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Ordained a Priest Sept. 22nd, 1728, and was curate of Epworth from 1727 to 1729. Wesley was elected a Fellow of Lincoln College in 1726, but did not become a resident until Nov., 1729.

What was generally known as the "Holy Club" was established at Christ Church College in 1728.

John Wesley, a missionary to Georgia, 1735 to 1737.

John Wesley "born again" at a meeting in Aldersgate Street, London, May 24, 1738.

The first Methodist societies were organized in London and Bristol in 1739. First Methodist chapel built in Bristol in 1739.

John and Charles Wesley, together with Whitefield, began making evangelistic tours in 1739.

Thomas Maxfield, the first Methodist local preached licensed, 1742.

The first Methodist class organized in Bristol 1742.

The first Methodist Annual Conference was convened by John Wesley at the

Foundry, London, June 25, 1744. The first Methodist preaching in America, by Philip Embury, in 1766.

Francis Asbury (born August 20, 1745), appointed by John Wesley "General Assistant in America." Asbury reached America October 27th, 1772. In the minutes of Wesley's Conference in 1771, America was reported as having 316 members.

First Methodist Church in Canada, built at Hay Bay, 1791.

Dr. Coke ordained by John Wesley as "Superintendent" of the societies in the United States, 1784.

The corner-stone of Cokesbury College, the first educational institution of American Methodism, was laid by Dr. Coke at Abingdon, Maryland, June 5, 1785. The building was destroyed by fire in 1795

John Wesley died March 2, 1791, and was buried on the morning of March 9, from City Road Chapel.

His last open-air sermon was preached Feb. 23, 1791, from the text: "Seek ye the Lord, while he may be found; call ye upon him while he is near."

Victoria University was opened at Cobourg, Oct. 20, 1841.

First issue of The Christian Guardian, 1829.

The first Ecumenical Methodist Conference was held in 1881. All the Methodist denominations

Canada were united in 1883. The Epworth League, organized in ay, 1889. Introduced into Canada,

May. 1889. October, 1889. First number of the Canadian Epworth Era published January, 1899.

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