

## GENERAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

## Methodist Episcopal Church,

CINCINNATI, OHIO, MAY 14, 1836.

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The Committee to whom was referred the address of sundry persons in Upper Canada, claiming to be the M. E. Church in that Province, beg leave to report--

That they have had an interview with the individuals appointed by those persons, and who were the bearers of the address, and have availed themselves of such other sources of information as was within their reach. And they find that in June, 1835, certain persons to the number of five, only one of whom was a travelling preacher, the others being

Local Elders, met and resolved themselves in to what they called a general Conference, and elected one of their number to the office of a Bishop, and the remaining four proceeded to ordain and set him apart for that office, and immediately held an annual Conference, from the Minutes of which, it appears that they then numbered 21 stationed or travelling Preachers; 20 Local Preachers, and 1243 Members of Society. It appears there have been additions since, both of Preachers and Members. In view of all the circumstances, as far as your committee has been able to ascertain and understand them, they are unanimously of opinion the case requires no interference of this general Conference, all which is respectfully submitted.

D. OSTRANDER,

Chairman.

Cincinnati, May 14th, 1836.

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