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PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE.

Quest. 1. What Preachers have been admitted on trial?

Edward E. Asay,	Thomas Numbers,	John B. McCullough,
J. A. Whitaker,	R. H. Pattison,	Thos. J. Burrows,
John Commons,	Jonathan Turner,	Wm. Robb,
James Morrell,		

Quest. 2. Who remain on trial?

Thomas A. Fernley,	Peter Hallowell,	Henry Sanderson,
James E. Meredith,	Charles Hill,	William Rink,
Joshua H. Turner,	D. R. Thomas,	John Maddox,
Wm. E. England,	Zach. Webster,	

Quest. 3. Who are admitted into full connection?

George W. Lybrand,	R. R. Richardson,	Francis Rutter,
George D. Bowen,	J. W. Mecaskey,	John Shields,
Solomon M. Cooper,	James R. Anderson,	Newton Heston,
Samuel Pancoast,	Stearns Patterson,	

Quest. 4. Who are the Deacons?

James A. Brindle,	Henry R. Calloway,	*Geo. W. Lybrand,
Wm. Campbell,	Thos. C. Murphy,	*R. K. Richardson,
Goldsmith D. Carrow,	Henry B. Mauger,	*Francis Rutter,
Andrew Manship,	John C. Thomas,	*George D. Bowen,
James Y. Ashton,	George R. Crooks,	*J. W. Mecaskey,
Abraham Freed,	*Newton Heston,	*John Shields,
Thos. Newman,	*Samuel Pancoast,	*Solomon M. Cooper,
Samuel G. Hare,	*Stearns Patterson,	*James R. Anderson,

Quest. 5. Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?

George Quigley,	William Mullin,	Joseph J. Elsegood,
Daniel L. Patterson,	Arthur W. Milby,	John Allen,
James McCarter,	Nicholas Ridgely,	Joseph H. Wythes.

Quest. 6. Who have located this year?—None.

Quest. 7. Who are the Supernumerary preachers?

William H. Gilder,	John Tally,	John Woolson,
James Mitchell,	Matthew Sorin,	James Nichols,
Edward Kennard,	W. C. Thomas,	J. Carlisle,
Wm. Ryder,	G. Barton,	
Wm. Quinn,	J. A. Boyle,	

Quest. 8. Who are the Superannuated or worn out Preachers?

G. Wiltshire,	H. White,
Asa Smith,	Ezekiel Cooper.

Those marked (*) were ordained this year.

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 Who have withdrawn from the connection this year?—None.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 strictly attended to by calling over their names before the Conference.

Quest. 12. Who have died this year?

Wm. W. Foulks,* Nathan Swain.

Quest. 13. What numbers are in Society?

North Philadelphia District.		Reading District	
Whites.	Col'd.	Whites.	Col'd.
St George's	917	Reading,	250
Nazareth,	780	Pottstown,	300
Eighth Street,	725	Norristown,	130
St. John's,		Bethel and Evansburg,	125
Fifth Street,	725	Attleborough,	441
Kensington,	517	Lehman's Chapel,	69
Sanctuary,	170	Bristol,	200
Zoar,	160	Easton,	268
New Market Street,	310	Deamer's,	
Twelfth Street,	200	Richmond,	135
Bethlehem,	130	Stroudsburg,	270
Cohocksink,	109	Stoddartsville,	85
Manayunk,	310	Allentown,	46
Germantown,	426	3 Mauch Chunk,	176
Milestown,	160	3 Pottsville,	338
Frankford,	291	Ebenezer,	75
Holmesburg,	230	1 Lebanon,	200
		Dauphin,	200
		Harrisburg,	350
		Halifax,	330

South Philadelphia District		Wilmington District.	
Union,	961	Wilmington—Asbury,	594
Trinity,	272	" St. Paul's	192
Mariner's Bethel,	370	Cecil,	638
Ebenezer,	990	Nottingham,	589
Wharton Street,	480	Strasburg,	414
St. Paul's,	588	Soudersburg,	550
John Wesley,		Brandywine,	400
Salem,	705	West Chester,	144
Western Church,	260	Port Deposit,	172
South City Mission,		8 North East,	271
Asbury,	200	Elkton,	104
Haddington,	59	Chester,	1059
Radnor,	380	2 Chester Station,	65
Phoenixville,	141	Grove,	343
Springfield,	650	Delaware City,	500
Lancaster,	135	New Castle,	69
Columbia,	200		
Mount Joy,	219		

*See at the end of Minutes.

Easton District.

Whites.		Col'd.		Snow Hill District.	
Middletown and Cantwell's				Whites.	Col'd.
Bridge,	192	72	Seaford,	320	137
Smyrna,	576	244	Dorchester,	750	661
Smyrna Station,	220	66	Cambridge,	415	420
Dover,	726	317	Church Creek,	715	412
Frederica,	687		Salisbury,	785	537
Milford,	966	351	Princess Ann,	619	340
Denton,	749	344	Annamessex,	540	255
Caroline,	627	424	New Town,	205	246
Talbot,	664	333	Accomac,	651	319
Easton,	458	360	Northampton,	360	218
Centreville,	415	600	Snow Hill,	460	350
Church Hill,	770	485	Berlin,	398	248
Kent,	394	506	Milton,	552	105
Millington,	376	400	Georgetown,	848	41
			Laurel	805	151

RECAPITULATION.

North Philadelphia District,	6685	167
South " "	6610	10
Reading " "	4027	40
Wilmington " "	6104	628
Easton " "	7820	4252
Snow Hill " "	8423	4440
Total this year,	39669	9537
" last year,	41245	10742
Decrease,	1676	1209

Quest. 14 Where are the Preachers stationed this year

NORTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT, J. A. Massy, P. E.	
St. Georges,	I. T. Cooper
Nazareth;	R. Gerry, H. R. Calloway
Eighth street,	H. G. King
St. Johns,	S. Higgins, W. W. McMichae
Fifth street,	W. Cooper
Kensington,	J. Smith
{ Sanctuary,	J. L. Taft
{ Zoar and J. Wesley.	J. Bissey
New Market street,	H. E. Gilroy
{ Twelfth street,	J. D. Curtis
{ Bethlehem,	W. Bishop
Cohocksink,	S. G. Hare
Manayunk,	C. Karsner
Germantown,	M. H. Sisty, S. Pancoast
{ Milestown,	J. Edwards
{ Lehman's Chapel,	J. Flannery
Frankford,	C. J. Crouch
Philadelphia City Mission,	J. B. Ayres
Holmesburgh,	P. J. Hollowell
Busletown,	W. McCoombs

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT, L. Scott, P. E.
 { Union, J. P. Durbin, M. Sorin, sup.
 { German Mission, To be supplied
 Trinity, F. Hodgson
 Mariner's Bethel, J. S. Taylor
 Ebenezer, G. Lacy, J. Woolson, sup.
 Wharton street, G. Orum
 St Pauls, Wm. Urie
 Salem, S. H. Higgins, J. Mitchel, sup.
 { Western Church, Wm. Barnes
 { Ashbury, J. A. Roache
 Haddington, G. D. Carrow
 Radner, T. Sumption, H. Sanderson
 Phoenixville, N. Ridgley
 Springfield, R. M. Greenbank, H. B. Mauger
 Lancaster, W. A. Wiggins, A. Manship
 Columbia, S. Townsend
 Marietta, R. McNamee.
 W. Gilder, Sup. Principal of Belle-Vue F. Seminary.
 READING DISTRICT—J. A. McFarland, P. E.
 Reading, E. Miller
 { Pottsville, J. Neil
 { Port Carbon, J. C. Thomas, E. G. Asay
 { Port Clinton, J. Shields
 { Pottsville, 2d church, J. J. Elsegood
 { Minersville, N. Heston
 Manch Chunk, J. W. Mecaskey, J. A. Boyle, Sup.
 { Easton, P. Coomb
 { Allentown, G. Quigly, T. C. Murphy
 Richmond, J. Y. Ashton
 Stroudsburg, Wm. L. Grey
 Stoddartsville, G. B. Bowen
 Harrisburgh, J. Castle
 { Dauphin, E. Reed
 { Halifax, J. A. Watson
 { Lebanon, J. Ruth
 { Pine Grove, T. A. Fernley
 Pottstown, J. W. Arthur, J. Turner
 Bristol, T. S. Johnson
 Attleborough, James Hand, D. D. Lore
 { Norristown, D. L. Patterson
 { Bethel and Evansburgh, J. H. Wythes,
 G. R. Crooks, Principal of Grammar School, Dickinson College.
 WILMINGTON DISTRICT—D. Lambdin, P. E.
 Wilmington,—Asbury, A. Atwood, J. Tally, Sup.
 " St. Pauls, J. Kennaday
 Cecil, J. Cunningham, S. Patterson
 Nottingham, L. K. Berridge, T. Miller
 Strasburg, Wm. K. Goentner
 Soudersburg, A. John, J. A. Whitaker
 Brandywine, J. Bayne, W. Robb
 Westchester, D. E. Gardner
 Port Deposit, W. H. Elliot
 North East, P. J. Cox

Elkton, L. Storks, E. Kennard, sup.
 Chester, J. Humphrys, J. Henry
 Chester Station, J. R. Merrill
 Grove, D. Dailey, J. W. Lybrand
 Delaware city, J. Lednum, J. B. McCullough, W. C. Thomas, sup.
 New Castle, A. W. Milby, W. Rider, sup.
 EASTON DISTRICT—J. T. Hazzard P. E.
 Middletown and Cantwell's
 - Bridge, J. B. Hagany
 Smyrna, E. R. Williams
 Smyrna Station, J. Mason
 Dover, H. Sutton, J. R. Anderson
 Frederica, J. Bell
 Milford, J. L. Houston, D. R. Thomas
 Denton, J. D. Long, A. Freed, J. Carlisle, sup.
 Caroline, S. Grace, T. Numbers, J. Nichols, sup.
 Talbot, J. Asprill, J. E. Meredith
 Easton, B. F. Price, W. Rink
 Centreville, M. D. Kurtz, T. Newman
 Church Hill, J. Harmer S. Barton, sup.
 Kent, R. W. Thomas, J. Walsh
 Millington, D. Shields, J. Commons,
 SNOW HILL DISTRICT, T. J. Thompson, P. E.
 Seaford, J. McCarter
 Dorchester, R. E. Kemp, R. H. Pattison
 Cambridge, J. D. Onins, W. E. England
 Church Creek, E. J. Way, John Madd ux
 Salisbury, J. Allen, J. H. Turner
 Princess Ann, C. Shock, F. Rutter,
 Annamessex, W. Mullin, John Allen
 Newton, V. Smith, Z. Webster, W. Quinn, sup.
 Accomac, J. Hargis, C. Hill
 Northampton, V. Grey, J. A. Brindle
 Snow Hill, T. J. Quigley,
 Berlin, Wm. Campbell, T. J. Burroughs
 Milton, L. M. Prettyman, J. Morrell
 Georgetown, W. Spry, S. M. Cooper
 Laurel, H. S. Atmore, R. R. Richardson
 J. S. Inskip, Transferred to Ohio Conference.

Quest. 15. When and where shall the next conference be held?
 At St. Paul's Church, Wilmington, Del., March 31, 1847.

Statistics of the Philadelphia Conference.

	Elders.		Deacons.		Col. Preachers.		Local Preachers.		Schools.		Superintendents.		Teachers.		Scholars.		Books.		Miss. Money.		Bible Money.		Education.		
	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	
<i>North Philadelphia Dist.</i>																									
St. George's	2	1	2	4	51	354	1165	155	92	17	00	8	06												
Nazareth	2	3	2	4	73	570	1810	259	73	15	38	5	76												
Eighth Street		2	1	3	54	382	1374	15	90	34	63	7	00												
St. John's	1	3	3	3	73	586	1072	55	02	17	77	14	00												
Fifth Street		2	1	2	76	450	881			15	00	7	75												
Kensington	1	3	2	4	88	373	500	49	50	13	89	4	28												
Sanctuary		1	1	2	41	438	810	19	85	5	14	2	50												
Zoar, (colored)	1	2	4	1	14	60	400																		
New Market Street		4	1	2	43	400	850	22	50	5	00	3	00												
Twelfth Street			2	3	46	325	500			7	50	3	50												
Bethlehem	1							7	40	4	05	3	28												
Cohocksink		2	1	1	26	280	382	20	00	5	06	5	32												
Manayunk		3	1	2	47	507	900	90	00	16	00	12	60												
Germantown	1	3	2	3	42	271	981	3	32	6	27														
Milestown	2	1	3	3	35	200	300	9	07	10	26	3	58												
Frankford		2	1	1	31	200	720	35	31	7	62	7	00												
Holmesburg	1	2	3	5	25	272	612	36	71	5	92	3	51												
<i>South Philadelphia Dis.</i>																									
Union		2	7	21	141	966	2525	601	79	55	63	46	50												
Trinity	1		1	2	38	297	970	418	11	63	03	32	00												
Mariners' Bethel		3	1	2	40	320	600			5	33	2	00												
Ebenezer	3	5	3	5	70	538	505	248	26	18	85	10	65												
Wharton Street	2	1	1	2	56	375	850	35	00	6	71	4	62												
St. Paul's	1	1	1	3	45	392	1000	226	25	13	50	5	50												
John Wesley	2		3	1	11	32	150																		
Salem		5	1	2	27	300	550	200	00	16	40	4	50												
Western Church	1	3	2	2	34	209	940	7	15	6	75	3	50												
South City Mission		1	2	2	21	162	611	44	85	15	00	4	00												
Asbury																									
Haddington			1	1	9	60	195	24	43	5	25	2	61												
Radnor	1	2	8	8	60	478	933	27	87	14	26	8	11												
Phoenixville			1	2	12		150	6	00	5	00	1	50												
Springfield	3	3	10	12	84	633	1230	42	37	16	78	10	00												
Lancaster*			1	1	25	175	210	16	19			3	08												
Columbia			1	2	33	211	1250	18	00	7	82	6	50												
Mount Joy		3	4	6	54	350	1100	5	25	6	30	3	18												
<i>Reading District.</i>																									
Reading			2	3	36	166	450	21	00	6	50	4	00												
Pottstown			8	12	67	504	814	49	25	11	22	5	00												
Norristown			1	1	14	120	340	11	50	7	26	2	25												
Bethel and Evansburg	2		3	3	30	140	370	6	17	7	87	2	05												

The Bible Money was paid over to the Local Societies.

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	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	
<i>Reading District.</i>																									
Attleborough			1		7	7	65	358	236	33	76	14	02	4	10										
Lehman's Chapel			1	1	1	1	7	30	120	3	67	2	13	1	87										
Bristol			1	1	2	2	30	250	300	9	50	12	00	3	00										
Easton			2		2	3	47	228	600	43	00	15	00	8	07										
Deamers																									
Richmond					2	2	14	125	120	6	75	1	75	2	60										
Stroudsburg			1	3	5	5	45	289	600	11	61	6	74	2	60										
Stoddartsville			1	1	2	2	8	55	65	3	37	3	00												
Allentown			1	1	13	93	396	3	47	2	10	3	21												
Mauch Chunk			3	3	33	175	590	19	90	10	34	3	78												
Pottsville			6	8	76	506	1300	124	91	36	00	11	10												
Ebenezer			1	1	1	1	12	60	200			2	70												
Lebanon			3	5	38	235	805	5	65	13	09	7	82												
Dauphin			7	10	57	360	875	10	12	8	50														
Harrisburgh*	1	1	1	1	2	3	35	250	710	103	23														
Halifax			2		5	5	44	270	687	31	00	11	05	3	51										
<i>Wilmington District.</i>																									
Wilmington—Asbury			1	2	2	4	57	430	535	96	57	13	14												
“ St. Paul's*			2	2	2	3	23	165	300																
Cecil			1	4	5	5	39	270	475	48	69	46	97	7	27										
Nottingham			2	4	7	15	73	351	490	7	33	14	77	7	74										
Strasburg			5	9	9	9	51	575	525	43	77	13	52	2	06										
Soudersburg			1	1	9	9	70	629	529	10	00	9	99	4	00										
Brandywine	1	1	2	2	8	9	76	500	900	18	00	15	00	5	00										
West Chester	1	1	2	2	20	174	585	44	75	6	00	2	62												
Port Deposit			1	1	2	2	20	124	500	26	00	9	00	1	77										
North East			2	3	4	5	37	186	332	20	72	26	95	5	40										
Elkton					1	1	9	50	150	12	75	4	00	1	29										
Chester			2	4	9	12	112	778	1615	79	73	16	89	13	62										
Chester Station					1	1	12	83	230			4	00	2	73										
Grove			1	1	5	5	27	340	700	40	00	13	91	3	80										
Delaware City			2	1	5	6	43	265	500			12	00	6	00										

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									D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	
<i>Easton District</i>															
Milford	1	1	5	3	9	10	45	504	600	90	46	2	09	2	06
Denton			2	1	10	13	66	456	690	47	00	7	05	4	65
Caroline			4	1	4	5	18	99		25	60	13	00	4	75
Talbot*	1		1		4	8	60	213	300	150	32	27	22	10	40
Easton			1		1	2	15	80	135	150	21	7	00		
Centerville			3	3	3	5	18	112	100	61	70	7	00	4	15
Church Hill	1	3	2	2	5	8	24	150	200	60	00	5	66	1	53
Kent			3	6	4	4	22	220	436	28	00	23	40	2	84
Millington	1			5	7	42	247	550	550	15	00	18	00	10	00
<i>Snow Hill District.</i>															
Seaford		1		7	7	44	276	440	31	00	4	25	3	00	
Dorchester	1		2	7	12	55	230	70	120	00	11	06	7	55	
Cambridge	1	3	4	2	3	12	95		151	16	10	00	2	65	
Church Creek			2	5	12	27	219	130	300	00	11	00	5	00	
Salisbury	1	1	2	7	10	54	259	73	222	00	21	00	7	71	
Princess Ann	1		2	11	11	67	284	145	133	00	10	00	6	00	
Annamesssex	1	1	1	10	11	52	369	197	250	50	16	75	7	85	
New Town			1	4	6	47	83	20							
Accomac	1	1	2	2	2	20	70	20	93	05	43	11	8	00	
Northampton		4	2	1	1	4	38		142	63	65	30	4	07	
Snow Hill	2	1	3	5	5	15	105		42	90	7	65	3	50	
Berlin		1	2	4	4	25	200	200	11	75	6	50	3	00	
Milton			1	8	8	47	403	583	100	00	11	00	4	29	
Georgetown	1		1	5	10	35	263	542	10	00	2	00	1	00	
Laurel	1	1	1	7	7	37	216	339	56	00	10	09	2	56	

* The amount of Missionary Money last year should have been \$260, instead of \$26, as reported.

Interest on Centenary Fund, \$343 57.

This amount was distributed as follows:

Brother Asa Smith,	\$40 00	Sister Poits,	\$10 00
J. Woolson,	40 00	Rusling,	10 00
Wm. Ryder,	40 00	M'Coy,	10 00
Sister McClenahan,	20 00	Best,	10 00
Fisher,	20 00	Nicholson,	10 00
Collins,	20 00	Williams,	10 00
Sharp,	10 00	Vanscoyke,	10 00
Leonard,	10 00	Drain,	10 00
Lybrand	10 00	Conley,	
Warfield,	10 00		
Hill,	10 00		
Torbent,	10 00		

RESOLUTIONS OF CONFERENCE.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

Resolved, That we will take up collections in all our appointments during the month of July in behalf of said Sunday School Union, in addition to the quarterly collections in our Sunday Schools.

EDUCATION.

Resolved, That in view of the deficiency of the income, in consequence of the withdrawal by the State of Pennsylvania of the appropriations to colleges, the collections in the churches, in behalf of education, be continued.

STEWARDS' ACCOUNTS.

Resolved, That each preacher who shall have charge of a circuit or station, during the ensuing year, be and is hereby required on penalty of censure by the conference to be prepared to deliver to the stewards his conference and ten cent collections on the second day of the next annual session.

TIMES OF COLLECTIONS.

Resolved, That the public collections ordered by this conference be taken at the following periods of the Conference Year, viz:

1, The Bible collection in June; 2, the Sunday School Union in July; 3, the Educational in October; 4, the Missionary in November, December and January 5, the Conference and ten cent, in January, February and March.

BIBLE SOCIETY.

Resolved, That the preachers be and are hereby earnestly requested to take up a collection in each of their congregations in behalf of the bible cause in the first half of the Conference Year.

Whereas, It is highly important that our members and the community should be fully instructed as to the periodicals for which we as a church are responsible, and greatly to be desired that no paper purporting to be Methodist should circulate within the bounds of our conference to the prejudice of our church periodicals.

Therefore, Resolved, 1, That we hereby respectfully inform our members and friends that there is no paper published within the bounds of the Philadelphia Conference over which we have any controul, or from whose publication we receive any pecuniary benefit.

Resolved, 2, That we affectionately recommend our people in all cases, to give the preference to those religious periodicals which are published by authority of the General Conference, both on account of the control which the church exercises over those papers, and because their funds are applied to the relief of the superannuated and supernumerary preachers and widows and orphans of deceased travelling preachers.

CONFERENCE SERMON.

Rev. David Dailey will preach the Annual Sermon on the first day of the next Conference at 10 o'clock, A. M.

FAST DAY.

The first Friday in July, 1846, to be observed as a day of fasting and prayer.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

First Year.

1. Bible as to Doctrine, Robert Gerry.
2. Wesley's Sermons, William Urie.
3. Fletcher's Appeal and Christian Perfection, D. E. Gardiner.
4. English Grammar and Composition, Vaughan Smith.

Second Year.

1. Bible as to Ordinances or Sacraments, J. P. Durbin.
2. Watson's Life of Wesley, John D. Curtis.
3. Watson's Apology and Fletcher's Christian Perfection, A. Atwood.
4. Methodist Discipline, T. J. Quigley.
5. Geography and Composition, E. Miller.

Third Year.

1. Bible as to History and Chronology, I. T. Cooper.
2. First and Second parts of Watson's Institutes, S. H. Higgins.
3. Gregory's Church History, James Allen.
4. Rhetoric, Whateley's Written Essay or Sermon, Joseph Mason.

Fourth Year.

1. The Bible generally, H. G. King.
2. The Third and Fourth parts of Watson's Institutes, F. Hodgson.
3. Powell on Apostolical Successions, John A. Roche.
4. Old Christianity against Papal Novelties, J. B. Ayres.
5. Logic, Written Essay or Sermon, R. W. Thomas.

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MEMOIRS.

REV. NATHAN SWAIN, the subject of the following brief biographical notice was born in the year 1767. Of his early history we have but little satisfactory information, except that he was converted about the fourteenth year of his age. By a reference to the published minutes, we find he was admitted on trial in the Philadelphia Annual Conference, in the year 1799—was admitted into full connection and ordained Deacon in 1801, ordained Elder, 1803, and continued supernumerary relation, which he sustained until 1832, when he took a superannuation and so remained until his death, which occurred at the house of his daughter, in the state of Indiana, on the 1st day of March, 1845.

From a letter received by a friend from a member of the family, we learn that "he left a bright testimony that he had gone to rest."
 "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace."

REV. WILLIAM W. FOULKS, the subject of the following memoir, was born in Monmouth County, State of New Jersey, Sept. 25th, 1788. His parents were members of the M. E. Church, and at a very early period, taught their son the reality and importance of eternal things; nor were their prayers and admonitions in vain, but soon brought forth fruit to the honor and glory of God.

We are informed by his Journal, that at the tender age of 4 years he was the subject of deep and serious religious impressions. At 12 years of age, he was *powerfully* convicted of sin. In the 16th year of his age, he fully made up his mind to seek religion, and united himself to the M. E. Church, and in about six months after that period, found the "pearl of great price."

Feeling himself called to usefulness in the church of God, and giving evidence of grace and ability, he was licensed to exhort, at New Mills, Burlington circuit, January 21st, 1809, the duties of which office he continued to fill with zeal and usefulness, until October 1810, when he was licensed as a Local Preacher. In the Spring of 1811 he was received on trial in the Philadelphia Annual Conference, and appointed to Northampton and Antalan circuit. In 1812 and 13, he travelled Dauphin circuit; 1814, Pine Creek; 1815, Bristol; 1816 he obtained a location, in which capacity he continued to labor to the extent of his ability until 1828, when he was re-admitted into the conference as supernumerary, without a claim, and appointed to Burlington circuit. In 1829 he took an effective relation, and was re-appointed to Burlington circuit, 1830 to Camden circuit, 1831 and 32 Cumberland and Cape May, 1833 and 34 Salem circuit, 1835 and 36 Germantown, 1837 Frankford and Holmesburg.

At the conference of 1838 owing to feeble health, particularly a failure in his voice, he took a supernumerary relation, which he sustained until 1843, when he again entered the effective ranks, and was appointed to Kent circuit, where he continued for two years, laboring with zeal and usefulness.

In 1845, he was appointed to Smyrna Circuit, where he labored with his usual diligence, until the early part of the summer, when he was taken with a violent bilious affection, from which it is supposed he never fully recovered. In this enfeebled condition, he visited the city of Philadelphia, in the month of August, for the purpose of arranging some temporal affairs, where he was suddenly seized with a violent bilious attack, which terminated his mortal existence, August 16th, 1845, in the 57th year of his age, at the house of Brother Washington F. Pedrick, where all the attention and relief, which the best medical aid could give, or christian kindness bestow, was abundantly afforded.

Our lamented brother Foulks was emphatically "*a good man, full of faith,* and of the Holy Ghost, and by him much people were added to the Lord." In all the relations of life, as a husband, parent and friend, he was kind, affectionate, and faithful.

As a minister, he was indeed "an ensample to the flock in all Godliness and charity." Endowed as he was, with a mind of no ordinary power, which was richly stored with varied useful and scriptural knowledge, he was an able minister, of the New Testament. As a Pastor, he had few equals—perhaps no superiors—and in the great day of eternity, we doubt not he will have many stars in the crown of his rejoicing.

His last illness was extremely severe and afflicting, rendered the more so, by the absence of his family, in an hour, when more than any other, we need the cheering presence of those we love, yet amidst it all, his mind was calm and serene as a summer morn. To a Brother who visited him a short time before his death and inquired respecting his spiritual state, he said, "*All is right, all is right!*" and when the same Brother engaged in prayer, that God would receive his spirit, he said emphatically "*He will! he will! he will!*"

"His God sustained him in the trying hour—
His dying hour, brought glory to his God."

Thus lived and thus died our beloved Brother, leaving a widow and six children, and a wide circle of relatives and friends, to mourn their irreparable loss. But "they sorrow not as those who have no hope." "Their loss is his infinite gain."

His funeral sermon was preached in St. Georges Church, by Rev. James Smith, from Phil. 1st chap. 21st verse: "To die is gain," and his mortal remains were interred in the rear of said church, there to rest till the glad morning of the resurrection, while his spirit rests with God in Heaven.

Servant of God, well done,
Rest from thy loved employ,
The battle's fought the victory won
Enter thy Master's joy.