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KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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HARRODSBURG 1832

Kentucky Annual Conference assembled at Harrodsburg, Wednesday, Oct. 17th 1832. After divine service and calling the list, proceeded to business Bishop Emory in the Chair.

Conf. appointed Bro. Wm Adams Secretary. Conf. determined to meet at half after 8 o'clock A.M. and adjourn at half after 12. Also to meet at 3 P.M. and adjourn at 5 P.M.

It was determined to have preaching at 10 in the morning, at 3 in the afternoon and at half after 6 at night.

Bros. Jamison, Kavanaugh were appointed to superintend the congregations and to appoint the preacher who should preach.

Bros. Wm McReynolds, Kavanaugh & Duke were appointed Stewards.

An address of the Book Agents at N.Y. was read - & Bros. Stamper, Light & Littlyohm were appointed a committee to take said addresses into consideration.

The Conf. entered into the consideration of the characters of the Elders - & Bro. J. Ward was examined, approved, and at his request was placed in a effective relation.

Bros. J. James, Light & Marsee were appointed a Committee on necessitous cases.

Resolutions of the G. Conference relative to altering the regulations was read and laid on the table.

Resolutions of Gen. Conference relative to Bible, Tract and Sunday School Societies was read and referred to a committee and Bros. McHenry, A. Wooliscroft & G. W. Brush were appointed for that purpose.

Resolutions of the G. Conference relative to finances was read and ordered to be recorded on the Journals. See page 89.

Documents of the G. Conference relative to the claims of the Canada Conference on the Book Concern were read and referred to a committee of 3 - and Bros. Lindsey, Stamper & Crouch were appointed for that purpose.

Resolutions of N.Y. Conf. on the subject of altering the General Rules on the subject of the sale and use of ardent spirits was read & referred to a Committee of three - and Bros. G. C. Light, Kavanaugh & Long were appointed for that purpose.

Conference entered into the examination of the characters of those who remain on trial & Bros. L. Campbell & M.M. Cosby

Carlisle Babbett	} Were examined & approved
William Phillips	
Jo ^s D. Barnet	
Thomas Hall	

Bros. Stamper, Crouch, Adams, Lindsey & Littlyohm were appointed a Committee to examine the candidates for admission into full connection.

Conf. Entered into the examination of the characters of the Deacons and Brothers

Wm Helm	} Were examined & Approved
John F. Young	
John Sandusky	
Thomas H. Gibbons	
Wm. P. MacKnight	
Bluford Henry & T.P. Farmer	

Bro. Elijah Knox was examined, approved and at his own request located.

On motion of W. Capers seconded by N. Bangs the following preamble and resolutions were offered for adoption. Viz.

Whereas the collections for the preachers and the widows and orphans of Preachers, have annually fallen short of their objects, and it is believed that a succinct statement in the printed minutes of the deficiencies which occur, and the means furnished to supply them would have a favourable tendency - therefore

Resolved - That the 15 & 16 items of the answers to the 6th question of Sect. 3, Chap. 1 of the Form of Discipline, be altered as to read as follows. Viz:

15. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated Preachers, and the Widows and orphans of Preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowances on the circuits?

Resolved 2. That in making out the minutes of the Annual Conference for publication, the above questions shall be inserted and fully and distinctly answered, so as to show - 1st. Who are the superannuated preachers and widows and orphans of preachers, having claims on the Conf. & the sum to which each one is entitled - 2nd What preachers and on what circuits are deficient of their allowance and the amt. of each one's deficiency - 3rd. What has been collected on the Circuits and Stations (naming also those, if any such there be, for which nothing shall have been received) or contributed by benevolent societies or individuals, or drawn from the Book Concern or chartered Fund to meet those claims And - Resolved 3 - That the Bishops be and hereby are requested to cause a copy of the 2nd of these resolutions to be entered on the Journals, or placed on the file of the Annual Conf. Without delay.

I certify the foregoing to be a transcript of the journal of the General Conf. Philad.

May 24th 1832

Bro. Wilson L. McMurray was examined, and approved and at his own request located.

Bros. Hooper Creios	} Were examined & Approved
Buford Haris	
& Isaac Malone	
T.C. Cropper	

Conf. entered into the examination of those to be ordained Elders and Bro. Wm. B. Landrum was examined, approved & elected.

Bro. Jos. G. Ward was represented as having been in the habit of gallanting the females to the injury of his ministry. It was resolved that Bro. Ward be required to promise the Conf. that he will in future desist from such practice - which promise he made in presence of the Conf. and he was then elected to Elder's Orders.

Bros Hooper Evans	} were examined, approved and elected to Elder's orders.
Thos. Waring	
R. Y. M. Reynolds	
Geo. B. Brush	
Thos. Wallace	
A. Woollescrot	

Conference resumed the examination of the characters of the Elders and

Bros. I. Stamper	} were examined and approved.
Wm Adams	
& Geo. W. Taylor	

Geo. McNelly ap. and continued on the superannuated list.

Bros. R. Corwine	} were examined and approved
M. Lindsay	
John Johnson	

Wm Holman
 Wm Gunn
 Geo. W. Light
 Isaac Collard
 Ia^s Whittaker

were examined and approved

Bro. John Denham's case was laid over and conference adjourned

Wednesday evening 3 o'clock Conference ~~adjourned~~ assembled according to adjournment and after the divine service proceeded to business. Bishop Emory in the chair.

The conference resumed the examination of the characters of the Elders and

Bros. B.T. Crouch

John James

M. Jamison

John Tevis

Edw. Steveson

Wm McReynolds

Peter Akers

were examined and approved

The conference determined to fix a bar and appoint a doorkeeper, and Bro. Harber was appointed to that office.

The Report of Bro. Akers our agent for Augusta College was read and approved.

Bro. Clement L. Clifton was examined approved and continued in a superannuated relation.

Bro. H.H. Kavanaugh was examined and approved.

Bro. John W.F. Tevis' case was laid over.

Bro. A. Long was examined and approved.

Bro. G. Richardson was examined, approved and continued superannuated.

Bro. R. Tydings was examined, approved.

Bro. James L. Greenup was examined, approved and at his own request located.

Bros. H.L. Duke, L. Fowler, Chas. M. Holliday, J. Bedman, R.I. Dungan D.H. Tevis, L. Harrison, Wm Cundiff, F. Landrum? W. Flagg, Thos. W. Chandler, L. Lee, I. Marsee & Martin L. Eads were examined and approved. And conference adjourned.

Thursday morning half after 8 o'clock. Oct. 18th, 1832 Conference assembled according to adjournment and after divine service proceeded to business. Moved and seconded that no person be admitted in the conference room except preachers or members of our church. Carried. Bros. Crouch, Johnson and Stamper were appointed a committee to write the memoir of the dead.

Conf. resume the examination of the characters of those remaining on trial and Bro. E. Sutton was examined and discontinued. It being reported that there are charges against Bro. R. Bird, it was ordered that a committee of 3 be appointed to examine into the nature of the charges against Bro. R. Bird and report to the conference & Bro. Steveson, Light & Tydings were appointed for that purpose.

Conference resume the examination of the characters of the Elders and Bro. A. Hunt's character was under examination and it being suggested that his circumstances do not justify giving him a dividend of the moneys of this circumstance. It was moved and seconded that the stewards be required respectfully to inform Bro. Hunt that it is the opinion of the Conference that he ought to relinquish his claims on the monies of this conference. It carried. Bro. B. M. Henry's character was atken into consideration and the same mention was made in his case as in the case of Bro. Hunt.---Lost.

Bros. John Ray, Zadok, B. Thackston, H. McDaniel, Esau Simmons, B.C. Wood & Luke p. Allen were examined and approved & appointed. Bro. John W. F. Tevis having failed to fill the appointment given him at last an. Conf. and having sent to this conference a request to be located. It was moved and seconded that his request be granted. Moved and seconded that the motion be amended by adding "and that the Secretary be directed to signify the disapprobation of the conference to Bro. Tevis' conduct. in neglecting his appointment which amendment provided. The motion as amended was then adopted.

Bros. L. Harber, Wm Atherton, Benj. Ogden, Jos. L. Tomlinson, L. Harrison F. Hellems, Jos. B. Power, Burr H. M'Gown, Henry B. Bascom, Martin Ruter, John Littlyohn & Thos. Lostley were examined and approved.

Bros. A.H. Stemmons was examined, approved and at his request located.

The stewards of the conference were permitted to commence their business.

On motion resolved that the claims of Bro. B. C. Wood be given as usual to the necessitous cases of the affected preachers.

A letter from L. munsell Corresponding Secretary Ken. Col. Society was read; in which letter it was requested that the conference their concurrence in the appointment of Bro. G. C. Light as the agency of said society for another year which request was granted.

The following resolution was offered viz: Resolved that each preacher in ch. who hereafter neglects to make a Conf. collection at each regular appointment in his charge be requested to give satisfactory reasons for neglects or be subject to the censure of this Conf. and that no preacher who neglects this duty shall have any claim on the funds of the conference & conference adjourned.

Thursday evening 3 o'clock conference met according to adjournment & after divine service proceeded to business.

The resolution of the morning session in the consideration of which the conference adjourned was adopted.

Moved and seconded ~~that~~ by Brethren of the majority that we reconsider the vote relative to Bro. Hunts Dividend of our monies. Carried. and on taking the question the motin was lost.

Whereas the Asiatic Cholera has visited our borders and is now carrying forward the work of death in one of our most populous cities, as well as in other important section of our work. And whereas we regard it as a dispensation of Divine Justice in consequence of our National and individual sins, and believing it to be our duty in all such visitations to humble ourselves before the Most High, Therefore--Resolved by the Ky. An. Conf. that we will observe Saturday, the 19th, as a day of humiliation and prayer and that Bro. Stamper be requested to deliver a discourse on the occasion at 3 o'clock at the M.E. Church in this place. And be it further resolved--that we set apart as a day of solemn fasting & prayer throughout the bounds of this conference the first Friday of Nov. next. And that the members of this conference be directed to use their utmost efforts to have the above resolutions carried into effect in the respective circuits and stations.

The conference took up the question who are admitted on trial. And Bros. L.D. Parker of Ky. Dt. John Nevins of RockcastleDt. Jas. W. Shatty of Ohio Dt. Richard Deering of Augusta Dt. & Wm Bowman of Cumberland Dt. being duly recommended were admitted.

Bro. Newton G. Berryman Of Green River Dt. being duly recommended was readmitted.

The committee appointed to inquire into the nature of the charges professed against Bro. R. Bird reported--that the charges against him were of such a nature as to admit of an amicable explanation and adjustment--and that such adjustment had taken place. Bro. Bird's character was then passed.

Bro. L. Fowler was examined, approved and placed in a superannuated relation.

Conf. entered into the election of local preachers to Deacons orders and Bros. Thos. Bruce of Ky. Dt., John W. Bright of Ohio St. being duly recommended & were elected.

Thos. W. Gouch of Green River Dt. was recommended and Conf. adjourned.

Friday morning half after 8 O'Clock Conf. assembled and after divine service proceeded to business. The case of Bro. C. Gouch was laid over.

A letter from S. G. Ros addressed to the Bishop and members of this Conf. read & referred to the committee on Canada business.

Conference took up the question "Who are admitted into full connection?" and Bro. John Hanison being in difficulties on the subject of Infant Baptism was not admitted - Moved & seconded that Bro. Hanison be continued on trial. Carried.

Bres. James King & Wm L. Evans were admitted and elected to Deacons orders.

Bro. Danl. L. Capell was admitted and elected to Elder's orders.

Bro. H. J. Perry, John Beatty & Robert F. Turner were admitted & elected to Deacons orders.

Bro. John Williams' case was laid over.

Bro. Thomas P. Vance was admitted & elected to Deacon's orders.

The case of Bro. Thos. C. Gouch a local Preacher of Green River Dt. recommended for Deacon's orders was called up - Moved & seconded that the case of Bro. Gouch be indefinitely postponed. The recommendation of Bro. Gouch was then pronounced by the Bishop not in order on account of his being a slave holder.

Bro. Bro. Abraham Birkhead of Cumberland Dt. being recommended but having slaves the Bishop pronounced his case not before us. And Conference adjourned.

Friday evening 3 o'clock Conference assembled and after divine service proceeded to business. Bro. Stamper in the Chair by request.

Conf. proceeded to take an account of the numbers in society, and amt. of contributors for missions and publishing funds. Viz:

<u>Kentucky Dt.</u>	Whites	Col.	Miss. Sy.	P. Fund
Lexington	305	363		
Lexington Ct.	631	427		
Frankfort	111	104		
Cynthiana	100	100		
Cynthiana Ct.	567	157		
Ohio	439	33		
Port William	430	61		
New Port	482	30		
<u>Augusta Dt.</u>	<u>3065</u>	<u>1275</u>		
Germantown	648	104	5 ⁰⁰	
Maysville	143	40		
Hinckstone	581	248		
Fleming	685	95	2 ⁰⁰	
Little Sandy	366	18		
Lewis	615	29		
Big Sandy	402	14		
Highland	110	2		
<u>Rocky Mount</u>	<u>3550</u>	<u>550</u>		

<u>Rock Castle Dt.</u>	Whites	Col.	M.S.	P. Fund
Mt. Sterling	180	30		
Madison	386	30		
Danville	650	288		
D. & Harrodsburg	190	79		
Mt. Vernon	341	31		
Cumberland	373	23		
Somerset	602	30		
Winchester	474	142	5"00	
<u>Mt. Sterling Ct.</u>	<u>577</u>	<u>56</u>		
<u>Ohio District</u>	<u>3773</u>	<u>709</u>		
Shelby	772	155		
Shelbyville & B. Chapel	204	115		
Jefferson	735	309	7"00	
Louisville City	400	200		
Breckenridge Ct.	586	88		
Yellow Banks	381	55		
Hartford	512	62		
Henry	738	116		
<u>Shelbyville Female Academy</u>	<u>4328</u>	<u>1100</u>	10"00	
<u>Green River Dt.</u>				
Greenville	359	43		
Henderson	448	37		
Livingston	408	516		
Christian	654	142		
Hopkinsville	108	58		
Russellville	118	50		12"00
Logan	429	135		
Bowling Green	89	2613 41		"60
<u>Bowling Green Ct.</u>	<u>591</u>	<u>562</u>		
<u>Cumberland District</u>				
Glasgow	430			
Monroe	164			
Elizabeth	726			
Bardstown & Springfield	92			
Salt River	586			
Lebanon	501			
Green River	705			
Wayne	507			
	<u>4302</u>			

A letter from M. J. Smith relative to the Gospel Herald was by order of the Conf. read - Moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to attend to the business of the Gospel Herald and report - and Bros. Tidings, Steveson, Adams, Holman & Stamper were appointed for that purpose.

A letter from Bro. M. Ruter was by order of Conf. read - And laid on the table.

The Bishop informed the Conference that they are at liberty to draw on the Book Concern for Four Hundred Dollars and on the chartered fund for Seventy five dollars - which drafts were directed to be made.

And Conference adjourned.

Saturday morning half after 8 o'clock Conf. assembled & after divine service proceeded to business. Bishop Emory in the Chair.

The examination of those to be continued on trial was resumed and Bro. E. Southgate was examined, approved and at his own request discontinued.

The case of Bro. John Williams' case was called up & he was admitted. Bro. John Denham was examined, approved and superannuated.

Bro. Thos. G. Reese was examined, approved and at his request located.

A communication from Dr. A. Houston containing charges against Bro. R. Corwine was announced & referred to the consideration of a committee and Bros. John Tevis, Edward Steveson, John Denham, G. C. Light, & Saml. Hanison were appointed for that purpose.

Bro. Moses Clampet was examined, approved, and continued in a superannuate relation.

The Venerable Bishop McKendree appeared in Conf. and made an impressive address recommending a constant attention to doctrine & discipline and took his leave of the Conf. by prayer & commending them to God.

The Conf. resume the election of Local Preachers to Deacon's orders and Bros. J.H. Purnel of Ky. Dt.

Ambrose Butt of R. Castle Dt.

John Wigall of Ohio Dt.

H.W. Hughes of Ohio Dt.

J.D.H. Moore of Ohio Dt.

S. Sullivan of R. Castle Dt.

& Michael Broils of Dt.

Being duly

recommended

were elected.

Conf. proceeded to the election of Local Deacons to Elders Orders.

And Bros. Thos. Rankin of R. Castle Dt

William Hays of R. Castle Dt.

Geo. L. Rogers of Ohio Dt.

James M. Culp of Cumberland Dt.

James Cane of Cumberland Dt.

Being duly recommended were elected

Moved and seconded that the vote of Conf. by which John W. Butt was elected, be reconsidered. Carried. And Bro. Crouch then withdrew his recommendation.

Moved and seconded that we reconsider the case of Elijah Sutton - Carried - and he was continued on trial.

An Address of the Pres^t and Professors of Augusta College was read - in which it was requested that the Conf. appoint an agent to make collections. Conf. concurred in the appointment of an Agent provided one can be procured that can be spared from the work.

Conf. resumed the Question "Who are admitted on trial? and Bro. James C. Crow of Kentucky District being duly recommended was readmitted.

Bros. Foster H. Blaids of Ohio Dt. } being duly recommended

Herrington Stephens of G. River Dt. } were admitted.

Bro. Sam^l Veach of Augusta Dt. being duly recommended was readmitted.

Bro. Thos. S. Davis being duly recommended was admitted.

Conference resolved to hold its next session in Greensburg.

Bro. Richard Bird was elected to Elders' orders and Conf. adjourned.

Monday morning half after 8 o'clock Conf. assembled and after divine service proceeded to business. Bishop Emory in the Chair.

The Report of the Comt. on the Shelbyville Female Academy was read and their report was accepted.

The Committee on the business of Canada Conf. reported and their report was adopted. Yeas 66 - Noes none.

The Committee appointed to write the memoirs of the dead reported - and their report was accepted.

Moved and seconded that we take up the recommendation of the Genl. Conf. relative to altering the ratio of representation to the Genl. Conference - And the Conference concurred in the said recommendation - Yeas 61, noes none.

The appeal of Bro. Elias Tucker, a local preacher of Ken. Dt. was taken up - being present, he stated that he was ready to proceed in their appeal. He was asked by the Bishop if he desired the assistance of any members of the Conf. - On which he requested the assistance of Bro. Crouch which was granted. The minutes of the trial were read, and the grounds of his appeal stated by Bro. Tucker, after which and on a statement by the President of the rule of Discipline in such cases. It was Moved & seconded that the proceedings in the case of Bro. Elias Tucker be set aside - carried.

The Committee appointed to consider the subject of Sabbath Schools Tract and Bible Societies reported - which report was laid on the table.

Conf. resumed the consideration of the question "Who are admitted on trial", and

{ Bros. Rich^d Holding of Ken. Dt. &
James H. Brookin of Rock Castle Dt.

being duly recommended were admitted.

Bro. John Rogers of Cumberland Dt. was recommended, but was not admitted.

Bro. { Wm Millahan of Ky. Dt. &
Gilly Kelly of Rock Castle Dt.

being duly recommended were admitted.

Bro. Thos. Rankin of Ky. Dt. was recommended, but not admitted.

Conf. resumed the election of Local Preachers to Deacon's Orders - and Bro. Enoch Harland (a col. man) of Green River Dt. being duly recommended was elected.

A communication on the subject of Bardstown Female Academy was read - and Moved and seconded that said Academy be taken under our patronage - Withdrawn by the mover. Moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to take communication into consideration and report to said Conf. Carried - And Bro. Stamper, Kavanaugh & James were appointed for that purpose.

A communication from the Russellville Female Academy was read and referred to the said committee.

Moved and seconded that the Presiding Elder and the Preacher in charge in any circuit or station when any shhool or academy may be presented for the patronage of our Conf. be a committee to examine said proffer & report to the next Conf. Carried.

The Bishop informed the Conference that our next Session will commence on the 11th of Sept. 1833.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath School, Tract & Bible Societies was called up.

The first and second Resolutions were adopted. The 3rd Resolution was recommitted.

And Conference adjourned.

Monday evening 3 o'clock Conference assembled and after divine service proceeded to business. Bro. Stamper in the Chair by request.

Moved and seconded that the money appropriated to necessitous cases be placed into the hands of the Committee for that purpose. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the surplus of money in the hands of the Stewards be placed in the hands of the Committee on necessitous cases. Carried.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported a substitute for the 3rd resolution - which was adopted. The 4th & 5th resolutions were also adopted. The report as amended was then adopted.

The Committee appointed to investigate charges against Bro. Corwine reported - and their report was adopted.

The Committee on the case of M. Smith's letter relative to the Gospel Herald reported - and their report was recommitted.

Resolved by the Ky. Anl. Conf. that the P. Elder and Stationed Preacher of Louisville Station be directed to use the influence to form a Conf. Miss. Society in that place auxiliary to the Miss. Society of the M.E. Church at New York. And the P. Elders and preachers in charge be required to use their utmost efforts to form Societies auxiliary to said Conf. Society. And that as soon as said Society shall have been formed, it shall be the duty of the P. Elder or Preacher in charge shall signify the same for publication in the Christian Adv. & Journal.

And Conf. adjourned.

Tuesday morning half after 8 o'clock Conf^e assembled and after divine service proceeded to business. Bishop Emory in the Chair.

The Com. for the Gospel Herald reported which report was adopted. - Resolved that the Secy be directed to give Mr. J. Smith a copy of those Resolutions.

Moved and seconded that we reconsider the vote by which we fixed on the first Friday in Nov. 2 as a day of fasting and prayer. - Carried. - and the fourth Friday in Nov. was then fixed on as the day.

The Com^{ee} on Book Accts. were permitted to finish their business - (see Act) Bro. Holliday, (Our Book Agent), was permitted to address the Conference on the subject of the sale of books. Bro. Thos. Wallace received, at his own request, a location.

The Com^{ee} on Academies reported.

The 1st, 2nd & 3rd resolutions were adopted.

The Report was amended by striking out the fourth resolution - It was then moved & seconded to adopt the report as amended. - Carried. Moved and seconded that the Stewards hand Bro. Dixon his dividend. Carried. Moved and seconded that the Stewards of Conf ~~were~~ be allowed to make their report. (see Report) and their report was adopted.

Moved and seconded that we reconsider the vote by which we directed the Stewards to pay the surplus money in their hands to the Com^{ee} on necessitous cases. Withdrawn by the mover.

Moved and seconded that any member of this Conference be permitted to give information of any necessitous cases to the Com^{ee} on that subject. Carried.

Whereas in the opinion of this Conf^e the colony of Liberia presents an assylum for the free people of Colour of these United States where liberty in the proper sense of the word may be enjoyed; and whereas the scheme of African colonization is considered as the most likely means and well calculated to extend the blessings of Civilization, and the light of Gospel of the grace of God to the benighted regions of Africa; and whereas the colonization Society has manifested a laudable zeal and spirit of benevolence and virtuous enterprize in performing much with very limited means in promoting the interests of the colony which is said to be in a flourishing condition.

Therefore - Resolved by the Kentucky Annual Conference that we highly approve of the scheme of African Colonization that we will recommend it * to the attention of the people of our Church and of the community in general as a cause worthy of their patronage and admitted cooperation to promote its interests.

Resolved unanimously that we express our gratitude to the citizens of this place and its vicinity for their kindness and hospitality to the preachers during the session of our Conf^e and likewise to our Presbyterian brethren for the use of their M. House & that this be proclaimed from the pulpit this afternoon and on next Sabbath. And after an address by the Bishop, and prayer, Conf^e adjourned.

Wm Adams Secy

J Emory