

sinning, and that sin would not be imputed to the believer, nor could be done away from the elect, till the article of death; this doctrine, unfortunately, had a most pernicious effect upon his heart and life. "In plain truth, (said he,) indeed I had shamefully fallen; and thus I fear thousands deceive themselves."

He continued in this backslidden state for many years. In the commencement of the revolutionary war, being a zealous whig, he early entered as a volunteer in the service of his country in the Maryland militia.

On his return from the army, the Methodist preachers were preaching in the neighbourhood where he lived, and with high prejudices he became a warm opposer and persecutor of the Methodists and their doctrine, calling them false prophets and deceivers of mankind; but in the year 1778 he ventured to go and hear Francis Asbury, the general superintendent of the Methodist societies; who preached at Mr. Edward White's; from that time his prejudices were so far removed, and his mind so far convinced, that he frequented the Methodist meetings and ministry; his particular friend, Doctor E. White, (a member of the Methodist society,) improved every opportunity of conversing with him on the subject of religion; he also put into his hands the writings of Mr. Wesley and Mr. Fletcher, to show him the difference between Methodism and Calvinism; he was soon convinced of the truth of the Methodist doctrines, and penitently acknowledged himself to be fallen from grace and from God into the gall of bitterness and bond of iniquity. He sought the Lord with all his heart, and by grace through faith was restored from his backslidden state to the mercy and favour of God; he joined society, and became a zealous, faithful member; and soon after began to exhort and warn others to flee from the wrath to come.

In the year 1780 he became an itinerant preacher. On the first day of October in the same year, he set out from the house of Doctor White, (in whose neighbourhood he had lived, and at whose house he had met in class,) and went to Dorchester circuit; from this time till his death he continued in the itinerant connection. By a reference to the annual Minutes of the Conferences, it may be seen where he laboured, and what stations he filled from time to time. He travelled extensively

through Maryland, part of Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New-Jersey. In 1786 he was ordained a deacon; in 1788 he was ordained an elder; in 1789 he was appointed as presiding elder; in 1804 he became superannuated, and so worn out that he was not able to fill or take charge of a district, circuit, or station; however, he continued in the strictest union with his brethren in Conference, firmly established in the doctrine and discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Wherever he travelled and laboured, he was like a flame of fire, proclaiming the thunders of Sinai against the wicked, and the terrors of the Lord against the ungodly; few men in the ministry were ever more zealous and laborious; he was bold, undaunted, and persevering in the discharge of his various ministerial duties, and the Lord prospered his labours, and gave him seals to his ministry; he was abundant in labours as long as his strength endured; his manner and usefulness are well known to thousands. He feared the face of no man, but sought the good of all.

In 1788 he wrote an account of his own life, which was published in the second volume of the Arminian Magazine, to which we refer the reader for a more particular relation of the events of his life up to that period. In the last few years of his life he could labour but little, being superannuated and much afflicted; but he maintained his integrity to the last. We had him long among us: he spent his time, his talents, his strength, and his all in the service of the connection. *He fought the good fight, he kept the faith, he finished his course, and henceforth there is laid up for him a crown of righteousness, which God the righteous Judge will give him in that day.*

It is worthy of notice, that he started as a travelling preacher from the house of Doctor White, and at Doctor White's house he died. He set out to travel in the month of October, and in the month of October he died. The first circuit he travelled was Dorchester, and in Dorchester he died!

His last expiring breath, his last articulation with the quivering, exhausted laws of life, were devoutly employed and closed in the solemn and pious exercise of giving honour, and praise, and glory to God, at the same important moment, his life, his

breath, and his shouts were hushed in the solemn silence of death, while his enraptured spirit took its flight from the tenement of clay, or earthly tabernacle, to the habitation above, the house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Thus ended the warfare and sufferings of our venerable father and brother in Christ, Joseph Everett—who, like an old veteran soldier, worn out in the service had borne the burden and heat of the day with firmness and perseverance. He endured the trials, hardships, and sufferings of many perilous and fatiguing campaigns; but now the struggle with him is over, the warfare is past, the victory is gained, and the scene is closed in triumphant shouts: he has gone home to Zion to obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. *Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord. May we die the death of the righteous, and may our last end be like his!*

His languishing head is at rest,  
Its thinking and aching are o'er;  
His quiet, immovable breast,  
Is heaved by affliction no more:  
His heart is no longer the seat  
Of trouble and torturing pain;  
It ceases to flutter and beat,  
It never shall flutter again.

3. John Wilson,—who was born February 13, 1763, at Poulton, in Old England, where he received a religious education; and by his virtuous parents was early taught the fear of the Lord. He became a member of the Methodist society in his native country. He came to New-York in the year 1793, recommended by the preacher then stationed in Liverpool. In 1795 he returned again to England on business, after the accomplishment of which, and returning again to New-York, he experienced some extraordinary manifestations of the love and presence of the Lord on the passage. From a very acceptable member of society in New-York, he graduated to class-leader, exhorter, and preacher, all which stations he filled with respectability and usefulness. He became a travelling preacher in the year 1797, and with great zeal and usefulness he filled the following stations: in the year 1797, New Rochelle; in the years 1798 and 1799, Long Island; in the years 1800 and 1801, New Rochelle and Croton; in the years 1802 and 1803, the city of New-York. About this time he was severely attacked with an obstinate asthma, which greatly restricted his ministerial labours, and laid the foundation

of his dissolution. In 1804 the General Conference chose and appointed him to aid in the management of the Methodist Book Concern, for which he was well qualified. By the General Conference in 1808 he was appointed first in charge in that Concern; in which he continued with honour and dignity to himself, and usefulness to thousands, till the day of his death.

He was conversant with the Greek and Roman classics: carrying with him his Greek Testament, he spent many of his leisure hours in the perusal thereof. He made great progress in polemical, experimental, and practical theology. He was an enlightened, able, and Scriptural divine. In penmanship, for perspicuity and swiftness; in correctness of accounts, and accuracy of calculation in business, he could be exceeded by but few.

His assurance of faith, his patience of hope, his modest humility, his resignation, his zeal and ardour of love, his integrity, and his generous and well directed bounties, form a superior example, worthy our imitation. His bereaved widow and mourning family can bear witness to his diligence in duty, submission under sufferings, his amiable tempers, his cheerful, instructive, and holy conversation: all which were expressive of his innocence and purity of heart.

In the service of the sanctuary, the ministry of the gospel through him was unadulterated and powerful, and, being faithfully dispensed, was crowned with success: often have sinners and backsliders heard his monitory voice, and trembled at the sight of their impending and threatening danger: often have mourners in Zion rejoiced at the consolation he brought them through the gospel, and embraced their gracious Saviour by faith, while he opened to them the riches of redeeming love. His most pleasing theme was *sanctification*; in this, his word was made the power of God unto the fall and immediate salvation of numbers. His exercise of discipline was characterized by mildness, united with strictness and very close attention.

Our well beloved and dear brother Wilson conversed and prayed with his family on the evening of the 28th of January, and at five o'clock the next morning, being unable to discharge the phlegm which rose in his throat, he was at once suffocated: and when his happy spirit was fled to God, the most placid serenity was expressive in

his countenance. He is gone! Such were his excellences, that even envy itself must be turned into praise, and malice and hatred into love and veneration.

May the great Shepherd and Bishop of immortal souls, who raised him up to us, and blessed us with him and through him, supply the vast loss the church has sustained; a loss none can repair but he who has all power in heaven and in earth.

Quest. 14. What numbers are in Society?

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

Table with columns for Holston District, Whites, Col., and Mississippi District, Whites, Col. Lists members like Watauga, Nollichuckie, French-Broad, etc.

Table with columns for Cumberland District, Whites, Col., and Indiana District, Whites, Col. Lists members like Nashville, Red River, Barren, etc.

Table with columns for Kentucky District, Whites, Col., and Muskingum District, Whites, Col. Lists members like Limestone, Licking, Lexington, etc.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

Table with columns for Oconee District, Whites, Col., and Ogeechee District, Whites, Col. Lists members like Appalachee, Milledgeville, Alcorn, etc.

Table with columns for Whites, Col. Lists members like Bush River, Keewee, Reedy River, Enoree, Congaree, Columbia.

Table with columns for Whites, Col. Lists members like Bladen, Brunswick, Wilmington, Fayetteville, Camden District, Santee, Georgetown, Great Pee Dee, Little Pee Dee.

Table with columns for Whites, Col. Lists members like Norfolk, Portsmouth, Camden, Bertie, Sussex, Suffolk, Edenton, Petersburg, James River District, Richmond, Hanover, Williamsburg, Gloucester, Orange, Green Mountain, Amherst, Bedford.

Table with columns for Whites, Col. Lists members like York, Mecklenburg, Cumberland, Trent, Straits, Pamlico, Roanoke, Tar River, Baltimore District, Baltimore cir., Great Falls, Fell's Point, Baltimore city, Severn, Annapolis, Pr. George's & Calvert, Washington city.

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Table with columns for Whites, Col. Lists members like Potomac District, Winchester, Fairfax, Stafford and Fredericksburg.

Table with columns for Whites, Col. Lists members like Redstone, Patsburg, Shenango, Erie, Ohio, Monongahela, Greenfield.

Table with columns for Whites, Col. Lists members like Philadelphia 1544, Bristol, Lancaster, Dauphin, Antialany, Canaan, Wilmington, Chester.

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RECAPITULATION.

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