Stith Mead.  
 Green, Samuel Rudder, John Ray.  
     Francis Poythress, *Elder*.  
 Cumberland, Henry Birchett.  
 Salt River, Jacob Lurton, James Ward.  
 Danville, William Burke, John Page, J.  
 Sewell.  
 Lexington, John Ball, Gabriel Woodfill.  
 Hinkstone, Richard Bird.  
 Limestone, Benjamin Northcott.  
     Barnabas M'Henry, *Elder*.  
 Bedford, Bennet Maxey.  
 Bottetourt, John Metcalf, Jeremiah Nor-  
 man.  
 Greenbrier, Francis Acuff.  
 Cowpasture, George Martin.  
     Charles Conaway, *Elder*.  
 Clarksburg, Valentine Cook, Jesse Stone-  
 man.  
 Ohio, Thomas Scott, Robert Bonham.  
 Washington, Samuel Hitt, Ephraim Cham-  
 bers.  
 Redstone, Thomas Bell, Seely Bunn.  
 Pittsburg, Daniel Hitt, Alward White.  
     Philip Bruce, Lemuel Green, *Elders*.  
 Rockingham, Stephen G. Roszel, Ran-  
 dolph Smith.  
 Frederick, Joshua Wells, Thomas Boyd.  
 Winchester, Hardy Herbert.  
 Berkley, Wm. M'Lenahan, Thos. Lyell.  
 Alleghany, James Fleming, John Philips.  
 Fairfax, George Cannon.  
 Alexandria, Jeremiah Cosden.  
 Stafford, Thos. Haymond, Stuart Redman.  
 Lancaster, Lewis Chastain, Wm. Talbot.  
     Ezekiel Cooper, *Elder*.  
 Boston, Amos G. Thompson.  
 Needham, John Hill.  
 Lynn, Jordan Rexford.  
 Greenwich, David Kendall, Enoch Mudge.  
 Warren, Philip Wager.  
 Province of Maine and Lynn, Jesse Lee.  
     George Roberts, *Elder*.  
 Hartford, Geo. Pickering, Joshua Hall.  
 New-London, G. Roberts, R. Swain, F.  
 Aldridge.  
 Middletown, Joshua Taylor, Benjamin  
 Fidler.

Litchfield, Lemuel Smith, Daniel Ostrander.  
 Tolland, Joseph Lovell.  
 Thomas Ware, *Elder*.  
 Granville, Hezekiah C. Wooster, Jason Perkins.  
 Pittsfield, James Covell, Zadok Priest.  
 Cambridge, Joel Ketchum, Elijah Woolsey.  
 Saratoga, Matthias Swaim.  
 Otsego, Zebulon Kankey, Moses Crane.  
 Herkimer, Jonathan Newman, David Bartine.  
 Dutchess, Samuel Fowler, Robert M'Coy.  
 Albany, Samuel Wigton, John Crawford.  
 Columbia, Robert Green.  
 Fairfield, Aaron Hunt, James Coleman.  
 Jacob Brush, *Elder*.  
 Croton, Sylvester Hutchinson, Jacob Egbert.  
 New-Rochelle, Peter Moriarty, David Valleau.  
 Long Island, Joseph Totten, George Strebeck.  
 Staten Island, Thomas Everard.  
 Elizabethtown, John Ragan, Menzies Rainor.  
 Flanders, John Clark, Daniel Dennis.  
 Newburg, Lawrence M'Combs, Smith Weeks.  
 New-York, Thomas Morrell.  
 John Merrick, *Elder*.  
 Freehold, James Wilson, John Fountain.  
 Salem, Wilson Lee, Hugh Work.  
 Bethel, Gamaliel Bailey, Shadrach Bostwick.  
 Trenton, Robert Sparks, Isaac Robinson.  
 Burlington, Robert Cann, Robert Hutchinson.  
 Freeborn Garrettson, *Elder*.  
 Bristol, N. B. Mills, E. Pelham, L. Rogers.  
 Chester, Robert Cloud, William Hunter.  
 Wilmington, Evan Rogers, who after six months is to change with Robert Cloud.  
 Philadelphia, Freeborn Garrettson, six months, and then change with Thomas Morrell; Henry Willis, John Dickins, Superintendent of the Printing and Book business.  
 Nelson Reed, *Elder*.  
 Bath, Lewis Browning, Thomas Lucas.  
 Huntingdon, John Watson, Lasley Matthews.  
 Harford, Wm. M'Dowell, Richard Stockett.  
 Baltimore cir., Nathaniel Greaves.  
 Severn, Richard Parrett, Solomon Sharp.

Annapolis, John Bloodgood.  
 Calvert, Benton Riffin, William Nichols.  
 Prince George's, Andrew Nichols.  
 Montgomery, Morris Howe, Rezin Simpson.  
 Frederick, Martin Hitt, Aquila Garrettson.  
 Little York, John Chalmers, Simon Miller.  
 Fell's Point, Joseph Wyatt.  
 Baltimore Town, John M'Claskey, John Hagerty.  
 Valentine Cook, *Elder*.  
 Northumberland, James Campbell, James Paynter.  
 Tioga, James Thomas.  
 Wyoming, Wm. Colbert, Anthony Turck.  
 Seneca Lake, James Smith.

Quest. 13. *What numbers are in Society?*

	Whites.	Col.		Whites.	Col.
Dover	930	507	Franklin	566	92
Milford	781	319	Cumberland	416	43
Somerset	553	87	Mecklen-		
Northamp-			burg	479	32
ton	616	249	Amelia	645	139
Annamesssex	345	85	Brunswick	653	161
Dorchester	534	431	Greensville	665	347
Talbot	635	330	Sussex	448	206
Caroline	446	236	Surry	814	955
Queen Ann's	372	467	Bertie	616	176
Kent	523	462	Portsmouth	729	439
Cecil	434	321	Camden	555	347
Harford	532	178	Banks	174	4
Baltimore	916	144	Norfolk and		
Severn	928	598	Portsmouth	109	159
Annapolis	170	243	Bladen	480	72
Calvert	732	923	New-Hope	735	157
Prince			Tar River	610	160
George's	65	225	Goshen	366	52
Montgomery	728	362	Trent	587	337
Frederick	422	74	Mattamus-		
Frederick			keet	156	42
Town	24	24	Scoperlong	175	23
Bath	326	22	Contentney	360	96
Huntingdon	165	2	Pamlico	415	104
Northumber-			Roanoke	538	544
land	170	1	Charleston	50	169
Little York	156		Georgetown	52	180
Fell's Point	95	37	Little Pee		
Baltimore			Dee	589	31
Town	410	207	Great Pee		
Tioga	70		Dee	256	29
Wyoming	100		Santee	163	158
Lancaster	590	261	Catawba	163	4
Stafford	309	45	Broad River	541	78
Fairfax	520	50	Cherokee	528	13
Berkley	571	68	Seleuda and		
Frederick	485	126	Bush River	555	30
Rockingham	350	46	Edisto	474	135
Alleghany	382	20	North Savan		
Winchester	55	28	nah	104	
Alexandria	58	40	Burke	420	10
Amherst			Richmond	650	111
Orange	520	62	Washington	518	118
Hanover	477	62	Oconee	202	18
Gloucester	677	63	Green	345	9
Williams-			Holston	271	18
burg	589	241	Russell	125	4

	Whites.	Col.	Whites.	Col.
New-River	184	15	New-London	50
Salt River	340	24	Hartford	341
Danville	518	20	Middletown	170
Lexington	401	30	Fairfield	241
Hinkstone	291	4	New-Ro-	
Limestone	242	8	chelle	375
Cumberland	270	50	Croton	278
Bedford	474	102	Long Island	271
Bottetourt	470	30	New-York	639
Greenbrier	202	5	Staten Island	77
Cowpasture	48	8	Elizabeth-	
Clarksburg	307	3	town	226
Ohio	362	9	Flanders	310
Redstone	325	9	Newburg	397
Pittsburg	151		Salem	502
Dutchess	381	7	Caswell	517
Columbia	230		Guilford	613
Pittsfield	330		Salisbury	565
Otsego	296		Bethel	433
Saratoga	270		Burlington	397
Cambridge	440		Trenton	465
Albany	388	6	Bristol	194
Herkimer	142	8	Chester	379
Oswegotchie	90		Philadel-	
Bay Quintie	255	4	phia	354
Granville	90		Wilmington	82
Boston	41		Anson	214
Lynn	166		Union	236
Needham	50		Swanino	70
Greenwich	16			
Warren	58			
Litchfield	184			
			51416	16227
			Preachers	269.

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

1. Baltimore, Oct. 20, 1793.
2. Petersburg, Nov. 15, 1793.
3. North Carolina, Dec. 9, 1793.
4. South Carolina, Jan. 1, 1794.
5. New-Territory, April 2, 1794.
6. Kentucky, April 15, 1794.
7. Mitchell's, (Bottetourt,) May 26, 1794.
8. Rockingham, June 3, 1794.
9. Union Town, June 12, 1794.
10. Albany, July 10, 1794.
11. Lynn, July 25, 1794.
12. Connecticut, Sept. 8, 1794.
13. New-York, Sept. 22, 1794.
14. Philadelphia, Oct. 5, 1794.

CAUTION.

The brethren are requested to be on their guard against impostors. One of this character having made his way through North and South Carolina, collected money, purchased a horse by falsehood, and disappeared. If a preacher is on the travelling plan, he will be sent out from the district Conference; if he is in the local line, he can be recommended from his quarterly meeting. If doubts arise relative to any person who may appear under the character of a Methodist preacher, refer him to the preacher who has the charge of the circuit, for examination, before he is permitted to preach.

Quest. 14. *What is contributed toward the fund for the superannuated preachers, with the widows and orphans of preachers?*  
£127 10s.

Quest. 15. *What has been applied this year?*

To Jonathan Forrest	-	£24
To John Easter	-	24
To Charles Conaway	-	24
To Widow Hutchinson	-	6
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		£78

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Quest. 1. *Who are admitted on trial?*

John H. Reynolds, Edmund Wayman, Levin Moore, Henry Smith, David Thompson, Josiah Cole, James Jones, Freeborn Garrettson, jr., Rezin Cash, Richard Ferguson, William Dawley, John Weeks, Jeremiah Munday, Edward T. Rowzee,

Charles Ledbetter, Roger Hancock, Thos. Mann, James King, Richard Posey, John Lindsey, Moses Spear, John Dickin, Peter Guthrie, William Beauchamp, Samuel Welsh, Thomas Coope, Williams Kavanaugh, Lewis Garrett, Nicholas Snethen, John Wooster, William Storms, Ezekiel