

The poor Wesleys, were they now on earth, would undoubtedly, in the opinion of Mr. Berney, need to attend some of his prayer meetings "*for the purpose of getting their souls converted to God.*"

Mr. Berney unequivocally asserts that the teachers of modern Methodism are "the regular successors of the apostles." "The regular successors of the apostles are holding," says his note, "a protracted meeting in this vicinity." The Methodist teachers were holding the meeting alluded to, and none others, therefore *they* are the persons described as "the regular successors of the apostles. Therefore also, where the writer of the note says, that, if I was converted, "*he doubts not I would become one of the regular successors in fact.*" he of course means—a *Methodist teacher in fact.* After this, he surely need not wonder if we glance at the pretensions of the Wesleyan Methodist ministers to be considered "the regular successors of the apostles" "*in fact.*" So, now for facts.

Regular successors of the apostles are they who have received regular unequivocal authority in the Church of God, the one body of Christ, to ordain

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as also a statement of Dr. Coke's application to Bishop White, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, for the purposes of a union of the Methodists with the Church—a *valid* consecration of himself to the Episcopate, or Apostolate—and a *valid* ordination of those, on whom he had presumptuously laid his unauthorised, uncommissioned, hands. The Rev. Dr. Chapman does not seem to have recollected, when adverting to Coke's *consciousness of his not being a true bishop*, but merely a Methodist "superintendent," that he afterwards applied in writing, to Lord Liverpool, to have him consecrated as a Bishop for India; saying that, if the Prince Regent and the government would consent, he "would return most fully and faithfully into the bosom of the Established Church, and submit to all such restrictions in the fulfilment of his office as the government and the *bench of Bishops* at home should think necessary." Such is the source of Methodist ordinations, or rather superintendencies.