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 Morristown, O. M. Bontwell.  
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ferred to New Hampshire Con-  
 ference at Concord.

Benjamin F. Livingstone, trans-  
 Conference.

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 ence at Cochoituate.

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e and when shall our next Con-  
 ference be held?

field. Time not given.

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NOTE, Secretary.

Leroy Grant, Joseph B. Long-  
 ightman, Marvin P. Blakeslee,  
 McCullough—6.

ve been Elected and Ordained  
 ders this year?

h, Thomas H. Youngman, Tim-  
 mes Stanton, Ross O. Houghton

ve Located this year?

Charles Morgan.

the Supernumerary Preachers?

T. M. Williams, R. Cook, D.  
 eele, L. Bowdish, E. Owen, L.  
 Lyford, S. T. Tackaberry, S.  
 r, Thomas Thomas—13.

the Superannuated or Worn-out  
 Preachers?

G. Paddock, E. Bowen, J. Ar-  
 rory, W. W. Rundell, A. Peck,

J. Pomeroy, H. F. Row, H. Halstead, L. Beach,  
 L. K. Reddington, M. Adams, E. L. Wadsworth,  
 E. Dennison, A. Wood, E. L. North, D. Fancher,  
 A. Benjamin, J. C. Ransom, S. C. Phinney, T. B.  
 Rockwell, H. Tremain, H. C. Hall, C. Blakeslee,  
 A. R. Warner, L. C. Rogers, R. L. Kenyon, S. M.  
 Stone, W. Fox, A. E. Daniels, A. J. Kenyon, J. T.  
 Wright, D. Cheddester, W. D. Moore, Ephraim  
 Hoag, S. E. Brown, M. D. Gillett, M. H. Gaylord,  
 O. Squires, J. W. Jones, A. Chapin, G. Sawyer,  
 A. Fuller, A. Adams, D. B. Smith, W. Peck, A.  
 H. Nye, J. Slec, W. Tripp, N. Salisbury, C. M.  
 Bowen, J. Wells, A. S. Nickerson, R. Reynolds,  
 G. Baldwin, G. P. Jones, C. B. Crozier, C. C.  
 Lathrop—60.

QUEST. 9. *Who have been Expelled from the Con-  
 nection this year?*

None.

QUEST. 10. *Who have Withdrawn from the Con-  
 nection this year?*

None.

QUEST. 11. *Were all the Preachers' Characters  
 Examined?*

This was strictly attended to, by calling over  
 their names before the Conference.

QUEST. 12. *Who have Died this year?*

W. N. Pearne, J. B. Benham—2.

1. WILLIAM N. PEARNE died in Kingston, N. Y.,  
 April 30, 1868, in the seventy-fourth year of his age.  
 He was born in Rochester, England, and came to  
 this country some forty-six years ago. He resided at  
 New York Mills some years as the principal business  
 agent and accountant of a large manufacturing estab-  
 lishment. We are not able to state at what time he  
 became a member of our communion. Most likely it  
 was before his coming to this country. His relations  
 in England, both socially and Methodistically, were of  
 the first class. Dr. Paddock, then stationed in Utica,  
 formed a class in his house and made him leader. He  
 sustained an unblemished character, and his powers  
 rapidly developing, he soon became an able minister.  
 He was calm and dispassionate, but there was enough  
 of emotion and of thought to command a deep and pro-  
 found attention. In 1833 he joined the late Oneida  
 Conference, and soon filled acceptably some of the  
 most important appointments, among which were  
 Binghamton, Cortlandville, and Utica. He was pos-  
 sessed of an amiable disposition, was a faithful friend  
 and a Christian gentleman. As a minister he was clear,  
 chaste, practical, and fearless, and a passionate admirer  
 of the beautiful. His poetical productions found ad-  
 mirers, and as an amateur painter in his later years  
 he manifested a measure of genius. When inquired of  
 concerning the state of his mind in his last hours he  
 exclaimed, "Happy! Happy!" while his beaming  
 countenance and uplifted eye told better than words  
 could do the rapture of his closing hour. He was  
 brought to Cortlandville for burial, where, with those  
 of his kindred who had gone before, he awaits the com-  
 ing of his Lord. He had the happiness and honor of  
 giving to the ministry of the Church of his love two  
 sons well and extensively known, Rev. William Hall  
 Pearne, of Memphis, and Rev. Thomas Hall Pearne,  
 D.D., of Knoxville, Tenn.

2. JOHN B. BENHAM was born at Rome, N. Y., Sep-  
 tember 20, 1806, and died at his residence in Newfield,

N. Y., May 1, 1868, of bronchial consumption. He was  
 brought into the kingdom of God at the early age of  
 seventeen, and his heart and mind were very soon  
 drawn into the work of an evangelist. Using assidu-  
 ously the means within his reach, he sought to grow  
 in knowledge and grace with a view to meet any claim  
 that might be made upon him by God and the Church.  
 Two years at Cazenovia Seminary completed his pre-  
 paratory efforts, and in the spring of 1828 he started as  
 a missionary to the Indians of Upper Canada. He re-  
 mained there about five years, preaching to the red  
 men, and rejoicing with them in the blessings of a  
 common salvation. No beautiful temples, no culti-  
 vated homes, no refined circles were there, yet Jesus  
 was with him, and his banner over the missionary and  
 his family was love. Events transpired which caused  
 him to return to the States, and in 1834 he was received  
 on trial in the Oneida Conference. He filled success-  
 ively and successfully several charges in the Conference,  
 and then he was again separated to the work of a mis-  
 sionary, this time in an important and distant field.  
 When the African Mission was first proposed to him,  
 it was a critical question to settle, but after much  
 prayer he decided to go. In his letter offering himself  
 to the Missionary Board he says with heroic faith, "As  
 to dangers, sacrifices, privations, and death, we can  
 say emphatically, 'None of these things move us.'  
 The question most difficult to solve has been, 'Is it  
 duty?' This being ascertained, we have no fears, for  
 the path of duty is the path of safety." The offer was  
 accepted, and he was appointed Superintendent of the  
 Liberia Mission. He hastened to this field, and entered  
 upon his work with characteristic zeal, but with all the  
 energies of his powerful constitution and will he was  
 compelled to leave at the end of two years. Fevers  
 had broken his health and brought him, once at least,  
 in close proximity to death, and reluctantly he bade  
 adieu to Africa with its swarthy millions, though not  
 without leaving a missionary's blessing in that land of  
 missionary graves. His interest in the missionary  
 cause continued till his death, and in his will he made  
 a handsome bequest to the Missionary Society. After  
 his return home he was enabled to do effective work  
 some of the time and served several charges, last of  
 which was Newfield, where he finished his active labors  
 and his earthly life.

For some time before his decease it was obvious  
 his end was nigh. Calmly he watched the approach-  
 ing hour, conversing freely and cheerfully of his  
 departure. He spoke with humility, but with the  
 greatest assurance, of his future prospects, and at times  
 his feelings reached a point of rapturous praise. Such  
 expressions as these fell from his lips within a few days  
 of his decease: "Steadily looking to Jesus." "The  
 sting of death is gone." "Mansions, mansions, gone  
 to prepare mansions." "Victory, victory, through the  
 blood of the Lamb. Glory!" He expressed great sor-  
 row to leave his companion, but commended her to the  
 care of the kind Master, and then added, "We have  
 proved many times that the grace of God is sufficient;  
 that promise is valid yet." His last words were, "O  
 how sweet it is to sleep!" With these farewell words  
 he passed to the rest of the saints.

In reviewing the character and life of our brother we  
 find much to honor and commend. If we mistake not,  
 a vital religious experience characterized his whole  
 Christian career. As to his outward life, his work will  
 show his fidelity. In the ministry his earnestness and  
 devotion will not be questioned when it is remembered  
 that he occupied some of the most difficult and hazard-  
 ous posts of duty, and cheerfully suffered the peculiar  
 trials of missionary life. He left two works ready for  
 the press, one on "Mission Life in Western Africa,"  
 and one on "Indian Missions." But this minister and  
 missionary of the cross rests from his labors. The fields  
 he has cultivated are whitening to the harvest, and to  
 him will belong no small honor of the present success  
 of Methodism in this and other lands. "He being dead  
 yet speaketh."

QUEST. 13. *What is the Number of Church Mem-  
 bers, etc.?*