

Journal of
The
Missouri Annual Conference
of
The Methodist. E. Church
In
The United States of America

Saint Louis Mo.

1849

Wednesday Morning 9 O'clock A.M.
Aug 29th 1849 The Second Session of the
The Second Missouri Annual Conference of the M. E.
session of Church as reorganized by the General Conference
mo. Annual of 1848. (The first session having been held
conf. after in connection with the Illinois Conference)
reorganization met in the Basement of the Ebenezer Chapel
St Louis Mo.

Bishop
Lanus
officiates
in the
introductory
services

Bishop Lanus opened the exercises of
the conference by reading the 116th Psalm and
the 4th Chap of 2nd Corinthians, giving out the
hymn on page 382 Commencing

All praise to our redeeming Lord
The conference joined in singing and
the Bishop offered up an appropriate prayer
The conference united in singing

A charge to keep I have,
Bro Clarke and Bro Sam^l Clarke of the Iowa conf
assists addressed the Throne of grace

Bishop
gives an
address

The Bishop delivered a short and
appropriate opening address Conference
proceeded to appoint a Secretary and
The Rev C J Houts was nominated & appointed

Secretary
appointed

The Secretary called the list and the
following brethren answered to their names.

List of
Names

13 in
Chamber

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 John J. Duren p | 7 James Gurley a |
| 2 Anthony Hewley p | 8 Nelson Henry a |
| 3 Andrew J. Grandall sick | 9 Joseph H. Hopkins p |
| 4 William Grain a | 10 C. J. Houts p |
| 5 Moses B. Evans p | 11 Wilson Pitner Jr |
| | 12 Geor. W. Robbins Jr |
| 6 William D. Gage p | 13 Ab ^l Still p |

8 Trans of Conf.	On motion Conference fixed the hour to meet at 9 o'clock A.M. and the hour to adjourn at 12 M.
Com. on public worship	On motion G. W. Robbins & W. Pitner were appointed a Committee to superintend public worship.
Com. on Schools	On motion John J. Buren A. Newby and C. E. Hobbs were appointed a committee on Sabbath Schools.
Mission Committee	On motion Abner Still G. W. Robbins Nelson Henry J. H. Hopkins Wm. Gage and Moses W. Evans. were appointed the Mission Committee.
Com. on Periodicals	On motion Wm. D. Gage was appointed a committee on New York Periodicals and Book accounts.
Com. on Post Offices	On motion John J. Buren was appointed a committee on Post Offices
Annual report of New York Book con	The Bishop presented to the conference <u>"The annual report of the Book Committee at New York, and the annual Exhibit of the N. York Book concern, which were read by the Secretary & filed with the conference papers."</u>
Drafts on Book con & char. fund	The ^{Bishop} announced that the conference were authorized to draw on the Book concern for three hundred dollars. and on the chartered fund for sixty-five dollars.
Conf orders to draw	On motion the conference ordered the draft to be made.
Conf Stewards	On motion Wilson Pitner Joseph H. Hopkins & John J. Buren were appointed conference Stewards

Examination
of effective
Elders

Conference took up the examination of the character of effective Elders. and G.W. Robbins. Wilson Pitner A. J. Morand John I. Buren C. J. Houts Joseph H. Hopkins, Moses B. Evans & Abm. Still were severally approved.

Stewards
Take items

The Stewards occupied some time in taking the claims & receipts of the preachers and the amount of the Fifth collection.

assistant
Secretary

On motion John I. Buren was appointed assistant Secretary.

Com. to buy
this Book

On motion W. Pitner was appointed a committee to procure a Book of Record and present the account to the conference for payment.

Missionary
Collections
called for

The 18th Guest was taken up. For Missions from ~~from~~ Washington Mission 10¢ From Van Buren \$6.50 From Selma 1 dollar. No collection for S Union or A. B. Society were reported.

none for
S.S. union
Conf adj

On motion the conference adjourned to meet at the appointed hour on tomorrow morning. Notices were announced.

Notices

The conference joined in singing a part of the hymn commencing

Bro Still
Prays.

"O for a heart to praise my God"
G. Prager was affirmed by Dr. A. Still.

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2nd days
session
Devotions
by Bro Clarke

Thursday morning 9 o'clock conference
met pursuant to adjournment. Bishop James
in the chair. Bro Samuel Clarke of the Iowa
conference led the devotions by reading the
Word of God singing & prayer.

List of
names called

The Secretary called the list and
the following brethren answered to their
names, agreeably to list of yesterday.

The minutes of yesterday's session were
read amended and approved.

Bro J. H. Power
gives statistics
of Book Concern
at Cin. Min.

The Rev J. H. Power Book Agent from
Cincinnati was introduced to the Conf.
and presented to the Conference "The Annual
Report of the Book Committee of the Western
Book Concern and the annual Exhibit of the
Concern at Cin. which were read by the
Secretary and filed with the conference
papers

Comm. mit.
to be on
Education
Conference
proceeds
to take the
number in
Society.

On motion a committee of five to be
called the Education Committee were appointed
consisting of C. J. Hobbs Am. Still
G. W. Robbins W. D. Gage & M. B. Evans

The Conference proceeded to take the
numbers in Society as follows.

Numbers of members in Society in Mo. Con

St. Louis Dist	St. Louis &c	N. white	N. white	N. Col.	N. Col.	LP	LP	No. of
		Members	Prob.	Mem	Prob.	White	Col.	Indians
	St. Louis county mission	17	79	180		2	3	
	Bonneville miss	137	12			4		
	Versailles	97	15			1		
	Sebma "	151	97	2		1	1	
	Steelville "	42		1				
	Troy "	95	5	3		1		
	Hannibal sta	82	38	6		1		
Ark Dist	Batesville miss							
	Washington "	154	14	18	2	4		
	Benton "	7	9					
	Van Buren	123	61			3		
	Sarcoxie "	179	23	5		2		
	Cape Girardeau							
	Bloomfield "	71	3			3		
Platte Dis	Weldon miss	140	5			6		
	Oregon "	100				2		
	Savannah	227	5	2		7		
	Wyandott	"	"	"	"			Mem Prob Preach 172, 14, 3
	Athens	318	20	2		5		
	Kirksville	120	23	2		5		
	Maryville	100	14	3		3		
Omitted		2160	423	224	2	50	4	172, 14, 3
	Batesville mission	166	14			3		
	Ebenezer charge	288	35			1		
	Cape Girardeau miss	98	6					
	Oregon miss	91				2		
Total		2803	478	224	2	55	4	172, 14, 3
Add Indians		172	14			3	Ind.	
in all		2975	492			4	Col.	
Total		3467				62		

further

claims, called
for by Stewards, and receipts.

The Stewards occupied some further time in taking the farther reports of claims

Prof Cummings of McTendree College addressed the conference on the subject of McTendree education in general and of McTendree College & McTendree Advocate asking the patronage of this conference

Advocate
J. H. Houts on
purphasing
Marion Col.

J. H. Houts presented a paper to the Conference in relation to the purchase of the Marion College property for the purpose of establishing a Conference Seminary.

Referred to
Com on Ed.
2nd quest
Called

The paper was referred to the Education Com. Conference took up the 2nd quest on the minutes viz, Who are continued on trial?

Who are con
on trial?

And Isaac Burns Thomas, B. Markham and Wm. M. Henderson, were severally

absentees
to be exam

continued on trial and they being absent their ~~their~~ Presiding Elders were instructed to direct them to attend to the examination before the Committee of examination for the first year at the next Conference.

exam next
year
Linthicum also

Bezekiah Linthicum was discontinued.

2nd Taylor
continued

2nd Question John W. Taylor was called & he not being present to be examined was continued on trial.

on trial
Conf fixed

On motion the Conference proceeded to fix the place of holding their next session Pleasant Green Cooper County and Saint Louis were put in nomination.

place of next
session

Conference proceeded to fix the place by a counting vote & Pleasant Green in 1850 Meigs Cooper County having a majority of 25 Pleasant votes was declared to be the place for holding our conference

conf of
1850 Meigs

Cooper County

Time of Conf 1850 The Bishop announced the time to be August 28th 1850.

Purchase of this Book Bro Pitner reported the purchase of the Book of Record ordered on yesterday & a collection was taken to pay for the book.

acts on recom for Elders orders Conference took up the recommendation of preachers to Deacons Orders.

Case of J. Kern James Kern presented a recommendation from the Hannibal Circuit. A question on the signature of the Secretary of the quarterly conference was mentioned & on motion the paper was laid on the table for the present
Election of Deacons Isaac Overal (Coloured) ^{recommended} from St Louis Co Mission was elected to Deacons Orders

Election of Elders to exam of Local Deacons to Elders orders. And John A Fouché (Col) was elected.

com. of 3 Ordered to draft a constitution for the To draft con organization of a conference Missionary -stitution for Society. and to make arrangements. Mip. Society To hold a missionary meeting during the & for holding conference, and J. F. Houts & Bewley G. M. B. Evans were appointed the com. to a meeting

also to hold S. School meet. On motion The Committee on S. Schools were requested to make arrangements to hold a S. School meeting.

Bro Brooks address on a church paper Bro Brooks of the Iowa Conference addressed the conference on the subject of the publication of a church paper in the upper Mississippi valley.

Conf adjourn The hour of adjournment having arrived the conference adjourned to meet at the Stated hour. prayer by Bro Cummings.

Opening
Services

Friday morning 9 o'clock Conf met pursuant to adjournment, Bishop James in the chair Religious exercises by Bro Brooks of the Iowa Conference.

List called

The list was called & the following brethren answered to their names (See list)

four app

The journal of yesterday's Session was read corrected and approved.

22 present

circ. and

The Bishop presented a circular on Sabbath Schools which was read & referred to the committee on Sabbath Schools.

also address

on Tracts

Also an address of the Bishops on the subjects of Tracts. A committee of one was ordered to which the paper was referred.

Comm. on

Tracts

William D. Gage was appointed said Committee

Copy filed

A copy of the above was presented to be filed with the Conference papers.

Char. of

by Houts

reconsidered

On motion of Geo. W. Robbins the character of C. J. Houts was reconsidered.

A paper containing a charge of maladministration by James Kern a Local preacher from Hannibal Circuit was read by the assistant secretary and after some explanation was laid on the table until testimony could be had.

W. Peters

Character

reconsidered

Comm. on

his case

On motion of G. W. Robbins the character of Wilson Peters was reconsidered and his case referred to a committee of five Anthony Bivby Wm D. Gage J. H. Hopkins M. W. Evans & C. J. Houts composed that Committee.

J. H. Burrows

Shuption

Church paper

The conference heard Rev J. H. Brown remark on the subject of establishing a ^{church} paper, in the Mississippi.

Brooks on church paper
Valley, bro Brooks of the Iowa conf. having introduced the subject on yesterday. The following resolution was offered

A. J. Brandal
hom on
S paper
Resolved that A. J. Brandal be appointed a committee to confer with similar committees from the Wisconsin Rock river Iowa & Illinois Conferences on the expediency of establishing a church paper in the upper Mississippi Valley. C. J. Houts J. J. Burns

Con protract
sion
adjoins
The hour of adjournment having come on motion the conference continued the session for the purpose of finishing the business before them. Conf adjourned to meet at the usual hour on the following day. Prayer by Bro A. Buckley.

opening
services
Sat morning
list called
journal app?
Saturday morning 9 o'clock Sept 1st
conference met pursuant to adjournment and was opened by Dr. Cartwright of the Illinois conf. Bishop James in the chair. The list was called and the following brethren answered to their names (see list). The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

case of
C. J. Houts
The case of C. J. Houts was on motion taken up. written testimony touching the case and referred to on yesterday. The chair decided that a part of the testimony submitted to him for examination was admissible. The assistant Secretary read the testimony of Edward H. Mallory and Wm D. gave given on the occasion of the trial of Rev. Jas. Kern

Commenced in the city of Hannibal Mo
August 20th

The conference then heard Bro Kearns
in Support of the charges which he had
preferred against him.

B. J. Houts replied & Bro Kearns re-
sponded. On motion the conference
submitted the following questions of law
to the chair for his decision. and on
motion the conference adjourned to meet
at half past one o'clock P.M. Prayer by
Bro Evans

Saturday after afternoon half past
one. conference met pursuant to adjourn-
ment. and was opened as usual by Bro
Gage Bishop James in the chair.

The list was called and the following
Brethren answered to their names (as list)

The journal was read corrected and
approved

Rev. G. W. Robbins presented the
following questions. and on motion
the question was submitted to the chair
for his decision

The chair gave the following decision
On the question of law submitted to him
by the conference for his decision, viz,

Quest 1st Has a Presiding Elder the right
to call a quarterly Conference together
to transact business at any time sub-
sequent to adjournment after the
regular business is gone through

Ans. The quarterly Conference may
adjourn to meet from time to time, or
or may adjourn to meet at the call of

Questions
of Law.

Afternoon
Sec.

Decisions
of the Chair

1st. Question

1st. Answer

The Presiding Elder. But a Presiding Elder has no right to call a second session of the Quarterly Conference upon his own authority or without having been authorized as above supposed.

2nd Question.

Quest. 2nd Has a preacher in charge a right to rule out any Specification in a charge formally brought against an accused member?

and Answer.

Ans. He has not. After charges are formally presented and the accused has been called before the proper tribunal the preacher has no right to rule out any Specification. The disposition of the whole of the charges & Specifications is with the Committee or Conference sitting on the trial.

3rd Question

Quest. 3rd Was the decision of C. J. Houts compliance of in the 4th Specification relating to the admissibility of testimony correct?

3rd Ans.

Ans. It is not. For these reasons. The one notice was indifferent, stating one of two days as the time of taking the testimony. And the other notice being a conditional one. The testimony to be taken in case the witnesses could not attend.

Specification
acted on by the
conference.

The Conference then voted on the Specifications in order
 1st Specification Not Sustained.
 2nd Specification Not Sustained.
 3rd Specification Was Sustained.
 4th Specification Was disposed of by the following

Whereas questions of admissibility of testimony, are questions of law to be decided by the Chair and not by the Conference. And Whereas the Chair by request of the Conference has decided the question contained in this Specification. Therefore Resolved that the Conference has no further jurisdiction, on the 4th Specification & let it be dismissed. 5th Specification was sustained.

Charge not
Sustained

On Motion the Conference voted that the Charge of Mal-administration, was not sustained.

Resolutions
of Disappro-
val.

On Motion Resolved that though we believe the Specification sustained, do not sustain the Charge of Mal-administration. Yet as a Conference we cannot approve the manner of holding the Second Session of the Quarterly Conference as the more proper one. And especially we cannot approve of his continuing the trial of the Wickersham after Twelve O'clock on Saturday Night. (See Charge & Specification on file.)

Report of com-
on W. Pitman
case.

The Report of the Committee on the case of Wm Pitman was presented as follows.

We the Committee appointed to investigate the Charge preferred against Rev W. Pitman report as follows.

We find Nothing detrimental to the moral or ministerial character of the Rev. Wilson Pitner.

Report adopted
and character
paper.
1st time
taken up
Admitted on
trial

Anthony Bewley Chair
And on motion the report was adopted
And on further motion Bro Pitner's char-
acter passed.

The 1st question on the minutes was
taken up and James Harer, John
James William D. Gibson Robert J.
Wilson Jonathan S. Swagerty, Wm
Ferrel William Harer and William
J. Buttram were severally admitted
on trial.

Organization
of Missionary
Society.

The conference instead of a reg-
ular adjournment resolved itself
into a meeting for the purpose
of organizing a conference missionary
society and on motion Nelson
Henry was called to the chair
Notices were given appointments
made and the Bishop retired.

Monday Morning 9 o'clock conference
met pursuant to adjournment. Bishop
James in the chair. Religious exercises
by Bro Elliott of the Illinois Conf.
The list called and responded to.
The journal of Saturday afternoon
was read and approved. Conference
took up the first question on the
minutes, and James M Still
George Sharp Pascal Fish were
admitted on trial.

1st time.

Admitted on
trial.

1849

Ordination

Local Deacons Isaac

Overall

Ordination
of Deacons

I hereby certify that the above
named Coloured Person was by me
ordained a Deacon in the M. E. Church
on yesterday September 2nd 1849

A True Copy

done in St. Louis Mo.
C. S. Houts Secy. } Edmund S. James.

Local Elders John A. Louke
James Farrer

Ordination
of Elders

I hereby certify that the above
Coloured Persons were by me ordained
Elders in the M. E. Church on yesterday
September 2nd 1849

A True Copy } Done in St. Louis Mo.
C. S. Houts Secy } Edmund S. James.

Readmission

Question on readmission was taken
up Henry Hubbard was presented
and a motion to readmit him was lost
Calvin Brain James Wither Reuben
Aldridge & Lorenzo Waugh were
severally readmitted

Stewards
Report

On motion the vote by which the
Stewards report was adopted was re-
-considered. and on further motion
the Stewards had leave to withdraw
their report. The Stewards then pre-
-sented a corrected report, which
was on motion adopted (see file)

Book Agent
Reported delin-
quents

The Book Agent made some further
remarks and reported the following
delinquents debtors C. S. Houts on motion

granted another year to make payment. William J. Markham John W. Taylor William M. Hinderson accounts were committed to Dr A. Still to collect and forward.

Report of com
on Tracts
Visiting com
to M. Hinderson
Col.

The Committee on Tracts presented their report which was adopted (see file)
The following were on motion appointed a visiting Committee to Marion College A. J. Brandall G. W. Robbins G. J. Houts Nelson Henry John J. Buren.

Com to buy
the Marion
college prop
erty

The following were appointed a Committee to make an effort to purchase the Marion College property according to the plan proposed in the report of the Committee on Education G. J. Houts A. Still G. W. Robbins J. J. Buren A. J. Brandall

Resolution
on fifth col.

On Stewards report of 10.00 appropriated to J. Fish
On motion of the Stewards resolved in view of the meager reports on fifth collection that preachers who shall fail to make a fifth collection shall give an account for such failure at the bar of the conference

Report of com
on Schools

The Committee on Schools presented a report which was on motion adopted. (see file) (see close of the journal of the conference for a part of the minutes of this session)

Vote of thanks

On motion of Rev G. W. Robbins the following was unanimously adopted by a rising vote
Resolved that the thanks of the

Conference be presented to our friends
in the City of St. Louis for the very
cordial manner in which they have
received and entertained the Conference
during its present session.

Resolved that the above be published
in the City papers and that the Rev
Joseph Tabor be requested to carry
the above resolution into effect.

An Motion The Journal was read
preparatory to adjournment.

The Conference joined in singing

"Blest be the tie that binds"

Our Hearts in Christian love.

Prayer was offered by Dr A.

Still, ~~and~~ The Bishop read the
appointments pronounced the
benediction and the Conference
retired.

The Second Question was taken up
viz who remain on trial?

And Mark Robinson Wm J Mark-
ham J. R. Alderman John McKnight
were severally continued on trial

Conference took the question on
effective Elders and Nelson W. Smith
A. Bewley W. D. Page approved
Wm. Crain character papers and
on his request through C. F. Boutwell
he was granted a Location

On Motion the Presiding Elder
of Wm J Markham was requested to
inform him that he must be exam-
ined on the first years course of
study at the next Conference

To be publis-
hed in the
city papers

Journals read

Religious ca-
mises at the
close.

Appointments
read.

Record must
be at the
proper place
and must
continue
on trial
and as ap-
proven

Location
granted

R. C. of the
Markham
instructed

Afternoon
session

On Motion the conference when
it adjourns will meet at 4 o'clock
Adjourned prayer by brother
4 o'clock Monday afternoon conf-
erence met pursuant to adjournment
and was opened by Bro Henry Bishop
Janes in the chair

Effective El-
ders

List called journal read & approved
conference took up the question
of effective Elders James Burley
was approved

Admitted
on trial

conference took up the first
question on the minutes and John
R. Mearns from Athens Mission Platte
Dist was admitted on trial

These last items of business having
been misplaced is the reason of their
being out of place.

Edmund S. Janes.

N. J. Woods Sec.