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SCRAPS OF METHODIST HISTORY.

We fear we have fallen into a mistake in our first number of these "Scraps," in reference to the date of the Rev. William Losee's first appointment, which we gave as being in the year 1792. We have since endeavoured to examine the subject more thoroughly, as it is a matter of some importance that the records of the past should be as correct as possible. Our present statements are based on the authority of the Minutes of Conference, as we believe they furnish the surest data we have, when their testimony can be obtained. In connection with Mr. Losee, they state that he was received on trial in 1789, and had his appointment at Lake Champlain. In 1790, his name appears on the list of those who were continued on trial, which would not have been the case if he had not been under the direction of Conference; and yet he is designated to no circuit. At the Conference of 1791, he was received into full connection; his name also is associated with the Deacons of that year, and Kingston was his circuit. The next year we have him at Oswegotchie, and then his name disappears from the Minutes. This account renders it probable that he came to Canada in 1790. He might have been here earlier, as Lake Champlain Circuit was then only in a course of exploration; and as there was another preacher appointed with him, his labours