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## **CYCLOPEDIA OF METHODISM -- LETTERS X-Y-Z (3031--3047)**

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3031 -- XENIA FEMALE COLLEGE is an institution located at Xenia, O. It has been in operation for some twenty-five years, and has educated a number of active and useful young ladies. It is under the presidency of William Smith, and the number of pupils has varied from 150 to 200 annually.

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3032 -- XENIA, O. (pop. 7026), is the capital of Greene County, and is an important railroad center. It was early included in the circuits then in the Ohio Conference, but is not mentioned in the minutes by name until 1811, when it was connected with Mad River Circuit. The previous year it was included in Union circuit, and had the labors of Rev. John Collins, who was instrumental in accomplishing much good. The following year he had as a colleague Moses Crume. In 1853 a second church was organized, and there is also an African M. E. church. A female college has been in existence for a number of years. It is in the Cincinnati Conference.

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3033 -- YADKIN COLLEGE, located in Davidson Co., N. C., is under the control of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. It was incorporated, with full collegiate privileges and powers, in the year 1861, with G. W. Hege president, and Hon. Henry Walser chairman of the board of trustees. In 1862 there were 95 students in attendance. In 1864 it suspended operations on account of the Civil War, a school of lower grade being conducted in the building, with some intermissions, until 1873. Regular collegiate operations were then resumed, under the presidency of Rev. S. Simpson, A. M. In 1875 some important improvements of a chapel and campus were added. The college has also conferred various degrees under its charter. There are about 80 matriculates. The college is self-sustaining, and its prospects favorable. Rev. S. Simpson is president, and A. Baker, Professor of Mathematics. Gaither Walsh is chairman of the board of trustees.

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3034 -- YONKERS, N. Y. (pop. 18,892), is situated on the Hudson River, 17 miles above New York, and is a beautiful suburban village. This region was early visited by the pioneer preachers, but the population being almost exclusively under the influence of the Dutch Reformed Church, the progress of Methodism was comparatively slow. It has since, however, become more active. It is in the New York Conference.

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3035 -- YORK, PA. (pop. 13,940), the capital of York County, is situated on the Northern Central Railroad. During the Revolutionary War Congress, when driven from Philadelphia, removed to this place. Methodism was early introduced into this region of country. In July, 1781, Freeborn Garrettson preached in the public-house near York. Several teamsters were present. James Worley was awakened by the sermon, and was thought by his family and friends to be deranged. A physician was sent for, who placed him in bed and blistered him: but all his efforts failed to help the patient. The family then sent for Garrettson, who was sixteen miles distant, and who explained to him more fully the plan of salvation, and in a little while he was converted. This was the introduction of Methodism into the town of York. In 1782, Jacob Settler bought a lot west of the Codorus, erected a small frame church, and presented it to the society. York was made a station in 1818. The Mission chapel, now Duke Street, was built in 1861, and in 1870-72 the present Duke Street church was erected. The First church has just finished a beautiful edifice. It is in the Central Pennsylvania Conference.

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3036 -- YOUNG, Daniel -- Was born December 25, 1812, in Licking Co., Ohio. At an early age he was thrown upon his own resources. He was converted at the age of nineteen. At Princeton, Ill., he united with the Methodist Protestant Church, in 1837, and in 1839 was licensed to preach. He joined the North Illinois Conference in 1840. When that Conference divided he fell in the North Illinois division. In 1866 he emigrated to Kansas, where he has been instrumental in raising up a Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. He was a member of the General Conference of 1854, and of the Baltimore Convention in 1877. He is still laboring in Kansas, and is a strong advocate of temperance.

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3037 -- YOUNG, David -- One of the most distinguished ministers in the West, was born in Bedford Co., Va., in 1779. His parents were pious Presbyterians, and trained him carefully in the creed and catechism. In early childhood he was serious and studious, and at the age of twenty-one he was at the head of a grammar-school in Tennessee. In 1803 he experienced a change of heart, and with it a conviction that he was called to the ministry. He commenced holding meetings for prayer and exhortation, and his talents and usefulness were at once recognized. In 1805 he entered the Western Conference, and from that time until 1839, with the exception of a rest for six years, he filled important appointments either as pastor or presiding elder. He was a man of fine personal appearance, and of great mental vigor. "He was a constant reader, possessed a tenacious memory, and had fine conversational powers. As an orator, in his palmiest days he had few equals. In style, he was clear, logical, and chaste; when roused, grand and overwhelming. He

was fifty-three years a member of an Annual, and six times a member of the General Conference. In youth, he thoroughly studied and heartily embraced the peculiar doctrines and usages of Methodism. His attachment to them grew with his growth and strengthened with his strength, and only reached its maturity in his green old age." He bequeathed to the church the most of his fortune. He died in great peace November 15, 1858.

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3038 -- YOUNG, Harrison Jared -- Was born in Centre Co., Pa., April 14, 1810, and died at Berwick, Pa., April 29, 1855. When about twenty, he was attracted by the singing, and was led to enter a Methodist prayer-meeting, and before its close was converted. He was received into the Baltimore Conference in 1834, and filled appointments until 1844, when his health became impaired, and he was placed on the superannuated list. He had prepared for publication a compendium of Methodism. He gave liberally to the missionary cause, and at his death bequeathed to it \$500. His last sickness was a time of great triumph. For hours he whispered, "Glory hallelujah."

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3039 -- YOUNG, Jacob -- Was born in Western Pennsylvania, March 19, 1776. His parents emigrated to the State of Kentucky, where he was exposed to the toils and dangers incident to a pioneer life. Though educated in the doctrines of the Westminster Confession, he united when a young man with the Methodist Church, and in 1801 was licensed as a local preacher. In 1862 he was urged into the itinerant ministry, under the care of William McKendree, afterwards bishop. For more than fifty-five years he was connected with an Annual Conference. He traveled extensively, and few men have been instrumental in the conversion of greater numbers. As a pastor, and as a presiding elder, he was prompt, diligent, laborious, and unswerving in his devotion to the discipline and economy of the church. He was a man of great intellectual power, and was honored by his brethren from time to time with a seat in the General Conference. He died September 15, 1859, audibly pronouncing the words, "Sweet heaven, sweet heaven," just as he was passing away.

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3040 -- YOUNG, Robert -- An eminent Wesleyan minister, went to the West Indies in 1820, where he labored with success. Subsequently he resided for some time in Nova Scotia, and returned to England in 1830. He was a man of much prayer, a devout student of Holy Scripture, and simple and earnest in his pulpit ministrations, and was the happy instrument used in the conversion of multitudes of souls. He assisted by his counsel and presence in the formation of the Australian Conference, visited the Fiji and Friendly Islands; after his return publishing an interesting narrative of his "Mission Round the World." Two years after his return (in 1856) he was made president of the Conference. In 1860 he was seized with paralysis, for several years suffering much and patiently. He died in 1865, aged seventy years. His gifted son, the Rev. R. N. Young, born in Nova Scotia, is one of the most indefatigable workers in the Conference and its committees. He is one of the assistant secretaries of the Conference, secretary to the committee of privileges and exigency, and other posts of arduous, though unseen, labor and effort.

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3041 -- YOUNG, Robert Anderson -- Of the Tennessee Conference, M. F. Church South, was born in Knox Co., Tenn., January 23, 1824. He pursued his studies and graduated in Washington College, and united with the Tennessee Conference in 1846. He has filled a number of important stations in Tennessee and in Missouri, and was for three years president of Florence University, Ala. He has been secretary of the Tennessee Conference for many years, and has several times been a delegate to the General Conference. In May, 1873, he was elected secretary of the board of trust of Vanderbilt University, in which he still continues.

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3042 -- YOUNGSTOWN, O. (pop. 15,431), is the capital of Mahoning County, and is an important manufacturing place. Methodism was introduced by Dr. Shadrach Bostwick, in 1803. Visiting the town, he found a small log house built by the citizens, and occupied by the Presbyterians for a church. He asked permission to preach, but was positively refused. Judge Rayen, though not a professor of religion invited the doctor to preach in his barn, which he did until a better place was provided. Shortly after he formed a class of a few members. It was at first in the Deerfield, then in the Mahoning, and subsequently in the Youngstown circuit. It became a station in 1842, and a new church was built in 1843. The church since that time has continued to prosper.

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3043 -- YPSILANTI, MICH. (pop. 4984), is situated on the west side of Huron River, and on the Michigan Central Railroad. Methodism was introduced into this place by Rev. Elias Pratt, in 1824. The first quarterly meeting was held by Rev. J. A. Baughman, in 1825, and a class of 7 members was organized. A brick church was erected in 1832-33. In 1843 a commodious frame church was erected, which was enlarged in 1859. A parsonage was purchased in 1854, and was subsequently sold, and a fine brick parsonage erected in 1871. The African M. E. church was organized in 1857, and a church was erected two years later. It is in the Detroit Conference.

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3044 -- ZANESVILLE, O. (pop. 18, 120), the capital of Muskinguin County, is situated on the Muskingum River, and is on a tract of land which was granted by Congress to Ebenezer Zane, in 1796, on condition that he should open a bridle-track from Wheeling to Maysville, Ky. This part of Ohio was early traversed by the pioneer Methodist preachers, and Zanewille was included in their large circuits. The church had acquired considerable strength before the agitation connected with the reform movement of 1828.

In 1829 Nathan Emery was sent to the station at a time when many of the most prominent, wealthy, and influential members had seceded from the church. Under his labors the foundations of a new brick church were laid, a large congregation was gathered, and a great revival swept over the town. The subsequent labors of Dr. Trimble, whose family were so prominent in the state, and

the conversion of Bishop Hamline, attracted great public attention. Since that period the church has grown with the increase of population. It is in the Ohio Conference.

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3045 -- ZARING, William M. -- a native of Indiana, was born in 1829, and was converted in 1847. In September, 1854, he joined the Indiana Conference, and was sent to Point Commerce. Previous to 1867 he spent his ministerial life on circuit and station work, and afterwards on district work, traveling Rockport and Vincennes districts until 1875-76, when he was stationed at Bloomington. He was chosen a delegate to the General Conference of 1876.

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3046 -- ZION'S HILL COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE is situated at West Middletown, Washington Co., Pa. It was formerly known as Pleasant Hill Seminary. The buildings are five in number, including two large halls. The institution is incorporated, and is under the fostering care of the African M. E. Zion connection. It is under the supervision of Prof. W. T. Ackison. The buildings contain rooms sufficient for 150 students.

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3047 -- ZURICH, SWITZERLAND (pop. 21,199), is the capital of a canton of the same name, and is beautifully situated on Lake Zurich. In addition to the population of the city, it has suburbs embracing some 30,000 inhabitants. Methodism was introduced in 1856, under the labors of Dr. Jacoby and those associated with him. It encountered in its earliest period severe opposition, but continued to grow. A large congregation was early gathered, and a good edifice was built. It has additional appointments now connected with it. H. Z. Jacobmuhlen was its first pastor, who, in 1857, reported 40 probationers. The statistics for 1876 are: 637 members, 1200 Sunday School scholars, and 2 churches with a parsonage.

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