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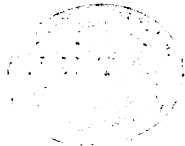
The Rev. Mr. WESLEY,

And OTHERS.



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CONVERSATIONS, &c.

LONDON, *Tuesday, July 26, 1785.*

Question 1. **W**HAT Preachers are admitted this Year?

Answer. William Adamson.—*Ireland*, Walter Griffith, John Clark, Hugh Moor.—*America*, Jesse Lee, James Hinton, Thomas Anderson, Thomas Humphries, Richard Swift, William Dameron, Thomas Bowen, William Phebus, William Ringold, Lemuel Green.

Q. 2. Who remain on Trial?

A. Alexander Suter, Thomas Bartholomew, Joseph Jerom, Edward Burbeck, John Ogylvie, Melville Horne, William Palmer, Charles Kyte, Benjamin Pearse, Timothy Crowther, Jonathan Crowther, John Muckarsy, William Butterfield, Richard Cornish.—*Ireland*, James Wilson, James M'Donald, William Hammet.—*America*, David Jefferson, Isaac Smith, John Smith, Elijah Ellis, John Robertson, William Jessop, James Riggin, Wilson Lee, Simon Pyle, Thomas Jackson, Samuel Breeze, Matthew Greentree, Thomas Ware, James Thomas.

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Q. 3. Who are *admitted on Trial*?

A. John Phillips, Thomas Jones, James Ridel, John Gwaltier, Peter Walker, William Fisher, John Smith, Charles Bland, John Ramshaw, William Hunter jun. William Blagborn, Robert Gamble, Alexander Kilham, Joseph Entwistle, John Roebottom, William Thirby. —*Ireland*, John Dinnen, Robert Lindsay, Andrew Coleman, Thomas Verner. —*America*, Mark Whitaker, Henry Bingham, George Nofeworthy, Stephen Johnson, Thomas Williamson, John Freeman, Michael Gilbert, Joshua Hartley, Jeremiah Maston, Hope Hull, Ezekiel Cooper, Hezekiah Bonum, Stephen Dickins, Levin Ross, Shores Bright, Eleazor Hatheway, Robert Sparks, William Steens, John Street, Garret Thompson, Robert Ayres, Jacob Brush, Moses Hurley, Robert Can.

Q. 4. Who *desist* from Travelling?

A. Thomas Cooper, William Moore, John Accut, Nathaniel Ward, John Hampson Sen. and Jun. — John Fenwick, James Perfect.

Q. 5. Who have *died* this Year?

A. *Thomas Mitchell*, an old Soldier of Jesus Christ.

Q. 6. Are there any *Objections* to any of our Preachers?

A. They were examined one by one.

Q. 7. How are the Preachers *stationed* this Year?

A. As follows:

1 *London*, John Wesley, Charles Wesley, Thomas Coke, James Creighton, Henry Moore, Benjamin Rhodes, George Whitfield, Thomas Rankin, and John Aday Supernumeraries.

2 *Suffex*.

- 2 *Suffex.* William Boothby, J. Phillips.
 3 *Kent.* George Shadford, W. Horner,
 Zachariah Udall.
 4 *Colchester.* Joseph Algar, Thomas Shaw.
 5 *Norwich.* Thomas Wride, T. Jones, J.
 Muckarfy.
 6 *Yarmouth.* Samuel Hodgson, Geo. Button.
 7 *Lynn.* William Palmer, Charles Bland.
 8 *Bedfordshire.* William Ashman, John Ingham,
 John Watson, jun. Super-
 numerary.
 9 *Northampton.* Joseph Harper, Jon. Parkin.
 10 *Oxfordshire.* Jonathan Cousins, Barnaby
 Thomas.
 11 *Gloucester.* James Hall, William Church,
 John Robotham.
 12 *Salum.* John Moon, John Wittam,
 Robert Empringham.
 13 *Bradford.* Christopher Watkins, Simon
 Day, Charles Kite, Timothy
 Crowther.
 14 *Bristol.* Samuel Bradburn, John Murlin,
 Jeremiah Brettel.
 15 *Taunton.* John Pritchard, John Pool.
 16 *Devon.* George Wadsworth, Michael
 Moorhouse.
 17 *Plymouth.* John Mason, Adam Clark, J.
 King.
 18 *St. Austle.* William Myles, Richard Cor-
 nish, Robert Pearse.
 19 *Redruth.* Francis Wrigley, Charles Bond,
 Joseph Jerom.
 20 *St. Ives.* William Green, Peter Walker,
 Robert Gamble.
 21 *Pembroke.* Joshua Kighley, Joseph Cole,
 William Hoskins.

- 22 *Glamorgan.* William Saunders, W. Holmes.
 23 *Brecon.* William Warrener, J. Cricket.
 24 *Birmingham.* Andrew Blair, George Story,
 Robert Costerdine: John
 Brittel, Supernumerary.
 25 *Borstem.* Thomas Warrick, S. Edwards.
 26 *Macclesfield.* Joseph Bradford, T. Dixon.
 27 *Manchester.* William Thompson, Thomas
 Lee, William Eells: John
 Furze, Supernumerary.
 28 *Chester.* John Fletcher, Richard Rodda,
 Melvill Horne, James Ray.
 29 *Liverpool.* Jonathan Herne, William Per-
 cival, George Gibbon.
 30 *Bolton.* Christopher Hopper, Jasper
 Robinson.
 31 *Coln.* Charles Atmore, Edward Jack-
 son, Robert Howard.
 32 *Leicester.* John Easton, Thomas Corbet,
 Joseph Pescod.
 33 *Nottingham.* Charles Boone, James Bogie.
 34 *Derby.* Thomas Tattershall, J Booth.
 35 *Sheffield.* Joseph Benson, Robert Hop-
 kins, John Barber.
 36 *Grimby.* William Dufton, G. Holder,
 Launcelot Harrison, Alex-
 ander Kilham.
 37 *Gainborough.* Thomas Carlill, Robert Scott,
 Samuel Botts.
 38 *Epworth.* Thomas Longley, James Wat-
 son, W. Butterfield.
 39 *Leeds.* Thomas Taylor, Thomas Ru-
 therford, Duncan Wright.
 40 *Birstal.* John Broadbent, J. Goodwin.
 41 *Dewsbury.* Robert Roberts, Tho. Tennant.
 42 *Huddersfield.* Isaac Brown, Wm. Hunter, jun.
 43 *Halifax.* John Allen, Thomas Johnson.
 44 *Bradforth.*

- 44 *Bradforth.* John Valton, Supernumerary,
John Shaw, Henry Foster.
- 45 *Kighley.* Parson Greenwood, Joseph Entwistle.
- 46 *Whitehaven.* Alex. Suter, Jos. Thompson.
- 47 *Isle of Man.* James Thom, John Ogylvie,
John Gualtier, John Smith.
- 48 *York.* Alex. Mather, Jer. Robertshaw,
William Adamson.
- 49 *Hull.* Peter Mill, Wm. Thom, Wm. Fish.
- 50 *Scarboroughh.* Wm. Collins, Samuel Bardsley,
Jonathan Crowther.
- 51 *Whitby.* John Peacock, John Ramshaw.
- 52 *Thirsk.* Philip Hardcastle, Tho. Brisco,
J. Crosby.
- 53 *Yarm.* Robert Swan, James Ridel.
- 54 *The Dales.* Thomas Ellis, George Mowat,
Edward Burbeck.
- 55 *Sunderland.* James Wood, John Beanland.
- 56 *Newcastle.* George Snowden, William Simpson,
Andrew Inglis.
- 57 *Berwick.* Wm. Hunter, Wm. Blagborne.
- 58 *Edinburgh.* John Pawson, Rob. Johnson.
- 59 *Dundee.* Tho. Hanby, Duncan M'Allum.
- 60 *Aberdeen.* J. Taylor, R. Watkinson.
- 61 *Inverness.* T. Bartholomew,
M. Lum.
- 62 *Dublin.* James Rogers, Christ. Peacock.
- 63 *Waterford.* James Jordan, Wm. M'Corrock,
Walter Griffith.
- 64 *Cork.* Daniel Jackson, Geo. Brown,
John Dinnen.
- 65 *Limerick.* Thomas Davis, Law. Kane.
- 66 *Castlebar.* John Leech, J. Watson, sen.

These two are to change twice a Quarter with Brother Bartholomew and Lum.

- 67 *Athlone.* Matthias Joyce, John Mealy,
John Wilson, Thomas Hal-
liday, Supernumerary.
- 68 *Sligo.* George Dice, And. Coleman.
- 69 *Balliconnell.* Rob. Bridge, Gustavus Arm-
strong, Thomas Verner.
- 70 *Clones.* Nehemiah Price, John Clark,
James Rennick.
- 71 *Iniskillen.* Thomas Barber, Tho. Hether-
ington, Samuel Mitchell.
- 72 *Charlemount.* John Crook, John Miller, J.
M'Donald.
- 73 *Lisleen.* Jos. Armstrong, Rich. Candy.
- 74 *Londonderry.* Jon. Brown, Wm. West, Wm.
Hammet.
- 75 *Belfast.* Rob. Armstrong, R. Lindsay.
- 76 *Lisburn.* John Karr, Hugh Moor, John
Price.

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Superintendents. Tho. Coke, Francis Asbury.

ELDERS.

- 77 *Georgia.* - - - B. Allen.
- 78 *Charleston.* - - - } F. Tunnell
- 79 *George Town.* Wool. Hickson. }
- 80 *Broad River.* - - - } H. Willis.
- 81 *Yeadkin.* H. Bingham, Tho. }
Williamson. }
- 82 *Holstein.* Rich. Swift, M. }
Gilbert. }

83 *Wilmington*

83	<i>Wilmington.</i>	John Baldwin.	} ELDERS.
84	<i>New River.</i>	Philip Bruce.	
85	<i>Tar River.</i>	Tho. Humphries, Isaac Smith.	} <i>R. Ellis.</i>
86	<i>Roan Oak.</i>	Edward Morris, M. Whitaker.	
87	<i>New Hope.</i>	Henry Jones.	} <i>R. Ivey.</i>
88	<i>Caswell.</i>	Elijah Ellis.	
89	<i>Salisbury.</i>	Joshua Hartley, H. Hull.	} <i>R. Ivey.</i>
90	<i>Guildford.</i>	J. Smith, Stephen Johnson.	
91	<i>Halifax.</i>	James Hinton, G. Noseworthy.	} <i>N. Reed.</i>
92	<i>Cambden.</i>	William Partridge, William Steens.	
93	<i>Portsmouth.</i>	T. Anderson, John Street.	} <i>N. Reed.</i>
94	<i>Williamsburgh.</i>	Jer. Maflon.	
95	<i>Bartie.</i>	John Dickins, D. Jefferson.	} <i>Enoch Mattson</i>
96	<i>Suffex.</i>	W. Glendinning, J. Easter.	
97	<i>Brunswicks.</i>	Edw. Dromgoole, James Haw.	} <i>Enoch Mattson</i>
98	<i>Mecklenburgh.</i>	John Major, John Robertson.	
99	<i>Amelia.</i>	William Dameron, John Freeman.	} <i>James O'Kelly</i>
100	<i>Bedford.</i>	T. Bowen, J. Kenny,	
101	<i>Orange,</i>	} T. Jackson, H. Bo- rum, S. Dickins.	} <i>James O'Kelly</i>
102	<i>Hanover.</i>		
103	<i>Redstone.</i>	Peter Moriarty, J. Fidler, W. Lee.	} <i>T. Foster.</i>
104	<i>Allegany.</i>	L. Green, J. Paup, W. Jessop.	
105	<i>Berclay.</i>	Eleazor Hatheway.	} <i>T. Foster.</i>
106	<i>Fairfax.</i>	Simon Pyle.	

107	<i>Lancaster,</i>	J. Everitt, L. Rofs.	} ELDERS. <i>I. Pigman.</i>
108	<i>St. Mary's.</i>		
109	<i>Calvert.</i>	Michael Ellis.	
110	<i>Frederick.</i>	William Ringold, S. Breeze.	} <i>R. What-</i> <i>coat.</i>
111	<i>Baltimore,</i>	Jon. Forrest, F. Poythress.	
112	<i>Kent.</i>	Thomas Curtis, G. Moore.	
113	<i>Talbot.</i>	Thomas Haskins, J. Cromwell.	} <i>C. Boyer.</i>
114	<i>Dorset.</i>	W. Thomas. G. Thompson.	
115	<i>Northampton.</i>	Philip Cox, M. Hurley.	
116	<i>Dover.</i>	Samuel Dudley, J. Wyatt.	
117	<i>Caroline.</i>	William Cannon, J. Lee, S. Bright.	} <i>IV. Gill.</i>
118	<i>Somerset.</i>	Henry Ogburn.	
119	<i>Annameffex.</i>	James White, R. Can.	
120	<i>Little York.</i>	John Cooper.	} <i>T. Vasey.</i>
121	<i>Philadelphia.</i>	Ira. Ellis, James Thomas, Robert Ayres.	
122	<i>Juniatta.</i>	James Riggins.	
123	<i>West Jersey.</i>	Wm. Phebus, T. Ware, R. Sparks.	} <i>T. Chew.</i>
124	<i>East Jersey.</i>	Adam Cloud, M. Greentree.	
125	<i>Trenton.</i>	Rob. Cloud, John M'Claskey, J. Brush.	
126	<i>New York.</i>		} <i>J. Hag-</i> <i>gerty.</i>
127	<i>Long Island.</i>	Ezekiel Cooper.	

ELDERS.

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| 128 | <i>Nova Scotia.</i> | } | <i>F. Gar-</i> |
| 129 | <i>Newfoundland.</i> John M ^c Geary. | | <i>retson.</i> |
| | | | <i>James</i> |
| | | | <i>Cromwell.</i> |
| 130 | <i>Antigua.</i> | } | <i>J. Baxter.</i> |
| | | | <i>Fer. Lam-</i> |
| | | | <i>burt.</i> |

Q. 8. How many Wives are to be provided for?

A. Sixty-nine.

Q. 9. How many of these are to be provided for by the Circuits?

A. Fifty-two: namely,

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|----|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | London. | S. Moore, Boothby. |
| 2 | Gloucestershire, | S. Church. |
| 3 | Bradford, | S. Empringham. |
| 4 | Bristol. | S. Bradburn, Moon, |
| 5 | Devonshire and
Taunton. | Day. |
| 6 | St. Austle. | S. Moorhouse. |
| 7 | Redruth, | S. Pool. |
| 8 | St. Ives. | S. Story. |
| 9 | Birmingham. | S. Green. |
| 10 | Borlsem. | S. Blair. |
| 11 | Macclesfield. | S. Warrick. |
| 12 | Manchester. | S. Bradford. |
| | | S. Goodwin, Lee, Cor- |
| | | bitt. |
| 13 | Chester. | S. Rodda. |
| 14 | Liverpool, | S. Herne. |
| 15 | Bolton. | S. Hopper. |
| 16 | Coln. | S. Swan. |
| 17 | Leicester. | S. Easton. |
| 18 | Nottingham | S. Boon. |
| 19 | Sheffield. | S. Peacock, Mowat. |
| 20 | Grimsbv. | S. Jam, Watson. |
| 21 | Horncastle. | S. Inglis. |
| | | 22 Gainborough |

22	Gainsborough.	S. Scot, Thom.
23	Epworth.	S. Longley.
24	Leeds.	S. Taylor, Rutherford, Wright.
25	Birstal.	S. Jos. Thompson.
26	Dewsbury.	S. Roberts.
27	Huddersfield.	S. H. Brown.
28	Bradforth.	S. Shaw.
29	Halifax.	S. Robertshaw.
30	Kighley.	S. Greenwood.
31	York.	S. Mather.
32	Hull.	S. Mills.
33	Scarborough	S. Collins.
34	Thirsk	S. Briscoe.
35	Yarm	S. Simpson.
36	Dales	S. Ellis.
37	Sunderland	S. Wood, Beanland.
38	Newcastle	S. Snowden.
39	Ireland	S. Brown, Dinnen, Kane, Watfon.

Q. 10. How are the other seventeen to be provided for?

A. Eight out of the Yearly Collection, viz. S. Harper, Cousins, Watkinson, Joyce, Bridge, Crook, Cundy, Lindsay. And nine out of the Preachers Fund, viz. S. Wride, M'Allum, Myles, Butterfield, Price, West, Rennick, Booth, (Tho.) Shaw, 6l.

Q. 11. What Numbers are in the Societies?

A. As follows:

London	2437	Huddersfield	788
Suffex	240	Bradforth	1088
Kent	322	Hallifax	974
Colchester	209	Kighley	1080
Norwich	617	Coln	1240
Lynn	202	Whitehaven	232
Bedford	336	Ile of Man	2422
		Northampton	

Northampton	331	York	872
Oxfordshire	500	Hull	884
Gloucester	584	Scarborough	651
Sarum	380	Thirsk	648
Bradford	1156	Yarm	506
Bristol	1531	Whitby	530
Taunton } Tiverton }	614	The Dales	805
Plymouth	282	Sunderland	1050
Cornwall East	757	Newcastle	1020
———— West	2578	Berwick	73
Glamorgan	197	Edinburgh	134
Pembroke	200	Dundee	110
Brecon	133	Aberdeen	290
Birmingham	900	Dublin	700
Borlsem	715	Waterford	300
Macclesfield	912	Cork	720
Manchester	2064	Limerick	250
Chester	670	Castlebar	293
Liverpool	587	Athlone	400
Leicestershire	710	Sligo	311
Nottingham	596	Ballyconnel	698
Derby	324	Clones	710
Sheffield	1300	Iniskillen	651
Grimsby	959	Charlemount	943
Gainborough	682	Lisleen	574
Epworth	691	Londonderry	444
Leeds	2500	Belfast	303
Birstal	2001	Lisburn	520

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Charleston	13	} <i>South Carolina.</i>
Broad River	110	
Roan Oak	468	
Tar River	425	
New River	588	
Wilmington	55	} <i>North Carolina.</i>
New Hope	150	
Caswell	191	
Salisbury	457	
P. D.	20	
Yeadkin	338	
Guildford	413	
Bartie	575	
Halifax	371	
Holstein	173	
Orange,	383	<i>Whites</i>
	40	
Bedford	321	
Mecklenburgh	372	
Brunswick,	408	<i>Whites</i>
	47	
Amelia	265	
Suffex	524	
Nansemond	202	<i>Whites</i>
	22	
Portsmouth	180	
Cambden	334	} <i>Virginia:</i>
Williamsburgh	180	
	5	
Hanover	20	
Redstone	115	
Allegany	267	<i>Whites</i>
	7	
Berclay	143	<i>Whites</i>
	11	
Fairfax	231	<i>Whites</i>
	14	
Northampton	133	<i>Whites</i>
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Calvert

Calvert	Whites	175	} Maryland.	
	Blacks	100		
Frederick	Whites	500		
	Blacks	37		
Baltimore	Whites	635		
	Blacks	131		
Kent	Whites	505		
	Blacks	328		
Talbot	Whites	648		
	Blacks	286		
Dorset	Whites	600	} Delaware.	
	Blacks	135		
Somerfet	Whites	260		
	Blacks	40		
Annameffex		258		
Caroline		800		
Dover	Whites	740		
	Blacks	169		
Little York	Whites	100		} Pennsylvania.
	Blacks	1		
Juniatta		10		
Philadelphia	Whites	400	} New Jersey.	
	Blacks	11		
West Jersey	Whites	473	} New-York	
	Blacks	8		
Trenton	Whites	278		
	Blacks	7		
East Jersey	Whites	258	} New-York	
	Blacks	9		
New York	Whites	94		
	Blacks	12		
Long Island		46	} New-York	
Nova Scotia		300		
Antigua	Whites	8		
	Blacks	1100		
In all		71817		

Q. 12.

Q. 12. What is the Kingswood Collection?

A. 649l. 16s. 9d.

Q. 13. What Children are admitted this Year?

A. John Rodda, and William Thom.

N. B. We will receive none for the time to come under nine years old.

Q. 14. What can we allow the Daughters of the Preachers?

A. Mary Rodda, 6l. the second year, Ann Watkinson, and Ann Roberts.

N. B. We allow nothing to a Girl under ten years old.

Q. 15. What is contributed to the Preachers' Fund?

A. 47^{l.} 12. 1.

Q. 16. What is allowed out of it?

A. To Thomas Westell	£. 30	0	0
William Whitaker	20	0	0
James Christie	10	0	0
John Bredin	12	0	0
Thomas Halliday	12	0	0
Matthew Lowes	5	15	6
Ann Morgan	12	0	0
Jane Wilkinfon	20	0	0
Lucia Burke	10	0	0
Elizabeth Standring	12	0	0
Mary Pennington	10	0	0
Alice Brammah	12	0	0
Elizabeth Shorter	10	0	0
Catherine Garnet	12	0	0
Elizabeth Dillon	5	0	0
Tabitha Norris	5	0	0
Margaret Payne	12	0	0
Sarah Barry	20	0	0
Sarah Naylor	10	0	0
Elizabeth Oldham	12	0	0
			Sarah

Sarah Rowell	6	0	0
Sarah Hofmer	10	0	0
Sarah Mitchell	24	0	0
Sarah Jaco	5	5	0
Nine Wives	102	0	0

In all, 411 0 0

Q. 17. What is contributed for the Yearly Expendes?

A. 899l. 14s. 4d.

Q. 18. How was this expended?

A. Arrears of last Year	£. 75	8	0
Law	65	8	3
Towards the Contingencies of the current Year	100	0	0
Preachers' Necessities	562	18	1
Eight Wives	96	0	0

In all, 899 14 4

Q. 19. What Houses are to be built this Year?

A. One at Winchelsea, Sheerness, Margate, Winchester, Dutchitt, Wallington, Camelford, Birmingham, Chesterton, Bullock-Smithey, Failsworth, Coln, Haslington, Bramley, Gainfborough, Hatfield, Holdbeck, Wichfield, Carlisle, Easingwood, Selby, Market-Weeton, Redcar, South Shields, North Biddick.

Q. 20. What is the State of our Societies in North America?

A. It

A. It may best appear from the following Letter.*

BRISTOL, Sept. 10, 1784,

To Dr. COKE, Mr. ASBURY, and our Brethren in NORTH AMERICA.

1. **B**y a very uncommon train of Providences many of the Provinces of *North-America* are totally disjoined from their Mother-Country, and erected into Independent States. The English Government has no Authority over them either Civil or Ecclesiastical, any more than over the States of *Holland*. A civil Authority is exercised over them, partly by the Congress, partly by the Provincial Assemblies. But no one either exercises or claims any Ecclesiastical Authority at all. In this peculiar Situation some thousands of the inhabitants of these States desire my advice; and in compliance with their desire, I have drawn up a little Sketch.

2. Lord KING's Account of the Primitive Church convinced me many years ago, That Bishops and Presbyters are the same Order, and consequently have the same right to ordain. For many years I have been importuned from time to time, to exercise this right, by ordaining part of our travelling Preachers. But I have still refused, not only for Peace' sake: but because I was determined, as little as possible to violate the established Order of the national Church to which I belonged.

3. But the case is widely different between England and North-America. Here there are

* If any one is minded to dispute concerning Diocesan Episcopacy, he may dispute. But I have better work.

Bishops

Bishops who have a legal Jurisdiction. In America there are none, neither any Parish Ministers. So that for some hundred miles together there is none either to baptize or to administer the Lord's Supper. Here therefore my scruples are at an end: and I conceive myself at full liberty, as I violate no Order and invade no man's Right, by appointing and sending Labourers into the Harvest.

4. I have accordingly appointed Dr. COKE and Mr. FRANCIS ASBURY, to be joint *Superintendents* over our Brethren in North America: As also RICHARD WHATCOAT and THOMAS VASEY, to act as *Elders* among them, by baptizing and administering the Lord's Supper. And I have prepared a Liturgy little differing from that of the Church of England (I think, the best constituted national Church in the World) which I advise all the Travelling-Preachers to use, on the Lord's Day, in all the Congregations, reading the Litany only on Wednesdays and Fridays, and praying extempore on all other days. I also advise the Elders to administer the Supper of the Lord on every Lord's Day.

5. If any one will point out a more rational and scriptural way, of feeding and guiding those poor sheep in the wilderness, I will gladly embrace it. At present I cannot see any better method than that I have taken.

6. It has indeed been proposed, to desire the *English* Bishops, to ordain part of our Preachers for *America*. But to this I object, 1. I desired the Bishop of *London*, to ordain only one; but could not prevail: 2. If they consented, we know the Slowness of their proceedings; but the matter admits of no delay. 3. If they would ordain them *now*, they would likewise expect
to

to govern them. And how grievously would this intangle us? 4. As our *American Brethren* are now totally disentangled both from the State, and from the *English Hierarchy*, we dare not intangle them again, either with the one or the other. They are now at full liberty, simply to follow the Scriptures and the Primitive Church. And we judge it best that they should stand fast in that Liberty, wherewith God has so strangely made them free.

JOHN WESLEY.

Q. 21. When and where is our next Conference to begin?

A. At Bristol, the last Tuesday in July 1786.

Whatever Preacher has been a Year on trial, may subscribe to the Preachers' Fund.

No Power which I ever enjoyed, is given up by the Declarative Deed. No such thing could have been supposed, had it not been for that improper and ambiguous word *Life-Estate*. This also has given the grand Occasion of Offence to them that sought Occasion.

Let the four Quarterly Fasts be duly observed, in August, November, February, and May.

Q. 22. Is it proper to sell any Books on the Lord's-Day?

A. By no means. Neither to talk of worldly things, more than is strictly needful.

Q. 23. Is it lawful to employ a Hair-dresser on Sunday?

A. We are all fully persuaded it is not.

Q. 24. Is it right to send our Children to a Dancing School?

A. It is intirely wrong. Neither do we think it right for any that keep Boarding-Schools to admit a Dancing-Master into their house.

LONDON.

LONDON, July 30. 1785.

WE whose names are underwritten, do declare that Mr. Wesley was desired at the last Bristol-Conference, without a dissentient Voice, to draw up a Deed which should give a legal Specification of the Phrase, "The Conference of the People called Methodists:" and that the Mode of doing it was entirely left to his Judgment and Discretion.

And We do also declare, That We do approve of the *Substance* and *Design* of the Deed which Mr. Wesley has accordingly executed and enrolled.

Thomas Coke	Charles Boone
Thomas Hanby	John Barber
John Pawson	Joshua Keighley
John Murlin	Joseph Harper
Thomas Taylor	William Collins
John Broadbent	Thomas Tennant
George Shadford	William Adman
Samuel Bradburn	Simon Day
Francis Wrigley	Thomas Warmick
Duncan Wright	William Myles
William Thompson	Isaac Brown
John Valton	Joseph Pescod
Alexander Mather	John Peacock
Thomas Rankin	John Moon
Richard Rodda	Christopher Watkins
Thomas Wride	William Green
Joseph Cole	John Easton
Joseph Taylor	George Whitfield
James Wood	Parson Greenwood
Benjamin Rhodes	

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LONDON, July 30, 1785.

WE whose Names are underwritten, but who were not present at the last Bristol Conference, do declare our Approbation of the Substance and Design of the Deed which Mr. Welley has lately executed and enrolled for the purpose of giving a legal Specification of the Phrase "The Conference of the People called Methodists."

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 Christ. Hopper
 Jeremiah Brettell
 Jonathan Hern
 William Boothby
 Samuel Hodgson
 William Sanders
 Jonathan Coussins
 Thomas Carlill
 William Adamson
 Thomas Ellis
 George Button
 Robert Swan
 William Warrener
 William Simpson

James Hall
 Joseph Bradford
 Thomas Longley
 Robert Johnson
 Samuel Bardsley
 Melvill Horne
 Joseph Algar
 Charles Rogers Bond
 John Furz
 Jeremiah Robertshaw
 Barnabas Thomas
 Jasper Robinson
 Henry Moore
 John Crickett
 Henry Foster

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