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JOURNAL OF
KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Louisville Oct. 13th

1831

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The Kentucky Annual Conference assembled at Louisville Ky. Oct. 13th. 1831 and after Divine Service and an introductory address by Bishop Hedding proceeded to business. Bishop Hedding in the chair.

The conference appointed Bro. Wm Adams Secretary.

The conference determined to meet at half after 8 A.M. and adjourn at 1 P.M.

Bros. Adams and Akers were appointed a committee to appoint the preachers to preach and superintend the congregations.

Bros. McNolly, Wm McReynolds & H.H. Kavanaugh were appointed Stewards of the Conference.

Bros. Akers, Crouch, and Tomlinson were appointed Book Committee.

Bros. Light, Heleman & Barger were appointed a committee to examine into the affairs of the Gospel Herald and report to this Conference.

Moved and seconded that in future the presiding Elder of the District on which any Brother shall die shall be a committee to make out and present to the Conference the Memoirs of said Brother. Carried.

The Conference determined that there shall be Committee on Education appointed to consist of three members appointed by the Chair.

Moved and seconded that a committee be now appointed to examine the candidates for admission into the traveling connection at our next session to consist of five to be appointed by the Chair. Carried.

Conference adopt the By Rules of last year for our government at this session.

The Conference entered into the consideration of the second question Who remain on trial?

and Bros. John Harrison

James King

Wm S Evans

Hartwel J. Perry

& Franklin Davis

Were examined

approved &

Continued

Brother Micajah H Clark was examined, approved and at his own request discontinued.

Bro. Jehn Beatty was examined, approved and continued.

Bro. Pleasant Alberson was elected, approved & discontinued at his own request.

Bros. Robert F. Turner

Daniel S Cassell

& George B Harland

Were examined

approved and

Continued

Joseph Carter was examined & discontinued.

The Conference resolved to divide large societies into classes.

The Conference take up the fourth Question, Who are the Deacons? - and Bros. Wm B Landrum

Richard Bird

Joseph G. Ward

Hooper Evans

Thomas Warring

Andrew Pwase

Robt. Y. McReynolds

George W. Brush

Thomas Wallace

Absalom Wooliscroft

Were examined

& approved

Conference take up the fifth question, Who are Elected to Elders Orders? And Bro. Joseph Marsee was examined, approved and elected.

Bro. Joseph B. Power was examined, approved, elected and placed in a superannuated relation.

Bros. Thomas W. Chandler

& Silas Lee

Were examined, approved and elected

Bros. Ruter, Akers, Tydings, Creuch and Stamper were appointed a committee to examine the candidates for admission into full connection.

Bro. Stevenson was appointed Steward in the place of Bro. McNelly and Conference adjourned.

Friday morning half after 8 O'Clock October 14, 1831 Conference assembled & after divine service to business. Bishop Hedding in the Chair.

The examination of Deacons to Elders Orders was resumed - and Bro. Hiram Baker was examined, approved, elected to Elders Orders and at his request obtained a location.

Bros. Washington Fagg } Were examined, approved
& Burr H McCown } and elected to Elders Orders

The Conference enter into the examination of the third question, Who are admitted into full connection? and-

Bro. Martin P Eades was examined, approved, admitted into full connection and elected to Elders orders.

Bro. Joseph Tomlinson was appointed to converse with those preachers who were deficient in literary attainments and advise them to continue their studies & that the presiding Elders continue such advice.

Bros. Wm A. H. Spratt } Were examined, approved
Thomas C. Cropper } admitted into full
John F. Young } connection
Bluford Henry } and elected to
John Sandusky } Deacons Orders
& Elijah Knex }

Moved and seconded that We receive the resolution of last annual Conference in which we resolved not to receive into full connection and locate a member at the same conference. Carried.

Bro. Thomas M Rice was examined, approved, admitted, elected to Deacons orders, and at his own request located.

Bros. Thos. P. Farmer } Were examined, approved
Thomas H. Gibbons } admitted & elected
Wilson S. McMurry } to Deacons Orders

Bro. Jesse Sutton was continued on trial another year.

Bros. W, P. McNight } Were examined, approved, admitted
& Hooper Crow } and elected to Deacons Orders

Bro. Thos. P. Vance was continued on trial at his own request.

Bro. Isaac Malone was examined, admitted and elected to Deacons orders.

The Stewards of Conference were permitted to receive the amount collected by the preachers & make out their Accts as Stewards Accts.

Moved and seconded the Stewards be required to enquire of those preachers who have made us collection, why they have made no such collection. Carried.

And Conference adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock Friday evening . Conference assembled and after Divine Service proceeded to business. Bishop Hedding in the Chair.

The Stewards were permitted to continue their business.

After reading an address from the Book agents the Conference was informed by the Bishop that they were at liberty to draw on the Book Concern for \$1000.00 and on the chartered fund for Eighty Dollars which drafts were directed by the Conference to be made.

The Conference enter into the examination of the character of Elders and Bro. Wm Gunn } Were examined &
George C Light } approved &
& Benjamin T. Crouch } Conference adjourned

Saturday Morning half after 8 O'Clock October 15th, 1931, Conference met according to adjournment and after divine service proceeded to business. Bishop Hedding in the Chair.

Conference enter into the election of Local preachers to Deacons orders and Bros. William Sechrist of Ky. District } being duly rec.
& Henry Robertson of Augusta District } were elected

Bro. Sebeurn Crutchfield of Rockcastle District being recommended was not elected.

Bro. Jesse Thrift (man of colour) of Rockcastle District & Major Green (man of colour) of Ohio District being duly recommended were elected. -

Thes Spilman of Ohio Dist.

Henry Lyen of Ohio Dist.

Joseph McBride of Green Riv. Dist.

John Gray of Green river Dis.

Jacob Bird of Cumberland Dt.

Robert Reams of Cumberland Dis.

Jesse Peebles of Cumberland Dt.

} being duly recommended were elected

Bro. William Belding of Cumberland District was recommended but not elected.

A letter from Bro. Nathan Harris to the Bishop presiding in this conference was read, and referred to a committee of three to be chosen by the chair & Bro. Holeman, Barger & McDanl. were appointed.

It was moved and seconded that the secretary be directed to give Bro. Richard Tarvin a certificate of his standing as an Elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church. - Carried. *

The Conference resolve to have an afternoon session commencing at 3 O'Clock.

A Report on Augusta College was read & referred to the Consideration of a committee of five and Bros. Crouch, Stamper, Heleman, J. Tevis, & Bascom were chosen for that purpose.

Moved & seconded that this conference instruct their Stewards not to make any allowance to any superannuated preacher unless he report the proceeds of his years work. Withdrawn by the mover. The following was moved and seconded and laid on the table (Viz) Resolved that it is desired and requested that our superannuated brethren who have the means of support, independantly of their relation to this conference, will in future advance no claims to Dividends from any funds belonging to * this body.

The examination of the characters of the Elders was resumed and

Bros. Littleton Fowler } examined and

& Isaac Collard } approved

Bro. Danl. H. Tevis having been represented as having neglected his work in the past year, it was Resolved by the Conference that he receive no circuit during the next year.

Bros. Richard Cerwine

John S. Barger

Edward Stevenson

Benjamin Tevis

Horace Brown

} Were examined

} and approved

Bros. Richard Tydings & H. Brown obtained leave of absence and Conference adjourned till three O'Clock to meet again with closed doors.

Saturday evening 3 o'clock P.M. Conference assembled and after Divine Service proceeded to business. Bishop Hedding in the Chair. Conference resumed the question who are in full connection? And Bro. Buford Harris was examined, approved & elected to Deacons orders.

The Examination of Deacons eligible to Elders was resumed and Bro. Moses Clampet was examined and being represented as having indulged in using imprudent words indicative of Irritability of Temper, it was moved and seconded that some person be appointed a committee to admonish him & advise him to endeavor to manage his temper better in future. Carried and Bro. Joseph Tomlinson was appointed for that purpose.

Bro. Clampet was then elected to Elders orders and at his own request placed in a superannuated relation.

The Bishop having stated that Bro. Henry Evans is represented in the minutes as an Elder Elect & also that he desires a transfer from Virginia Conference to this - It was moved and seconded that the Bishop be advised to transfer Bro. Evans to this Conference and ordain him - Which motion prevailed and conference adjourned.

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

The resolution proposed on Saturday morning requesting our superannuated brethren who have the means of support independently of their connection with this conference not to advance in future any claims on the moneys belonging to this body was called up. The Resolution was by motion amended by adding after the word "whe" the following words - "In their opinion;" and the resolution as amended was then adopted.

Bro. George C. Light requesting the privilege of receiving an agency from the American Colonization Society for the ensuing year which request was granted.

Resolved that this Conference raise a Sabbath School fund and that they appoint someone to preach during the sitting of this Conference and open a subscription for that purpose & Bro. Bascom was appointed to preach on that subject on Wednesday evening.

The Conference resolve to form themselves into a Sabbath school Society and appointed Bros. Bascom Tomlinson & Ruter a Committee to draft a constitution for the same.

Conference resume the examination of those to be received into full connection & Bro. Wm Helm was examined, approved, admitted & elected Deacon.

The Conference resume the examination of the character of the Elders and Bros. John W.F. Tevis
William Cunliff
Francis Landrum
Josiah Whitaker
George W Taylor
Richard Tydings
& Charles Holiday

Were examined &
approved

Bro. Milton Jamison was examined, approved and at his own request placed in an effective relation.

Bishop Roberts in the Chair.

Bro. Richard I. Dungan
 John James
 Hubbard F. Kavanaugh
 & William Adams

} were examined and approved.

Bro. Adams stated to the conference that he had purchased a slave on account of certain reasons that he thought justified the measure, with a view to liberate him as soon as his Labour should remunerate him for the purchase. Whereupon it was voted that Bro. Adams be requested to take paper measures to secure his emancipation. within that time.

Bro. Jonathan Stamper was examined and approved

Bro. James Ward was examined, approved and placed in a superannuate relation.

Bro. Abraham Long was examined and approved.

It was moved and seconded by brethren who voted in the majority in the case of Dan^r H. Tevis that we reconsider the vote by which we resolved to give him no appointment during the following year and carried.

Bro. James Aken
 James Greenup
 Thos. G Reese
 & John Tevis

} were examined and approved

Bro. George McNally was examined and approved & at his own request was placed in a superannuate relation to this conference and conference adjourned.

Monday ~~morning~~ evening 3 o'clock conference assembled and after Divine Service proceeded to business. Bishop Roberts in the chair.

Bro. Horace Brown was at his request located.

Bro. John Denham was examined and approved.

Clement & Clifton L. Clifton was examined and approved and at his request was placed in a superannuate relation.

Bros. Alexander H.
 & William Holman } were approved &
 examined

Bro. George Richardson was examined, approved, and at his request was placed in a superannuated relation.

Bro. Stephen Harber was examined, approved, and continued in a supernumerary relation.

Bros. Marcus Linsey
 Henry L Harrison
 Martin Ruter
 & Joseph L Tomlinson } Were examined &
 approved

Bro. John Redmon was examined, approved and placed in an effective relation.

Bro. Saml. Hallum
 Barnabas McHenry
 Henry McDaniel
 Luke B. Allen
 John Ray
 & Blachley C. Wood } Were examined
 and approved
 and continued
 in a superannuated
 relation -

Bro. John Johnston was examined and at his request placed in an effective relation. - -

Bro. Wm Atherton
Absalom Hunt
& Esau Simmons
Bros. Tado B. Thaxton
& Benjamin Augdon

Were examined ,
approved and continued
in a superannuated relation
were examined, approved
& continued in a superannuated relation

The Bishop having stated to the Conference that Bro. John Little-
John, a superannuated preacher of the Baltimore Conference is desirous
to be transfered from that Conference to this. It was resolved that
the Bishop be requested to make such transfer which was made accordingly.
Brother Hamilton C. Ulin was examined, approved and at his request
located.
Brother John Williams was examined and continued on trial another
year and Conference adjourned.

Tuesday morning half after 8 O'clock Conference assembled and after
divine service proceeded to business. Bishop Hedding in the Chair.

Bro. Wm. M. McReynolds was examined & approved. The character of
Nehemiah A Cravens was taken up. Who was accused of adultery with a
woman of Colour on the 17th day of June last, the following persons Viz.
John Johnson, Alexander A Simmons & Robt. McReynolds convened as a
committee to investigate said charges. When the accused appeared vol-
untarily before them and pleaded guilty thereto & was thereupon suspended
from all oficial services in the Methodist Episcopal Church. The afore-
mentioned Alexander H ~~Molton~~ Stimmons & Robt. Y. McReynolds approved
before the Conference and testified that said N.A. Cravens did confess
in their hearing that he had been guilty of adultery - on which testimony
the conference found said N.A. Cravens guilty of adultery & expelled him
from the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Committee on Augusta College reported which report was adopted
Ordered that said report be published and that a copy of said report
be forwarded to the agents of the book concernf for publication in the
Christian Advocate & Journal & Zions Herald.

The Stewards of Conference reported which report was adopted -
Resolved that the balance of \$10.00 remaining in the hands of the
Stewards be divided by them to the most necessitous cases. Bro. H. B.
Bascom was appointed to superintend the publication of the report on
Augusta College. The Bishop informs the Conference that they shall
elect 13 members delegates to the general Conference, no person to be
elected without a majority of votes taken. The Conference enter into
the election of said Delegates & Bros. Akers, Ruter, Stamper, Crouch,
Lindsey, Adams, Kavenaugh, Taylor & Tydings, were elected at the first
ballet - on a second ballet, HB Bascom was elected - on the third vote
no person was elected, on the 4th ballet Bros. J.S. Temlinson & John
Tevis were elected, upon the 5th ballet no person was elected & conference
adjourned - Tuesday evening 3 o'clock Conference assembled and after
Divine Service proceeded to business. Bishop Roberts in the chair.

Conference resumes the Election of delegates to the General Conference
& Bro. George McNelly was elefsted - It was then moved and seconded that
we elect three members in reserve to attend the General Conference
provided any of those elected should fail to go. Carried. It was agreed
that the first elected shall have priority. Upon the first vote Bro.
G. C. Light was elected having received 37 votes. Upon the second vote
Bro. H. McDaniel received 43 votes and Bro. Corwine 31 and were both
elected having received a majority of votes taken.

It was ordered that if any one of the delegates shall fail to go to General Conference he shall give timely notice thereof to the secretary of the conference who shall notify the reserve delegate thereof or if any one of the delegates die the secretary shall in that case also notify the reserve delegate in time that he may be ready to go.

Ordered that each preacher in charge be required to make a public collection. In each congregation in his charge for the purpose of bearing the expenses of the Delegates to and from the General Conference.

Resolved that Bro. Stamper be appointed to preach the funeral Sermon of Bro. PB Ross on tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

An address from Wm W Taylor & W J Barber tendering the Oldham Academy to the patronage of this Conference was read & referred to the consideration of Bros. Crouch, Tomlinson & Akers as a committee to report as soon as possible. An address of R.B. Peebles was read & referred to the same Committee.

The Stewards were permitted to announce the distributions they had made. Which was approved. There being still a surplus in their hands It was resolved that if it be not used to bear the expenses of preacher to Missouri Conference, they are permitted to place it to the benefit of the Sabbath School institution. And Conference adjourned.

Wednesday morning half after 8 o'clock Conference assembled and after Divine service proceed to business. Bishop Hedding in the Chair. Conference take up the first question, who are admitted on trial? And

Bros. Lewett Cambell	} of the	} being duly recommended		
Carlisle Babbit			Kentucky	} were admitted
& Edward Sothgate			District	

Thomas Hale of Augusta District being recommended was not admitted. Bro. William Philips of Rock Castle Dt. being duly recommended was admitted.

Clinton Keley of Rock Castle Dt. being recommended was not admitted. The Residing Elder was permitted to employ Bro. Keley.

Bro. Joseph D. Barnett of Kentucky District being duly recommended was admitted.

The Conference reconsidered the case of Bro. Thomas & received him on trial. Bro. Learner B. } of Ohio } being duly recom.
& Elijah Sutton } District } were admitted

Matthew Ledbetter of Green River District was recommended but not admitted.

Monor M Cosley of green River Dis. being duly recommended was admitted.

Bro Zechariah Taylor of Cumberland District was duly recommended but not admitted.

Bro. Thomas Lastly of Cumberland District being duly recommended was readmitted and placed in a supernumerary relation.

Bro. Thomas Prather of Kentucky District was recommended but not admitted.

Bro. B. Tevis requested a dispensation from next year which was not granted.

The Committee on the Gospel Herald Reported & was laid on the table. Bro. Benjamin Tevis requested and obtained a location. Conference resume the Election of Local Deacons to Elder's orders & Bro. John Styth of Cumberland District being Duly recommended was elected.

Conference determine to have an evening session commencing at three o'clock.

The Committee on Oldham Academy reported, which report was adopted.

It was moved and seconded that the business of Sabbath Schools so far as it respects forming the Conference into a society, be laid over untill the next session - Resolved that the stationed preacher of Louisville for the time being and Sam Dickison of this place be a Committee for the ensuing year to receive all moneys raised for the purpose of forming a depository of Sunday School Books in this place for the purpose & distribute them as called for & report to this Conference at its next session.

Resolved that we be more attentive to the formation and encouragement of Sabbath Schools & report to the next annual Conference the number & condition of the Schools within our bounds.

The Book Committee reported.

The Committee on Shelbyville Female Academy reported - Which report was adopted.

Resolved that in the opinion of this Conference it is the duty of every presiding Elder not only to see that each preacher on Trial in his district is supplied with a copy of the course of Study but also to encourage & Stimulate all such preachers in their studies both of Literature & Theology and as far as there may be opportunity, to examine them quarterly on those subjects & Conference adjourned.

Wednesday evening 3 o'clock P.M. Conference assembled & after Divine Service proceeded to business. Bishop Robts. in the Chair. Conference take up the Election of Local preachers to Deacons orders & Bro. Jabob Eulow of the Cumberland District being duly recommended was elected. The Conference Take in the numbers in society as follows. Viz.

Kentucky District	W.	Col.	Rockcastle Dt.	W	Col.
Lexington Dt.	280	320	Mount Sterling	167	84
Lexington Ct.	703	427	Mount Sterling Ct.	429	49
Frankfort	103	109	Madison	405	32
Cynthiana St.	121	107	Danville C	652	279
Cynthiana Ct.	531	117	Danville & Harrods burg	209	82
Ohio	417	27			84
Port William	42	60	Mt. Vernon	329	34
Newport	523	61	Cumberland	447	16
	<u>2720</u>	<u>1228</u>	Somerset	558	33
Augusta Dist.			Winchester	464	146
Limestone	695	132		<u>3661</u>	<u>755</u>
Maysville	211	41	Ohio District		
Hincston	544	222	Shelby	652	127
Fleming	725	57	Shelbyville & Brick Chapel	198	114
Little Sandy	531	39	Jefferson	810	309
Lewis	599	34	Louisville	292	180
Big Sandy	516	18	Breckenridge	571	94
Blue Lick	77	3	Yellow Banks	326	52
	<u>3898</u>	<u>546</u>	Hartford	457	69
			Henry	747	119
				<u>4053</u>	<u>1064</u>

Green River Dis.	W.	Col.	Kentucky Dt.	2720	1228
Greenville	368	38	Augusta Dt.	3898	546
Henderson	431	46	Rock Castle Dt.	3661	755
Livingston	418	61	Ohio Dist.	4053	1064
Christian	597	159	Green River Dt.	2495	511
Hopkinsville	85	67	Cumberland Dt.	3945	478
Russelville	103	36		<u>20772</u>	<u>4582</u>
Logan	436	92			
Gaspar River	57	12			
	<u>2495</u>	<u>511</u>			
Cumberland Dt.					
Bowling Green	96	33			
Elasgow	397	28			
Monrow	177	9			
Elizabeth	708	41			
Bardstown	25	35			
Salt River	879	165			
Lebanon	582	85			
Green River	621	62			
Bowling Ct.	500	20			
	<u>3945</u>	<u>478</u>			

Resolved that we instruct our delegates to the next General Conference to oppose any alterations that may be attempted in the present plan of appointing presiding Elders in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Committee to whom was referred the Rev. Nathaniel Harris - reported. Moved and seconded that the report be adopted and Conference adjourned.

Thursday morning half after 8 o'clock Conference assembled and after Divine Service proceeded to business. Bishop Roberts in the Chair. The motion to adopt the report on Rev. N. Harris's letter was withdrawn by the mover -

Moved & seconded that said report be laid on the table indefinitely which motion prevailed.

Resolved that the thanks of this Conference be presented to our brethren & friends of Louisville for the kind reception we have met with among them during the time of our session in the place also to our Presbyterian friends for tendering us the use of their meeting Houses & to our Masonic friends for the use of their hall for our accommodation.

Resolved that the preacher in charge in Louisville be, & hereby is authorized & requested to make known to the proper authorities the foregoing resolution.

The report of the Committee on Gospel Herald reported - Moved and seconded that First resolution proposed in said report be stricken out - carried. The second resolution was also stricken out. Moved and seconded that the Committee be permitted to withdraw said Report - Carried.

As we are authorized to expect that the estate of A.B. Ross will be administered upon by the Printer of the Gospel Herald - Resolved by this Conf^e that the Stationed preachers of Lexington be directed to inform the said Administrator whoever he may be, that provided he forward the Accts. due the Herald, we will use our best efforts to make collections through out the Ky. Confe. and forward the money to said administrator.

Moved and seconded that it is the opinion of this Conference that a claim of Bro. Jonathan Stamper on the Book Concern of eighty nine dollars occasioned by error in transfer from Bro. M. Lindsey ought to be placed to the acc^t of profit and loss which motion prevailed.

Resolved by the Ky. Ann^d Conf^e unanimously 1. That we view the Book Concern of the Methodist E. Church as an important auxiliary in the great work in which we as a body are engaged, both as a means of spreading religious knowledge, and as a source of relief and support to our Itenarant Ministry particularly to the worn out preachers and their families, as well as to the widows & orphans of those who have fallen in the work. ". That we view with regret & disgust the ungenerous efforts of certain individuals to undermine & ruin the concern evidently from motives of private interest in publishing & sending such Books as have hitherto been published exclusively by our concern and in endeavoring to impose spurious publications on the public as the genuine & standard publications be of our church. 3. That we as a body & as individuals will use our best exertions to secure the interests of our Concern by recommending and promoting the sale of those books & publications which we issued from our presses & that we will have no agency whatever in the sale of those Books & publications which are published by others with the evident view of supplanting or injuring our own establishments. 4. That the Secretary be directed to forward a copy of these resolutions for publication in the Christian Advocate & Journal & Zions Herald.

The Conference appoint Harrodsburg as the place of its next session. Resolved that the first Friday in April next, be observed by this Conference, and recommended to the people of our charge to be observed as a day of fasting & prayer to Almighty God for a blessing to rest upon the labours of the next General Conference, the work of God throughout our bounds, and the church universally.

The Bishop informed the Conference that our next session will commence on the 17th of Oct. 1832.

The Conf^e concur in the following resolutions of Ohio Conference. Resolved 1. That the Ohio Ann^d Conf^e respectfully recommend to the consideration of the next General Conf^e the necessity of placing the Book Agency at Cincinnati on more eligible and efficient ground.

The Com- on Education are Martin Ruter, H.B. Bascom and Richard Corwine.

The examining Com^e are Ruter, Akers, Tydings, Crouch & Stamper.

The Said Com^e and candidates to meet at Harrodsburg at o'clock on the day preceding the next session of our Conf-.

It is the opinion of this Conf^e that Bro. Sam^l Hellums be exonerated from an aect. reported against him by the Book Com^e.

And after divine service and the reading of the appointments Conference adjourned.

William Adams

W B Roberts

Elijah Hedding