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FOR 1824.

BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

WILLIAM M'KENDREE,
 ENOCH GEORGE,
 ROBERT R. ROBERTS,
 JOSHUA SOULE,
 ELIJAH HEDDING.

OHIO CONFERENCE.

- Quest. 1. Who are admitted on trial?**
 Sylvester Dunham, George Waddle, True Pattee, John A. Baughman, Robert Spencer, Job Wilson, Thomas Beacham, Alfred M. Lorain, Thomas Huson, Elijah Field, James M'Intyre, Isaac Ellsbury, Robert Hopkins, Silas Colvin—14.
- Quest. 2. Who remain on trial?**
 Billings O. Plimpton, John Crawford, Albert G. Richardson, Solomon Manear, John Jayne, Thomas Roe, George Gatch, James C. Taylor, Levi White, James T. Donahoo, John Pardo—11.
- Quest. 3. Who are admitted into full connection?**
 Whitefield Hughs, Richard Brandriff, George M. Mealey, John Walker, William Tipton, William H. Collins, Henry S. Fernandes—7.
- Quest. 4. Who are the deacons?**
 Those marked thus (*) were ordained this year.
 Whitefield Hughs,* Richard Brandriff,* George M. Mealy,* John Walker,* Wm. Tipton,* Henry S. Fernandes,* Charles Thorn, William Simmons, James Collord, James Jones, Daniel Limerick, Henry Knapp, Zarah Coston, James Murray, Nathan Walker—15.
- Quest. 5. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year?**
 Isaac C. Hunter, James Gilruth, Thos. S. Hitt, William H. Raper, John P. Durbin, Abraham Lippet, T. R. Buckel, elect—7.
- Quest. 6. Who have located this year?**
 Josiah Foster.
- Quest. 7. Who are the supernumerary preachers?**
 Truman Bishop, Thomas S. Hitt—2.
- Quest. 8. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers?**
 Ira Eddy, Alex. Cummins, Moses Crume, Michael Ellis, Robert W. Finley, John C. Brooke, Henry Baker, John Sale—8.
- Quest. 9. Who have been expelled from the connection this year?**
 None.
- Quest. 10. Who have withdrawn from the connection this year?**
 None.
- Quest. 11. Were all the preachers' characters examined?**
 This was carefully done, by calling over their names before the Conference.
- Quest. 12. Who have died this year?**
 Charles Trescott,—a native of Sheffield, Massachusetts, who was born in 1794, of respectable parents, and early instructed in the principles of the Christian religion. At the age of eighteen he was awakened to a sense of the necessity of experimental piety, and some time in the year following he was enabled to rejoice in the hope of salvation, and became a member of the Methodist Church. He remained in the church, first as a member, then an exhorter, and afterward as a local preacher, until 1820. Having removed to Ohio in 1818, he was received at the Ohio Conference in Chillicothe, 1820, as a travelling preacher, and appointed to Beaver circuit. In 1821 he was appointed to Erie circuit; and in 1822 he was admitted to deacon's orders, and appointed to Brunswick circuit, where he soon ended his days. He reached his circuit on Saturday, the 22d of September, which was a few days after the Conference, and on sabbath following he preached his first and last sermon to the people of his charge. He was immediately seized with illness, but was not ap-

prized of his approaching dissolution. Having received some medical assistance, he proceeded to the house of a friend in Brunswick, where he arrived on the following Wednesday. Here he received all necessary attention, and was supplied with medical aid; but his disorder, which was of the bilious kind, became inflammatory, and it was soon perceived that his illness would be severe. He bore his affliction with Christian fortitude and patience, and passed much of his time in prayer and praise. A few days before he expired, he said, "If I die I shall go to glory." He made all necessary regulations respecting his temporal concerns, gave directions about his funeral, left several messages for his parents and friends, and said, "There is victory in death, and death in victory." At three o'clock on sabbath morning, October 6, 1822, he expired, in full hope and confidence of eternal life. On Monday following his remains were committed to the dust, and a sermon preached, according to his previous request, by Rev. Ezra Booth, to a large and affected congregation, on Num. xxiii, 10: *Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his.* During the short time he was a travelling preacher he applied himself to study and labour, which rendered him useful in the vineyard of the Lord. He was systematic in his preaching, and the applications of his sermons were energetic and effectual. He rests from his labours, and his works follow him.

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

Ohio District.		Whites. Col.	
Erie	262	Zanesville town	206 12
Mercer	538		
Grand River	530		5986 20
Youngstown	777	Muskingum District.	
Deerfield		Staubenville	285
Hudson	415	Cross Creek	949
Brunswick	440	West-Wheeling	865 9
Beaver	729 27	Barnesville	1039
Newcastle	452	Duck Creek	879
	4143 27	Marietta	419
		Athens	780
Lancaster District.		Letart Falls	488
Hockhocking	324	Tuscarawas	701
Muskingum	760		6406
Fairfield	1130	Scioto District.	
Granville	690	Columbus	1128
Knox	553	Pickaway	900 3
Mansfield	727 4	Deer Creek	1123 6
Wayne	376	Scioto	974 24
Huron	334 2	Salt Creek	423
Delaware	308 2	Chillicothe	252 8
Zanesville circuit	578		

Whites. Col.		Whites. Col.	
Brush Creek	814 3	Indian mission	202
Burlington	345		7422 43
Straight Creek	680	Miami District.	
	6638 44	Cincinnati	722 43
Lebanon District.		Miami	764
Lebanon	183 1	Hamilton and	
Paint Creek	690	Rossville	95
London	573	Oxford	875
Mad River	1162 32	Greenville	426
Piqua	920	White Water	825 3
Milford	1255	Lawrenceburg	702 4
Union	1055 10	Madison	968
White Oak	1221	Connersville	357 1
Detroit	161		5754 50

RECAPITULATION.

		Whites. Col.	
Members in society this year		36348	193
last year		36193	179
Increase this year		155	14
Travelling preachers this year		122	
last year		111	
Increase this year		11	

Quest. 14. *Where are the preachers stationed this year?*

Martin Ruter, book agent, Cincinnati.

Onto Dist. *Charles Elliott*, P. Elder.

Erie, *John Summerville*.

Mercer, *Henry Knapp*.

Grand River, *Alfred Brunson*, Robert Hopkins.

Youngstown, *Samuel Adams*, Sylvester Dunham.

Hartford, *Charles Thorn*.

Deerfield, *Dennis Goddard*, *Elijah Field*.

Beaver, *Ezra Booth*, *Albert G. Richardson*.

Newcastle, *Thomas Carr*, *Job Wilson*.

PORTLAND DIST. *William Swayze*, P. Elder.

Hudson, *William H. Collins*, *Orin Gilmore*.

Brunswick, *Solomon Manear*, *John Pardo*.

Black River, *Zarah Coston*.

Huron, *True Pattee*, *James M'Intyre*.

Wayne, *John Graham*, *Isaac Elsbury*.

Canton, *William Tipton*.

Mansfield, *Shadrach Ruark*, *John Crawford*.

Knox, *Abner Goff*, *James C. Taylor*.

LANCASTER DIST. *Jacob Young*, P. Elder.

Fairfield, *James Gilruth*, *Isaac C. Hunter*.

Hockhocking, *Nathan Walker*.

Muskingum, *John Stewart*, *Thomas Beacham*.

Zanesville circuit, *William Cunningham*.

- Zanesville station, *Leroy Swormstedt*.
 Granville, *Edward Taylor*, *Henry S. Fernandes*.
 Columbus, *Charles Waddle*, *Alfred M. Lorain*.
 Delaware, *Thomas M'Clary*, *James Roe*.
 Athens, *Joseph Carper*, *Curtis Goddard*.
 MUSKINGUM DIST. *John Waterman*,
P. Elder.
 Steubenville, *Henry B. Bascom*.
 Cross Creek, *Archibald M'Iroy*, *Samuel Brockunier*.
 West Wheeling, *John M'Mahon*, *John Walker*.
 Barnesville, *James M'Mahon*, *Thomas Ruckle*.
 Monroe, *Abraham Lippert*.
 Duck Creek, *William Knox*.
 Marietta, *Daniel Limerick*, *Philip Green*.
 Tuscarawas, *George Waddle*.
 SCIOTO DIST. *Greenbury R. Jones*,
P. Elder.
 Pickaway, *William Stevens*, *James T. Donahoo*.
 Deer Creek, *Zacariah Connel*, *James T. Wells*.
 Chillicothe, *Cornelius Springer*.
 Scioto, *James Havens*, *William Simmons*.
 Straight Creek, *Andrew S. M'Lean*.
 Brush Creek, *James Quinn*, *Robert Spencer*.
 Burlington, *Whitefield Hughes*.
 Letart, *John P. Kent*.
 Salt Creek, *William Page*.
 LEBANON DIST. *John Collins*, *P. Elder*.
 Lebanon, *John P. Durbin*.
 Paint Creek, *Benjamin Lawrence*, *George Gatch*.
 London, *James Collord*, *Richard Brandriff*.
 Mad River, *William Landin*, *John P. Taylor*.
 Piqua, *George W. Mealy*, *John A. Baughman*.
 Union, *Arthur W. Elliot*, *Burroughs Westlake*.
 Milford, *Samuel Baker*, *James Smith*.
 White Oak, *Daniel D. Davidson*, *Samuel West*.
 Wilmington, *Nehemiah B. Griffith*.
 MIAMI DIST. *John Strange*, *P. Elder*.
 Cincinnati, *Russell Bigelow*, *Truman Bishop*, *sup.*
 Miami, *Allen Wiley*, *William J. Thompson*.
 Hamilton and Rossville, *Thomas S. Hitt*.
 Oxford, *Peter Stephens*, *James Jones*.
 Greenville, *James Murray*, *Silas Colvin*.
 Whitewater, *John Everhart*, *Levi White*.
 Lawrenceburg, *William H. Raper*, *John Jayne*.
 Madison, *John F. Wright*, *Thomas Hewson*.
 Connersville, *Aaron Wood*.
 Detroit, *Elias Pattee*, *Billings O. Plympton*.
 Conference missionary, *David Young*.
 Wyandot mission, *J. B. Finley*, *Jacob Hooper*.
 Quest. 15. *Where and when shall our next Conference be held?*
 At Zanesville, September 2, 1824.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.

- Quest. 1. *Who are admitted on trial?*
 William M'Commas, Daniel Tevis, Richard Duncan, Nelson Dills, Thomas Holliman, David Wright, Daniel Black, Clement Clifton, H. H. Kavanaugh, Newton G. Berriman, John S. Barger, George Richardson, Abraham Long—13.
- Quest. 2. *Who remain on trial?*
 Edwin Ray, George W. Robbins, Jas. Milligan, Uriel Hawe, John Jones, John P. Finley, John James, Henry W. Hunt, Major Stanfield, George Stephens—10.
- Quest. 3. *Who are admitted into full connection?*
 Hervey Sawyers, Peter Akers, Simon Booker, James Ross, Stephen Harber, William Chambers, Obadiah Harber, Thomas Joiner, Richard D. Neal, James Browder, Lewis Parker, Laban Hughey, Presley Morris, Thomas Atterbury, Caleb Crane, Jno. H. Power, Green Malone—17.
- Quest. 4. *Who are the deacons?*
 Those marked thus (*) were ordained this year.
 Milton Jamison, Isaac Reynolds, James Avis, Francis Wilson, Amos Smith, Geo. Locke, James Browder,* Henry Gregg, Lewis Parker,* Hervey Sawyers,* Peter Akers,* Simon L. Booker,* Obadiah Harber,* Thos. Joiner,* Stephen Harber,* Wm. Chambers,* Edward Stevenson, Esau Simmons, Blachley C. Wood, Luke P. Allen, Thos. Atterbury,* Caleb Crane,* John H. Powers,* Green Malone,* James Ross,* Richard D. Neal,* Laban Hughey,* John James*—28.