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2284 -- QUARTERAGE is a term originally applied among Methodists to the contributions paid to the support of the ministry. In circuits these collections were taken every three months, at a time immediately preceding the quarterly meetings, and from these periodical payments they received the name of quarterage. On stations and in cities this term is not so generally employed as formerly but it is still in use on the circuits.

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2285 -- QUARTERLY CONFERENCES. -- Quarterly Conferences are among the oldest and most efficient organized bodies within the church. They were originally composed of the traveling and local preachers, stewards, and class-leaders. To these have subsequently been added exhorters, trustees, and superintendents of Sunday Schools, where said trustees and superintendents are members of the church, and have been approved by the Quarterly Conference. The presiding elder of the district is the presiding officer of each Quarterly Conference, but in his absence the preacher in charge acts in his stead. A regular record is kept under the care of the recording steward. The duties of the Quarterly Conference are: to receive and try appeals from the members of the church; to recommend to the District Conference, or, where there is no District Conference, to the Annual Conference, local preachers who are eligible for deacon or elder's orders, or for admission on trial in the traveling connection to receive the annual report of the trustees, and to elect stewards for the circuit or station, of whom one shall be a district and another a recording steward. The Quarterly Conference has supervision of all the Sunday Schools within its bounds, and has power either to approve superintendents or to remove any one who may prove unworthy or inefficient. The collections for the support of the minister, presiding elder, bishop, and for Conference claimants are reported and recorded, as well as the collections which have been taken for benevolent purposes. Attention is also called to the instruction of children, to the reading of the General Rules, and to the keeping of church records. Distinct committees are ordered to be appointed by each Quarterly Conference on missions, Sunday Schools, tracts, education, church extension, church records, parsonages, and furniture, church music, preachers' salaries, and Conference claimants. The whole temporal and spiritual matters of the charge properly come under the supervision of the Quarterly Conference.

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2286 -- QUARTERLY MEETING, THE (ENGLISH WESLEYAN), is the chief local or circuit court, and, although not invested with judicial or disciplinary powers, dates from an early period. At the Conference of 1749 the assistants or superintendents were directed "to hold

quarterly meetings, and there diligently inquire into both the spiritual and temporal state of each society." The design of this institution was thus twofold: first, to give an opportunity for the more satisfactory transaction of the financial affairs of the respective circuits, and also to secure a more efficient supervision of the spiritual interests of the societies at large. 1. The quarterly meeting consists of -- (1) All the ministers and preachers on trial in the circuit, and supernumeraries whose names appear in the printed minutes of the Conference. (2) The circuit stewards, all the society stewards, and the poor stewards. (3) All the class-leaders in the circuit. (4) All the local preachers of three years' continuous standing, after being twelve months on trial, they being resident members in the circuit. (5) All the trustees of chapels situate in places named on the circuit plan, such trustees being members of society in the circuit. 2. The quarterly meeting has the direction and control of all moneys raised in the classes, and, by collections or otherwise, for the sustentation of the ministry in the circuit and is responsible for providing, according to rule and usage, the necessary supplies. 3. All claims for deficiencies, for which the circuit is unable to provide, must first meet with the approbation of the quarterly meeting, and be signed by the stewards of the circuit, before they can be brought under the consideration of the district committee. 4. The stewards of the circuit are appointed at the December quarterly meeting, the nomination resting with the superintendent, the approval or otherwise with the meeting. 5. The consent of the quarterly meeting is necessary in order to the erection, enlargement, or purchase of any school or chapel in the circuit. 6. No circuit can be divided in reference to the formation of a new circuit till such division has been approved by the quarterly meeting. 7. Before any superintendent proposes any preacher to the Conference as a candidate for the ministry such preacher must be approved of by the March quarterly meeting. 8. The right of petitioning the Conference as to the appointment of ministers is vested in and restricted to the quarterly meeting. 9. The right of memorializing the Conference on any connectional subject is vested in the June quarterly meeting. Notice of such memorial must be presented in writing to the superintendent of the circuit ten days previous to the holding of such meeting, when, if adopted by the meeting, the memorial must be signed by the parties moving its adoption, and be then placed in the hands of the superintendent, who is held responsible for its presentation to the ensuing Conference. No memorial can be received except in manuscript. 10. Each superintendent is required to place before the September quarterly meeting any new rule which the preceding Conference has made for the government of the societies at large, when, if in the judgment of the meeting the operation of such rule will prove injurious, its enforcement in the circuit for that year may be set aside but, if confirmed by the ensuing Conference, it will be binding on the whole connection. 11. The special circuit meeting, instituted for the rehearing or retrying an accused member or local officer, is composed of twelve lay members of the quarterly meeting, chosen for the occasion by the meeting in such manner as it may deem proper. At all such meetings the chairman of the district must preside. 12. If in any circuit no local preacher's meeting can be held, each candidate for the office of local preacher must be approved of by the quarterly meeting. 13. At the March quarterly meeting the return of members in each society or circuit is recorded as the official return, to be inserted in the district minutes, and the statistics of the day- and Sunday Schools of the circuit must be read. If sufficient time be not then available for the discussion of such statistics and for inquiry into the state of the schools, this shall be postponed until the June quarterly meeting. 14. The circuit treasurer of the Worn-out Ministers' Fund must be appointed at the September quarterly meeting. 15. At the quarterly meeting in December, a day must be fixed for the holding of the annual united meeting of the treasurers of the several chapels in the circuit, with as many of the trustees as can conveniently attend. The circuit chapel secretary must also be then appointed.

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2287 -- QUARTERLY REVIEW, METHODIST, is a critical and scholarly publication under the control of the M. E. Church. It originated as the Methodist Magazine, and was published monthly until 1828. (See METHODIST MAGAZINE) It was then changed to a quarterly publication, and has for many years held high rank both in the church and among publications of its class. It is edited by Rev. Dr. Whedon,, who has occupied this chair since 1856. His vigorous and racy editorial notices have given to it much of its high character. It is published by the book agents at New York, and has a circulation of about 5000.

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2288 -- QUEAL, Luke C. -- Of the Central New York Conference, was born in 1827, and joined the Oneida Conference in 1854. In addition to filling important stations, he has been several times presiding elder in districts. He was a member of the General Conferences of 1868,1872, and 1876, and is among the strongest men of his Conference.

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2289 -- QUEAL, Robert F. -- Is an active layman of Chicago, who is deeply interested in all the plans of church extension and improvement in that city and vicinity. He was an earnest supporter of lay delegation, and contributed largely to its success. He was a member of the General Conference of 1876.

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2290 -- QUEBEC (pop. 59,699), the capital of Quebec Province, in Canada, is an old city, founded in 1608. It was for more than a century the Gibraltar of French power in America, but was taken by the English in 1759. The Roman Catholics have about six-sevenths of the population. The Wesleyan Methodists have one church in the city.

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2291 -- QUEENSTOWN, IRELAND (pop. 10,039), is on the harbor of Cork, and the point at which the Liverpool steamers always touch. A Methodist church has been built in the place, for which contributions were made by a number of Americans,

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2292 -- QUEREAU, George Worthy -- Was born in Stamford, Dutchess Co., N. Y., June 9, 1827, and graduated from Wesleyan University in 1849. He taught Latin and Greek for a year in Providence Conference Seminary, and in 1850 studied in Auburn Theological Seminary. In 1852-53 he was teacher of Ancient Languages in Providence Conference Seminary and associate principal, and in 1854-58 became principal and financial manager therein. He was admitted into the Providence Conference in 1857, and the following year accepted the position of principal of

Jennings Seminary, Aurora, Ill., and entered the Rock River Conference in 1859. In 1867 he traveled in Europe and the East. In 1873 he resigned the principalship of Jennings Seminary, and remains a supernumerary member of the Rock River Conference.

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2293 -- QUESTION BOOK, BEREAN, is a publication by the M. E. Church for the use of teachers in Sunday-schools. It contains the lessons for the entire year, and full and appropriate questions upon them; pictorial symbols and lesson verse, home reading, and adaptations of the lesson to the younger pupils. In 1876 it had attained a circulation of 75,000. It is published by Nelson & Phillips, New York, and is edited by J. H. Vincent.

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2294 -- QUIGG, J. B. -- Is an active minister of the Wilmington Conference. In addition to filling various important appointments, he has served as manager for the erection of Wilmington Conference Seminary, and was successful in raising considerable means. He is (1877) presiding elder of the Wilmington district.

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2295 -- QUINCY, ILL. (pop. 27,275), the capital of Adams County, is situated on the Mississippi River. Quincy circuit was organized in 1832. At the same time the Quincy district was formed, of which Peter Cartwright was presiding elder, and the whole district was missionary work. In 1857 Quincy had become a station, having 184 members, 145 Sunday School scholars. The German Methodist Church has also a good congregation, and the African M. E. Church has an organization. In 1856 a literary institution, known as Quincy English and German Seminary, was founded, and a few years afterwards was raised to the grade of a college. A fine building was erected, but it was for years embarrassed with a heavy debt. In 1874 Johnson College, of Macon City, Mo., was consolidated with Quincy College, and in December, 1875, the trustees purchased a splendid property belonging to ex-Governor Woods, which originally cost some \$209,090, disposing of their former college building to the city for a public school. In December, 1876, the donation of \$30,000 was made to the college by Mr. Charles Chaddock, of Astoria, Ill., and in consequence of this donation the name was changed to Chaddock College. The college is under the care of Rev. E. W. Hall, A. M., assisted by a corps of teachers, and has a regular and thorough course of study.

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2296 -- QUINN, James -- Was born in Washington Co., Pa. in 1775. He was converted and joined the Quincy Methodists in 1792, and commenced an active religious life. In 1799 he was received on probation in the Baltimore Conference, and, after traveling for five years, was, in 1804, transferred to the Western Conference. He labored extensively and successfully throughout the West. He labored on districts twelve years, was without any position four, on circuits twenty-two, was agent for the Preachers' Relief Society one, supernumerary one, and superannuated four. He was also a member of eight sessions of the General Conference. His talents

as a preacher were universally admired. He was an able minister, and a theologian of a high order. He died December 1, 1847, his last words being, "All is peace." His life was written by Dr. John F. Wright.

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2297 -- QUINN, William P. -- One of the bishops of the African M. E. Church, was born in 1788, and united in his youth with the M. E. Church. At its formation he became identified with the African M. E. Church. After laboring faithfully in New York, Baltimore, and Philadelphia, in 1838 he removed West for the purpose of engaging in missionary labor, and traveled through Ohio, Indiana, and Missouri. He was an earnest and eloquent speaker, and possessed the confidence of the people among whom he was called to labor. In 1844 he was elected to the office of bishop, from which time he traveled extensively throughout the church. He died in February, 1873.

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