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JOURNAL OF
KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Russelville Oct. 14th
1830

RUSSELVILLE 1830

Kentucky Annual Conference assembled in Russelville October 14, 1830 and after divine service proceeded to business. Bishop Soul in the Chair.

The Conference elected Bro. Wm Adams Secretary. It was resolved that the conference meet at half after 8 O'Clock A.M. and adjourn at one P.M.

Bros. McNelly & McCown were appointed a committee to superintend the congregations and appoint the preachers to preach during the present session.

Bros. John James, Wm Gunn and Geo. S. Barger were appointed Stewards of the Conference.

Bros. Akers, Lindsey, and Stamper were appointed a committee to write the memoirs of the dead.

Moved and seconded that we appoint a door Keeper. Carried.

Moved and seconded that we fix a bar. Carried.

Conference resolved to admit our Local Preachers and preachers on trial as Spectators.

The By Laws for our last session were adopted for our government during the present session.

An address from Bros. Rooter, Derbin, Tomlinson, relative to the Augusta College was read and ordered to be laid on the table.

The Conference entered into the consideration of our second Question - Who remain on Trial? And Bros. Martin Edes, Joel Grover were examined, approved and continued on trial.

Bro. Thos^s Rice was examined, approved and continued.

Bro. Harrison Goslin was examined and not having taken his appointment during the past year was discontinued at his own request.

Bro. John Williams, Thomas P. Farmer, W. A. H. Spratt, Thomas H. Gibbons, William Helms, Wilson^s McMurry, Thomas C. Cropper, Jesse Satten, John F. Young, William P. McNight, Bluford Henry, Kooper Crews, Geo. Sandusky, Buford Farres, Elijah Knox, and Thos^s P. Nance, were examined, approved and continued.

Conference entered into the examination of the character of the Deacons, and Bros. Joseph Marsee and John K. Lacy were examined and approved.

Bro. Abraham Baker was examined, approved and at his own request received a Location.

Bros. Joseph B. Power, Washington Fagg, Thos. W. Chandler, Burr H. McCown, Silas Lee, Moses Clampet & Hiram Baker, were examined & approved.

Conference takes up the character of the Deacons who are eligible to Elders orders and Bros. Thos. G. Reece was examined, approved and elected to Elders orders.

Bros. John Redman was examined, approved, elected to Elders orders and at his own request was placed in a superannuated relation.

Bro. Saml. Veech was examined, approved, elected to Elders orders, and, at his own request located.

Bros. Littleton Fowler & William Cundiff were examined approved and elected to Elders orders.

Bros. Marcus Lindsey, P. Akers, B. T. Crouch, R. Corwine & Ed. Stevenson were appointed a committee for the examination of Candidates for admission into full connection.

Conference enter into the examination of the character of the Elders - and Bros. Jonathan Stamper, Wm. Holsman, James Ward, David D. Dyche, Isaac Collard, Josiah Whitaker and Benjamin Tevis were examined & approved and Conference adjourned. ----

Friday morning half after eight o'clock Conference met according to appointment and after divine service proceeded to business. Bishop Soule in the Chair.

The Conference resolve not to spit tobacco on the floor of the Conference Room & Church.

The Stewards of the Conference were then permitted to take the account of moneys collected by the preachers in the several circuits stations and districts together with their several claims (see Stewards Claims)

The Conference entered into the examination of those to be received into full connection & after they had been solemnly examined in presence of the Conference.

Bros. Wm. B. Landrum } were admitted & elected
and Kooper Evans } to Deacons Orders

Bro. Saml. Julian was examined, approved and admitted.

Bro. Richard Bird was examined, admitted and elected Deacon.

Bro. Thos. Warring's case was under consideration and Conference adjourned.

Saturday morning half after eight o'clock Conference assembled according to adjournment and after divine service proceeded to business. Bishop Soule in the Chair.

An address of our Book agents of New York to the Bishops and Members of this Conference was read - and a committee of three. Viz. Marcus Lindsey - Adams and Crouch were appointed to take said address into consideration and report to said conference.

Conference resumed the examination of the characters of those to be received into full connection and

Bros. Thomas Warring } were examined, approved, admitted
& Joseph G. Ward } & elected to Deacons Orders

Bro. William Philips was examined and discontinued.

Bros. Andrew Pease

Hamilton C. Tolin

Thomas Wallace

Robert Y. McReynolds

Absalom Woolliscroft

& George W. Brush

Were examined, approved,
admitted and elected to
Deacons Orders

Bro. James Savage was examined and discontinued.

Conference entered into the Election of Preachers to Deacons Orders and Bros. Peter McCormack - a man of color

William Brown

Joseph Miller

& Steven F. Ogden of Yellow Banks Circuit being duly recommended were elected to Deacons Orders.

Bros. Caleb Taylor of Lewis Circuit

Wm. Taylor of Fleming Ct

Edward Waggoner of Bowling Green Ct

Thomas Evans of Henderson Ct

Daniel S. Capell of Logan Ct.

& Charles Cambell of Hend. Ct.

Being duly
recommended
were elected
to Deacons
Orders

Bro. Benjamin Temple of Logan Circuit was recommended and his case was laid over.

Bro. Benjamin Linton of Gasper River being duly recommended was elected to Deacons Orders.

Conference enter into the Election of Local Deacons to Elders Orders and Bros. William Tucker of Cynthiana Ct.
Spencer Cooper of Lexington Ct.

being duly recommended
were elected to Elders
Orders, and Conference

adjourned to meet again at three o'clock P.M.

Saturday evening 3 O'Clock Conference met according to adjournment and after divine service proceeded to business. Bishop Soule in the Chair.

Conference resumed the Election of Local preachers to Deacons Orders and Bros. Oliver B. Ross of Lexington Station being duly recommended was elected.

The election of Local Deacons to Elders orders was resumed and Bros. Benjamin McReynolds of Gasper River Ct. & Joseph Toy of Gasper River Ct. were elected to Elders Orders.

Bro. Benjamin Temple's case was called up & he elected to Deacons orders.

An address of the Philadelphia Conference proposing a plan of altering the ratio of representation to the General Conference was read and ordered to be laid on the table - and Conference adjourned until Monday morning.

Monday morning half after 8 O'Clock Conference assembled and after Divine service proceeded to business. Bishop Soule in the Chair. Conference resumed the examination of the characters of Elders - and

Bros. Richard Corwine	} Were examined & approved
Martin Rooter	
Edward Stevenson	
Henry S. Duke	
James C. Crow	

Moved and seconded that in the Judgment of this Conference it is inconsistent with the interest of the Itenerant connection to return any preacher on the minutes without an appointment at his own request. Carried by unanimous vote.

Bro. Francis Landrum having requested that the conference give him no appointment the ensuing year; It was moved and seconded that Bro. Landrum be located. Withdrawn by the mover.

Bro. Saml. Helms was examined approved and placed in a superanuated Relation.

Moved and seconded that Bro. Helms be requested to Locate. Lost.

Bros. George W. Taylor	} Were examined and approved
Richard Tidings	
Horace Brown	
Saml. Harrison	
Peter Akers	
James L. Greenup	

Bro. John Sinclair was examined and approved & he having requested to be transfered to Illinois Conference we request the Episcopacy to grant him request.

Bros. Wm. Adams	} Were examined and approved
John Tevis	
Wm Gunn	
John Denham	
John James	
H. H. Kavenaugh	
George McNelly	
Clement L. Clifton	

Bro. George W. Robins was examined approved and at his own request obtained a Location

An address of the Pittsburgh Annual Conference relative to the Book Concern was read - and the committee appointed by this conference to take into consideration the address of our Book agents Reported. Which report was adopted (see report)

And conference adjourned

Tuesday Morning half after 8 o'clock Conference assembled and after divine service Conference proceeded to business. Bishop Soule in the Chair.

The Committee appointed to attend the examination of the Female Academy reported. Which report after the reading of an address from the Superintendent was adopted.

The examination of the characters of the Elders resumed and Bro. George C. Light was examined and approved.

Moved and seconded that we reconsider the case of Bro. W. Philips. Voted and carried. He was then admitted and elected to Deacons orders. Bro. W. Philips then obtained a Location at his own request.

Resolved by the Ky. Annual Conference that in future no preacher shall be admitted into full connection and Located at the same Conference.

Bishop Soule informed the Conference they were at liberty to draw on the chartered fund for Eighty Dollars and on the Book Concern for three hundred Dollars. Which drafts were obtained and Conference adjourned till three o'clock this evening.

Tuesday evening 3 o'clock October 19th 1830, Conference met according to adjournment and after divine service proceeded to business. Bishop Soule in the Chair.

Bro. B. Ross read before the conference a report relative to the Gospel Herald. Which report was refered to a committee of five and Bros. Lindsey, Stevenson, Light, Crouch, and Stampe were appointed for that purpose.

Conference resume the examination of the characters of the Elders and that of Brother John G. Denton was called up and after being examined and approved at request he obtained a Location.

Bro. Marcus Lindsey was rxamined & approved.

Bro. Wm H. Askins was examined, approved & the Bishop was requested to transfer him, at his own request, to the Illinois Conference.

Bro. John W. P. Tevis

Wm M. McReynolds

Richard J. Dungan

Danl. H. Tevis

} were examined
and
approved

Bro. John Johnson was examined, approved and he placed in a supernumerary relation.

Bro. Hiram Baker was placed in a Supernumerary relation.

Bro. David Tunnel was examined, approved and at his own request obtained a location.

Bros. Wm Atherton

Barnabas McHenry

Henry McDaniel

Absalom Hunt

Esau Simmons

Luke P. Allen

} were examined
approved and
continued in a
superanuated
relation -

Bro. Milton Jamison was examined, approved and placed into a supernumerary relation.

Bro. Benjamin Lakins was examined, approved and continued in a superanuated relation.

Bro. Stephen Harbor was examined, approved & placed in a supernumerary relation.

And Conference adjourned to meet with closed doors.

Wednesday morning, half after 8 o'clock, October 20, 1830, Conference assembled and after divine service entered into business. Bishop Soule in the Chair.

The examination of the Elders Characters was then resumed and Bro. John S. Barger was examined and approved.

Bros. John Ray	} Were examined, approved and continued in a superannuated relation
Zadok B Thaxton	
& Blatchley C. Wood	

Bro. George Richardson was examined, approved and placed in an effective relation.

Bro. Benjamin T. Crouch was examined, approved and placed in an effective relation.

Bro. Benjamin Ogdon was examined, approved & continued in a superannuated relation.

The following charges were preferred by a committee appointed by the Quarterly Meeting Conference of the Fleming Circuit against Nehemiah A. Cravens - See list of charges - No. 1 and depositions No. 2,3,4,5,6,7, and in favor of the accused No. 8,9,10,11,12,13 and Conference adjourned to meet again at three o'clock this evening.

Wednesday evening 3 o'clock, October 20, 1830. Conference assembled and after divine service proceeded to business. Bishop Soule in the Chair.

Conference resume the case of Bro. N. A. Cravens and testimony No. 14 was taken. The accused was permitted to make his defence and conference adjourned.

Thursday morning half after 8 o'clock October 21, 1830 Conference assembled and after divine service proceeded to business. Bishop Soule in the Chair.

The Conference resume the case of Bro. N.A. Cravens and it was moved and seconded that we read the charge & specifications one by one and decide thereon. Which motion was decided in the Affirmative. The Conference then decided that the first specification was not sustained. The third specification was not sustained. The fourth specification was not sustained. The fifth specification was not sustained. Of course the charge of gross imorality was not sustained.

The Committee on the Gospel Herald reported and their report was adopted (see report) Moved and seconded that we give Bro. George C. Light a superannuated relation at his request, which motion was lost.

And Conference adjourned to meet at three o'clock this evening.

Thursday evening three o'clock Conference assembled and after divine service proceeded to business. Bishop Soule in the Chair.

The additional resolution relative to the Gospel Herald was adopted. See Resolution. The Secretary is directed to search the Journals of our conference whether Thos. Martin was elected Elder and if so give him a certificate thereof.

Conference take up the question who are received on trial - and

Bros. John Harrison	} being duly recommended were admitted
John Beaty	
& James King	

Bro. Valentine Wilson was recommended but was not admitted.

Bro. Pleasant Alverson being duly recommended was admitted.

Bro. Abraham Long being duly recommended was readmitted.

Bros. William S. Evans	} being duly recommended were admitted
Robert F. Turner	
Hartwell J. Perry	
Dan L S Cassell	
& Franklin Davis	

Bro. George B. Harland was recommended but not admitted.

Bro. Micajah H. Clark } being duly recommended
Joseph Carter } were admitted

Moved and seconded that we reconsider the act by which we continued Joel Grover on trial, carried & Bro. Grover discontinued.

Moved & seconded that we reconsider the vote by which we declined to admit George B. Harland. Carried & Bro. Harland was admitted.

Bro. Isaac Malone's case was called up & he was examined, approved & continued.

Moved and seconded that Bro. James C Crow be located at the request of Bro. Whitaker, carried.

Bros. John Tevis } Obtained leave of absence
B. C. Wood } during the remainder of
J. G. Denton } our session

And conference adjourned.

Friday morning half after 8 o'clock October 22, 1830 Conference assembled and after divine service proceeded to business. Bishop Soule in the Chair.

The Stewards of Conference made their report which report was adopted.

Resolved by the Kentucky Annual Conference, 1st, that the appoint Thomas M. Rice agent to travel through our conference for the purpose of raising Sabbath Schools Auxiliary to the Sabbath School Union of the Methodist E. Church. 2. That said agent shall be at Liberty to make collections for the purchasing of Sabbath School books to be placed in suitable hands for distribution throughout our work. 3. That said agent be at liberty to use for his own support & expenses 20 per cent of all the funds which he may collect.

The address of Philadelphia Annual Conference on the subject of changing the Ratio of Representation in General Conference was called up and the following resolution adopted.

Viz. Resolved by the Ky. Annual Conference that we disapprove the plan of changing the ratio of representation to the General Conference proposed by the Philadelphia anL Conference. Moved and seconded that the agent of this Conference in behalf of Augusta College be instructed to return to Bro. Nourse his note which motion prevailed.

Conference proceeded to take in the number of members in the Ky. Annual Conference.

Kentucky Dis.	White	Col.	Rockcastle Dis.	White.	Col.
Lexington S.	304	320	Mt. Sterling St.	167	84
Lexington Ct.	750	783	Mt. Sterling Ct.	458	65
Frankfort	126	100	Madison	430	38
Cynthiana S	100	100	Danville & Har.	228	70
Cynthiana Ct.	508	107	Danville Ct.	713	258
Ohio	438	23	Mt. Vernon	394	33
Port William	431	29	Cumberland	390	32
Henry	845	137	Somerset	568	36
Augusta Dist.	3502	1599	Winchester	472	152
Newport	523	61	Ohio District	3820	538
Limestone	757	114			
Maysville S	170	130	Shelby Ct.	572	77
Hinkston	726	305	Shelbyville & B. Ch	262	155
Fleming	1005	154	Jefferson	792	319
Little Sandy	816	97	Louisville	380	233
Lewis	592	31	Breckenridge	578	114
Big Sandy	391	907	Yellow Banks	307	47
	4780		Hartford	318	68
				3209	

Green River District	White	Col.
Henderson	296	58
Livingston	478	56
Russelville	548	57
Hopkinsville	132	27
Logan & Gasper	72	105
Christian	546	94
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	2587	407

Cumberland Dct.		
Bowling Green Ct.	110	70
Bowling Green S	530	21
Barren	514	41
Elizabeth	661	46
Bardstown	28	30
Salt River	800	173
Lebanon	594	104
Green River	697	84
Wayne	570	30
Whole Number-----	<hr/>	<hr/>
	4504	600

The agent for the Augusta College reported that he had collected for that institution as following. Viz. in paper of Commonwealth 69 dollars, and twenty four dollars United States Paper, which money was placed in the hands of the preacher who shall be appointed to the Maysville Station to be handed over to the Treasurer of that institution.

Conference decided that our next annual session be in Louisville and *** the Bishop informed the conference that said session will commence October 13th 1831.

Conference appointed the presiding Elders of the Ky. District and the preacher in charge of Lexington Station a publishing committee to assist the editor of the Gospel Herald.

A memorial of Bro. Benjamin Temple relative to the meeting house in Russelville was read and referred to the consideration and management of the presiding Elder of Green River District and the stationed preacher at Russelville.

Resolved that the presiding Elder of the Green River District prepare the memoirs of Bro. Greenup Kelly as soon as possible and forward them to the book agent and the P. Elder of Ky. Dt. that of Bro. LeRoy Cole Decd. Resolved that this conference duly appreciate the kindness and hospitality toward them by the inhabitants of Russelville throughout this session & that Burr H. McCown be and is hereby requested to communicate the samethrough the newspaper of this place.

Conference resolved to use their best endeavors to raise the Sabbath Schools in every neighbor hood under their separate charges.

Conference resolved to open subscriptions in order to carry into effect a noble proportion published in the August number of the Gospel Herald.

Conference lay over for the consideration of our next ann^l Conference so much of the committee on disputed accounts of last year as was referred to the consideration of this conference in relation to Bro. Stamper.

A protest of the minority in the case of N.A. Cravens was handed in and filed with the papers. After divine service the appointments were read out and conference adjourned.