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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?*

James Fleming, Thomas Haymond, Daniel Dean, Absalom Kinsey, Leonard Dyson, Thomas Easter, Abner Henley, Henry Merritt, Edward Hardy, William Bellamy, Thomas Anderson, John Hutt, Isaac Smith, Benjamin Tarrant, Nicholas Watters, William Fulwood, Robert Cloud, John Hill, Amos G. Thompson, Robert Dillon, Matthias Swaim, Lemuel Smith, Thomas Morrell, Moses Crane, William Talbot, Robert Sparks, Stephen G. Roszel, William Page—28.

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 *What preachers have withdrawn themselves this year from our order and connection?*

William Ball, John Clark—2.

Quest. 9. *Who have been expelled from our connection for immoral conduct?*

Richard Ferguson.

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

1. Jacob Brush,—a native of Long Island. His name had an acceptable standing upon our Minutes from the year 1785 till his death. He was an active man of God, a great friend to order and union. He exerted himself much in his labours, but had long been subject to an

inflammatory sore throat, which prevented his usefulness from being so extensive as he wished. He died in New-York, of the epidemical fever, in the month of September, 1795, about the thirty-third year of his age. As his last illness was so severe, we can give very little account of the state of his mind in his latter moments: he was principally in a stupor, or unable to speak. However, just before he died, a preacher who was present took him by the hand, and asked him if he was happy. Not being able to speak, he gave his hand an affectionate squeeze, with an expression in his appearance of a calm resignation to God. We entertain no doubt but he rests in Abraham's bosom.

2. Stephen Davis,—a native of Gloucester county, in Virginia. He died in Norfolk, of the pestilential fever, in August, 1795, about the thirtieth year of his age. He had travelled in the itinerant connection about seven years. A man of established piety and great strength of memory. He was persuaded to take a part with some who sought to divide a part of the connection in Virginia; but soon discovered his error, and in his latter days he faithfully and successfully defended the order and government of the church, and promoted the union of the body. Industry and frugality were his constant companions; he wrought frequently with his own hands, and left what he possessed to the management of his brethren in the ministry, for the support and help of the travelling preachers. We have reason to believe, as he lived many years in Christ, so in Jesus he died. His mother was a child of God; her house was the first that was opened in Gloucester county for our preachers; from which there was a gracious spread of the gospel throughout the country, which still continues in a lively flame.

3. William Jessop,—a native of Sussex county, in Delaware state. He was a follower of Jesus about fifteen years, and a travelling preacher from the year 1784 till his death. A man of great simplicity and gospel sincerity. He laboured beyond his bodily strength. He had travelled in Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New-York; also a considerable time in Nova Scotia. He was patient in his affliction, and happy in his death. He died in Lancaster county, Penn., the latter end of the year 1795.

4. Reuben Ellis,—about twenty years in the travelling connection, during which time he travelled and preached through Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North and South Carolina, and Georgia. A man of slow, but very sure and solid parts, both as a counsellor and a guide. In his preaching weighty and powerful; a man of simplicity and godly sincerity. He was a faithful friend; he sought not himself. During twenty years' labour, to our knowledge, he never laid up twenty pounds by preaching:—his horse, his clothing, and immediate necessaries, were all he appeared to want of the world. And although he married in the last year of his life, he, like a Fletcher, lived as on the verge of eternity, enjoying much of the presence of God. He was a native of North Carolina; a man large in body, but slender in constitution. A few years before his death he was brought to the gates of eternity, and the fall before his dissolution was reduced very low by affliction; but he was always ready to fill any station to which he was appointed, although he might go through the fire of temptation and waters of affliction. The people in South Carolina well knew his excellent worth as a Christian and a minister of Christ. His last station was in Baltimore, where he ended his warfare in the month of February, 1796. His way opened to his everlasting rest, and he closed his eyes to see his God. It is a doubt whether there be one left in all the connection higher, if equal, in standing, piety, and usefulness.

5. Richard Ivy,—eighteen years in the work; a native of Sussex county, in Virginia. He travelled extensively through Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North and South Carolina, and Georgia. A man of quick and solid parts. He sought not himself any more than a Pedicord, a Gill, or a Tunnell; men well known to our connection, who never thought of growing rich by the gospel; their great concern and business was to be rich in grace, and useful to souls. Thus Ivy, a man of affliction, lingered out his latter days, spending his all, with his life, in the work. Exclusive of his patrimony, he was indebted at his death. He died in his native county, in Virginia, in the latter part of the year 1795.

His race it is run—his sorrows are o'er;  
His work it is done—he'll suffer no more.

6. Francis Acuff,—three years a travelling preacher; a young man of genius and improvable parts, and apparently of a firm constitution;—was much beloved, and greatly lamented by his family and Christian friends. He was born in Culpepper county, and brought up in Sullivan county, near Holston, in the state of Tennessee. He died in August, 1795, near Danville, in the state of Kentucky, in the twenty-fifth year of his age. Thus dropped the morning flower: though flourishing in the morning, in the evening cut down and withered. He was soon called away from his labours in the vineyard to the rest that remaineth for the people of God.

7. John Jarrell,—a man of an honest heart, and faithful in his labours. Considering his family charge, and the affliction and weakness of his body, he served the church of God in an almost unexpected manner. He travelled all the circuits in Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland, including the whole peninsula. He preserved a Christian and ministerial character; was a plain and lively preacher; a friend to discipline, order, and union. He died in Wilmington, Delaware state, in June, 1796. He had been travelling and preaching about ten years. His last illness was short. In his life and in his death his preaching was, *Be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.* He had an unshaken confidence and great peace and joy in the Lord Jesus Christ, as they who were with him in his last hours can testify.

8. Zadok Priest,—a native of Connecticut, who left his friends and connections to travel and preach the gospel, in which work he was faithfully employed for about two years and a half, but was taken with a discharge of blood, which increased to such a degree that he was obliged to desist travelling the circuit as a preacher where he was appointed. He then returned home to his friends; but his disorder increased, and terminated in a consumption. He returned to Warren circuit, in Rhode Island state, and from thence to Norton, in Massachusetts, where he was confined about three weeks, in which time he expressed a strong confidence in the favour of God, and had no doubt of his being saved, though by reason of his affliction he did not feel that joy in the Lord he had done at other