

The Third Session of the Missouri
Annual Conference of the Methodist
Episcopal Church, met in the Church
at Pleasant Green Cooper County,
Mo. Wednesday morning 9 O'clock August
28th 1850

Opening Services

Bishop Hamline not having arrived
Bro G. W. Robbins conducted the opening religious
services by reading the 38th of Isaiah ~~the~~ &
the 13th of 1st Corinthians also singing Hymn
712th Commencing

"Blest be the tie that binds" & Prayer
The Conference then united in singing
the Hymn Commencing

"And are we yet alive"

And D. Still led in prayer

The Secretary of last year C. J. Houts
called the Conference roll & the following
Brethren answered to their names (see list)

A communication from Bishop Hamline
to the Conference was given to the
Secretary by Bro Swormstedt in which
the Bishop requested the Conference to
choose a President according to the
provision of the Discipline.

Where upon on motion the Conference
proceeded to ballot for a President and
on the second balloting Bro C. J. Houts
was elected, and on taking the chair
addressed the Conference in a manner
suitable to the occasion, and on the
suggestion of Bro Still read the section
on the discipline on our department
at Conference.

C. J. Houts, Elected President 3

hour of meeting Secretary chosen
 The conference proceeded to choose a Secretary by nomination and election, and Bro Geo. W. Robbins was elected. Bro J. J. Buren was chosen assistant Secretary.

The conference proceeded to fix the bar of the house.

of adjournment
 On motion nine o'clock A. M. was fixed upon as the hour for meeting, and 12 o'clock the hour of adjournment.

Bros Hopkins Ferrel & Bird were appointed a committee to Superintend divine service.

Board of Bros W. D. Gage C. H. Kelly and James Stewards Witten were chosen Stewards.

com on Bro Lorenzo Waugh was appointed
Sabbath schools The committee on Sabbath schools.

Miss. com. On motion the Presiding Elders were appointed the Mission committee.

com on Bro Bird was appointed the committee
N. Y. Period. on New York Periodicals.

on Post offices Moved by Bro Bird. It was resolved that each preacher in charge be required so soon as practicable after his arrival on his circuit or station to make out and forward to the Book agents at Cincinnati a list of the Post offices in their bounds of his field of labor.

com on Edu cation On motion of Bro Gage a committee on education was raised, and Bros Robbins Kelly & Gage were appointed that committee.

com on Bible On motion of Bro Gage a committee of one was raised on the Bible cause. & Bro R. Aldridge was appointed S. Com.

Com. on
Memoirs
Address
By Book
Agent
On motion of Bro Bird Bros S. J.
Buren G. W. Robbins and A. Still were
appointed a committee on memoirs
Bro Svormstad the Book agent at
Cincinnati then addressed the confer-
=ence on the subject of his agency.

New York
exhibit
& co
Drafts
Ordered
The Annual report of the Book
Committee at New York and the
=annual exhibit of the Book concern
at the same place from the agents
G. Lane & J. Scott were presented by
the president and after being read
by the secretary were placed on file
The president announced that the
Conf was authorized to draw on the
Book Concern for six hundred dollars
and on the chartered fund for sixty-
=five dollars.

On motion the conference ordered
The drafts to be made.

Bro Jacoby
Communi-
cation
The President presented a communica-
=tion from Bro Jacoby our missionary
in Germany. Which was read giving
an account of the work of God
in Bremen as being in a flourish-
=ing condition. On motion the paper
was placed on file.

Adjourn-
=ment
The time of adjournment having
arrived, notices were given and
conference closed by prayer led
by Bro Witten.

Friday Morning 9 o'clock

Conference met Rev. C. J. Roberts in
the chair, religious exercises conducted
by Bro James. The Journals were
read & approved.

The conference took up the third
Question on the Minutes. Those proposed
to be admitted were called before the
Conference and examined in the manner
prescribed by the Discipline Part I
Chap 4 Sec 8. an affecting address
was delivered to the Class by the
President.

The names of Bros Martz Robert-
son, Isaac Burns, James R. Alderman,
Thos. W. Markham, William M. Henderson
and John McKnight were severally
called their characters approved and
they were admitted into full commu-
nication James R. Alderman was also elected
to Elders Orders. And Wm. M. Henderson
& John McKnight elected to Deacons Orders

Bro Sevmontest the Book Agent was
permitted to occupy the time of the
Conference and requested that the Stew-
ards be required to apply Eight Dollars
of Bro Thorpes claim to the payment
of his Periodical acf which was done.
Also that the Stewards be instructed to
apply Eighteen Dollars & thirty one cents
the amount of W. J. Markhams claim
to the payment of his acf in part.
and that the balance of his acf be
placed in the hands of the Presiding
Elder of the Arkansas District

On motion the Stewards were likewise instructed to apply the amount of James Harers claim to the payment of his periodical acf in part and the remainder of his acf was ordered to be placed in the hands of his P. E. for collection.

On motion time was allowed Bros G. W. Robbins & C. J. Houts for the payment of their indebtedness to the concern.

On motion the acf of Bro W. Morrow was referred to the preacher of Independ. - ence Mip for collection.

On motion the acf acf of Bro Nelson Henry was referred to his P. E. for collection.

On Motion time was allowed Bro J. B. Markham to adjust and pay his indebtedness to the concern.

On motion the acf of Bro Wilson Harer was ordered to be placed in the hands of his P. E. for collection.

On motion Bro Chvington was allowed ~~and~~ ^{to} ~~go~~ ^{for} the payment of his indebtedness to the concern.

It was moved & carried that when the Conference adjourn to meet again at 2 o'clock, On motion the session of the Conference was extended fifteen minutes.

The Committee on N York Periodicals made his report, which on motion was adopted.

The Conference ordered the secretary to furnish the Book agent with a transcript of the action of the conf on the Book business.

Resolution
on the
Death
of Bro
William
Sham

The following resolution was introduced
by Bro Wm D Gage.
We the Members of the Missouri Annual
Conference of the M E Church feel deeply
afflicted in the Death of Our beloved
Brother William J. Markham, and after
hearing an account of his peaceful
end by Bro A. Bewley we feel to
say, that our loss is his infinite gain.
Therefore Resolved that we
tender our Sympathies to his young,
and bereaved Companion and
afflicted Parents & friends.

John J. Buren
W. D. Gage

copy to
be furnished

On motion it was resolved that a
Copy of the foregoing resolution be
furnished by the Secretary to the
Widow of the Deceased & also to his
Parents

Geo. W. Robbins Sec. An. Conf
conf closed with prayer by Bro Wm D.

this
paper
was
mistaken

Thursday Morning 9 o'clock Conference
Met E. J. Meats pres pro tem in the
Chair. Religious exercises conducted
by Rich. Birtle.

list called

The roll was called & the following
Brethren answered to their names
(see list) The journal was read and
approved

Stewards
call for
claims

The Stewards then called for
claims and receipts.

Come on
Schools
call for
Committee on Sabbath Schools called
for statistics at the same time.

The President called readmissions
and Bro John F. Seaman from Washington
Circuit Arkansas District was on
called up recommendation readmitted.

Seaman
Heath
Trader
Also Bro Stephen T. Heath of Athens
Circuit Platte Dist. was on recommenda-
-tion readmitted.

And Bro Moses Trader of Lincoln
Mission Hannibal Dist. was on the
recommendation of the Presiding
Elder readmitted.

1st Quest The Conference took up the first ques-
admitted -tion in the minutes, Who are admitted
on trial on trial?

The St Louis Dist was called
Davis and Bro Peter W. Davis of the Gesco
-made Mission was on recommendation
admitted on trial.

Brook Also Bro Jonathan Brook of the same
not adon Mission was recommended, but was
I may not admitted. On motion any
employ presiding Elder was authorized to
employ him.

West Bro Jonathan R. West of the Wash-
Thomas -ington Mission Arkansas District
Talbot was recommended and admitted

Wilson Bro Aaron Thomas of the Miami
Mission Osage District was recommen-
admitted -ed and admitted.

Also Bro Patrick Talbot from Har-
-riersonville Mission and Wiley Jones
of Independence Miss. and Benja-
F. Wilson of the Versailles Mission

Were severally recommended and admitted,

Durer
Sketchham

Bro Peter M. Durer of the Sugar Creek Mission Platte District was recommended and admitted,

Cannon

Bro Charles Sketchham of the Indian Mission of the same District was on recommendation admitted,

Roll

also Bro Joseph T. Cannon of the Oregon Mission of the same District was on recommendation admitted,

Bro Jonathan W Roll of Indiana being duly recommended was admitted

Bro James M Powers being recommended from the Columbus Circuit Quincy Dist Illinois Conf was also admitted on trial,

addition
to come on
Bible cause

On motion of Bro W B Gage Bro L Waugh was added to the Committee on the Bible Cause.

Notice
adjourn

Notices were given and Conference adjourned with prayer by Bro Evans

who are
admitted
in full con

Friday PM 2 o'clock Conference met pursuant to adjournment Rev J C Boutwell in the chair religious services by Bro M Robertson. Conference resumed 3rd Quest. on the Minutes who are admitted into full connection? And Bro John Chivington & Henry Reeder were severally approved admitted and elected to Seasonal orders

Chivington
Reeder

The following resolutions preceded by
Preamble were moved by Bro J. J.
Buren and adopted

Resolu-
tion
an
M. A.
Westers
Decision

Whereas Divine Providence has
removed our beloved Brother M. A.
Westers from this world of labor &
suffering - And Whereas Bro
Westers Piety talents and Zeal had
greatly endeared him to us - --

Therefore Resolved by the Synodical
Annual Conference that we deeply
feel our loss, but rejoice in the assur-
-ance that our loss is his Eternal gain

2nd Resolved that we sympathize
with the Parents and friends of Bro
Westers in their affliction.

3rd Resolved that a copy be furn-
-ished Bro F. B. Holladay and that
he be requested to publish it in
The Indiana State Journal
July 30th 1850.

John J. Buren
C. W. Kelley

Take up Conference then took up the fourth
4th question on the Minutes, Who have been
Elected & Ordained Elders?

Bro Chas. W. Kelley a transfer of
last year from Indiana Conference was
2nd question Character approved & elected to Elders Orders

3rd question Conference took up the Second question
on the Minutes Who remain on trial?

Bros W. P. Gibson & John James approved
& continued on trial.

2nd quest. Bro James Harer was called and not having been before the committee of examination for the first year he was instructed to come before said committee for the next year, was approved & continued on trial.

R. J. Wilson admitted to full communion
Bro Robert J. Wilson was called and it appearing to the satisfaction of the conference that he was entitled to be admitted into full communion was examined approved & admitted.
Bros J. S. Swagerty, Wm Ferral, Wilson Harer William Butram, J. M. Still, John R. Menard & Pascal Fish were severally approved and continued on trial.

these come before com of 1st year also 2nd
Bros Wilson Harer Wm Butram and James M. Still not having been before the committee of examination on the course of study for the first year, they were instructed to come before said committee for the ensuing year.

Admitted on trial
The conference resumed the first question The minutes Who are admitted on trial?
The recommendation of Bro S. H. Carlile from Fort Smith Mission Arkansas Dist was read, and he admitted on trial.

conf
call for
numbers
in Society.

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

St Louis District

St Louis

Ebenezer Station

City Mission

County Mission

African Church

Selma Circuit

St Francois Miss

Bapt Gerardeau "

Bloomfield "

Steelville "

Gasconade "

Meeting	Members	Members in full connection	Probationers	Local Preachers	Local Preachers
1	300	74	1	"	"
	33	10	1	"	"
1	9	1		"	"
1		5	150		
	223	24	3	3	
	110	6	2	6	
	109	6	1	6	
	35	3	1	"	
	136	40	"	1	
	374	26	8	4	
	1329	190	22	164	

Arkansas District

Batesville Miss

Northfork "

Van Buren "

Fort Smith "

Washington "

Searcy "

	216	24	1	"	
	36	3	1	"	
	97	73	1	"	
	24	46	1	5	
4	265	15	5	4	
	223	34	1	2	
	561	196		11	

Osage District

Booneville Miss

Versailles "

Osage "

Blackwater "

Harrisville "

Independence "

1	75	4	2		
2	89	10	1		
"	49	10	1		
"	61	4	2		
1	125	44	4		
	32	46	1	1	
	431	118		1	

Platte District

Indian Missions

Weston "

St Joseph "

Savannah "

Oregon

	156	69	4		
	103	15	2	1	
2	68	18		4	
	135	19	6		
	137	25	2		

	Brought over	Ment Houses	Ment in full comm.	Portals	Local Preach	Col. Mun.
Maryville Miss		100	5	3	1	
Athens "	1	230	46	5		
Sugar Creek "		179	23	5	10	
Gallatin "		60	4	4		
Plattsburg "		75	13	1		
		1243	282	18	11	
Hannibal District						
Hannibal Miss	1	48	15			
Marion County "						
Troy "	2	65	19			
Ashley "	1	30	11			4
La Grange "		35	15	2		2
Chambersburg "		54	25	1		
Lancaster		59	17	1		5
Bloomington "		50	10			
Lincoln "		23	7	1		
	19	4228	859	80	203	
Last Year		2975	492	62	226	
Increase this year		2253	367	18	23	
Except col. & here we have decrease,						

The Conference proceeded to the examination of the Character of effective Elders.

Examined Bro John J. Buren Presiding Elder of St Louis District. Was called gave some account of the work of God on his District - retired and after being represented by the Preachers of his Charge was approved.

A. J. Brown Was called. Bro Buren represented to the Conference that he had died at his post in Holy triumph, and gave an affecting account of his last hours, and also of the high estimation in which the decd. was held by the people generally, and Ministers of other denominations in particular.

W. Pitner Bro Wilson Pitners character paper and on motion The President was respectfully requested at Bro Pitners instance to leave him without an appointment, in view of a transfer.

Berd & Holliday Bro Richard Bera and H. C. Holliday each approved.

Nelson Henry Bro Nelson Henry Presiding Elder of Arkansas District, not being present was represented by the Preachers of his Charge was approved.

Gage & Bewley Bro William J Gage and Anthony Bewley were severally approved.

Bro Joseph H. Hopkins Presiding Elder of Wagon District was called, gave some account of the good work on his field of labor retired and after being represented by the preachers of his charge, was approved.

KB Evans Bro Moses B. Evans was approved.

A. Still Bro Abr Still Presiding Elder of Platte District was called and after an encouraging account of the good work of the Lord on his field of labor retired and after representations from the preachers of his charge was approved.

conf On Motion (after notices were given) conference adjourned. with prayer by Bro Markham.

conf meet Saturday Morning 9 o'clock conference met. Rev. W. H. Bout in the Chair Religious Services by Bro Thomas B. Markham. Journal read & approved

Loughbridge - The President presented a communication from Bro James Loughbridge of Madison County Arkansas. on The subject of a manual labor school which after being read was referred to the Committee on education.

Stewards The Stewards reported in part. which was on Motion adopted.

Res to buy a Stewards Book On Motion the Stewards were instructed to purchase a book in which the records of the Stewards business shall be kept in future.

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Report
of Western
Book
Concern

The report of the Book Committee
of the Western Book Concern and
the annual report were presented by
the Agent and after being read were
placed on file.

The Conference resumed the 3rd guest
who are admitted into full connection
the name of Bro. John W. Taylor was
called his character paper and he
was admitted into full connection and
elected to Elders Orders.

J.W. Taylor
admitted
full con

effective

Elders

Jas. Witten

& R. Aldridge

The Conference resumed the
examination of the character of
effective Elders, and Bro. James
Witten and Reuben Aldridge were
severally examined and approved.

G. J. Wouts

approved

Bro. G. J. Wouts Presiding Elder of
the Hannibal District, gave an
account of the work in his charge
retired and after being represented
by the preachers of his charge was
approved.

G.W. Robbins

The character of Bro G. W. Rob-
bins approved.

L. Waugh

The character of Bro L. Waugh
examined & approved.

recommen

from Ark.

J.R. West

I. Williams

J. Longridge

& elected

The Conference took ^{up} recommendation
of Local Preachers to Deacons Orders.

From the Arkansas District
Bro. Jonathan R. West, Ira Williams
and James Longridge were sev-
erally recommended and elected.

A. Townner

From the Osage District Brothers
Abraham Townner and

Bartlett, G. Brown were severally recommended and elected.

B G Brown

From the Hannibal District Bro. Andrew I Wall Was recommended and Elected.

A J Wall

From the Platte District Bro. Peter W. Duree Was recommended and elected.

P W Duree

Bro Harold Johnston Was recommended but not elected.

H Johnston
not elected

From Same District Bro Joseph F Cannon recommended and Elected.

J F Cannon
elected

Conference took up recommendation of Local Deacons to Elders Orders.

From The Arkansas District Bro William C. Currey Was recommended and elected.

W C Currey
elected

From The Osage District Brother Patrick Talbot. Was recommended and elected.

P Talbot
do. +

From Platte District Bro Stephen P Heath Was recommended and elected

S P Heath
do

The resumed the question who are elected & Ordained Elders? and

Bro Tho. B Markham Was elected to that office.

T B Markham
to Elders

On Motion of Bro J I Burren the Journal of Yesterday was so.

J Burren
Journal
amended
as to
cases

Amended as to Connect the following Preamble & resolution with the name of A. J. Brandall deceased.

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove by Death from our midst our beloved Bro A J Brandall of Ebenezer Charge St Louis -

Resolution
on Bro
Brandall
Death

Resolution
in 1850
for and also
case.

Therefore Resolved that we as a Conference do sincerely express our grief and deplore our loss but at the same time rejoice to believe that our loss is his infinite and eternal gain.

2nd Resolved That we deeply sympathize with the afflicted and bereaved Widow Orphans & friends of the deceased.

3rd Resolved that a copy of the foregoing be forwarded to The Lebanon Journal for publication.

August 31st 1850.

J. J. Buren
G. W. Robbins.

Report
on Sab.
Schools

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported, and the report after being amended was adopted.

conf adjourn

The time of adjournment being come Conference by prayer led by Bro. McKnight.

conf meets

Monday Morning 9 O'clock Conference met Rev. E. J. Houts in the chair religious services by Bro Gage. The roll was called and the following Brethren answered to their names.

list of names

not before given

A Reuben Aldridge James R. Alderman

B. J. J. Buren, A. Bewley Isaac Burns

C. John M. Churington

D. Moses B. Evans

E. William J. Gage

- H Joseph H. Hopkins. C. V. Heats
William M. Henderson S. P. Heath
- M Tho: B. Markham John M. Knight
- K Chas H. Kelly
- R Mark Robinson G. W. Robbins
- S Henry Reeder
Abner Still
- T Moses Trader John W. Taylor
- W L. Waugh Jas. Witten R. I. Wilson

The journals was read and approved.

Mission com withdrawn to perfect report. On motion the Mission Committee was permitted to withdraw for the purpose of perfecting their report.

Bro Bird was called to the chair. The Committee on Education reported on the Communication from Bro Loughridge referred to them. And Bro Loughridge being present, an motion was requested to speak to the subject. An motion the report was laid on the table for the present.

Chivington offers Resolutions. Bro Chivington offered the following resolutions
1st. Resolved that it shall be the duty of each preacher to present to the conference the amount of his claim together with the amount paid on it certified by the Recording Steward
These Resolutions are not among the papers

of his charge or the surintendant of the last quarterly meeting conference and. Resolved that any preacher failing to comply with the requirement of the above resolution shall forfeit his claim to any portion in the conference funds

J. Mc. Churighton
Mark Robinson

Stewards
final report
adopted

The Stewards made their final report which after being read was adopted and filed.

Subject of
School in
Indian Ter-
ritory

A communication from Bro Pascal Fish and others was received on the subject of a school to be under the control of this conference in the Indian Territory. Which on motion was referred to the committee on Education.

adjourn to
meet.

On Motion the conference adjourned to meet again at the call of the President.

Mission
Comm. report

adjourns
to meet

After a recess of some twenty minutes the conference was called to order Rev. C. J. Thouts in the chair. The Mission committee reported, and the report was adopted. It was moved and carried that when the conference adjourns it adjourn to meet again at three o'clock.

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The time came of adjournment and
Conference closed by Prayer led
by Bro Waugh.

Monday 3 o'clock P.M. Conference
met pursuant to adjournment. Rev
to D. Hobbs in the chair religious services
by Bro Bewley. On motion the calling
of the roll was dispensed with.

On Motion the Stewards were
permitted to correct their report. in
Bro Ferrels case.

On Motion the Twenty five Dollars
of Missionary money in the hands of
Bro Bureau of last years appropriation
to St Louis les. Mission is applied
to "South St Louis Mission" for the present
conf year.

The Conference resumed the
consideration of recommendations
of Local preachers for Elders Orders.
The recommendation of Henry
Hubbard was read; he was not
elected.

The Committee on Memoirs
reported an account of the life character
and Death of Bro A D Grandall
and the report was adopted.

The Memoirs of Bro William S
Markham and Matthias A. Hester
were heard and ordered to be
published in the Western Christian
Advocate.

The report of the committee on
Education was called up by motion

And after discussion the report of
 & adopted The Committee on the Communication
 of Bro. Loughbridge was adopted.

make final
 Report The Committee on Education
 on Education made a final report. Which relates
 to the reestablishment of a Mission
 school in the Shawnee Station.
 Which was adopted.

com of confere
 -plated school The Committee appointed for
 in Ark. -ansas are the Presiding Elder of
 Bro. Reece The Arkansas District Bro. David
 & Robertson Reece and Mark Robertson.

Come on
 Bible report The Committee on the Bible cause
 reported and that report was
 adopted.

Motion by
 Wray & Bueby The following was moved
 by Bros. Wray and Bueby

Resolution
 of ~~in the subject of a school to be~~
 Thanks ~~tender the thanks of this conference~~
 to friends ~~for the American Territory~~

of Pleasant
 Green Unanimously that we tender our
 thanks to the good brethren & friends
 of Pleasant Green and vicinity for
 the kind and Christian entertain-
 ment which they have extended
 to the preachers during the present
 session of this conference.

passed
 by rising
 vote Which was an motion unanim-
 -ously adopted by a rising vote.

come on
Indian
school are
Robbins Fish
& Markham

See to furnish
Extracts of
Journals
at discretion

Fincham
ment:

The Committee and the Indian
School are the Presiding Elders
of Platte District Bro: Pascal Fish
and Tho: V. Markham.

On Motion the Secretary was
requested to furnish to the Western
Christian Advocate for publication
such an abstract of the proceed-
ings of this Conference as he
shall judge proper.

On motion the Conference
adjourned to meet again and
close to night with the Missionary
meeting.

Benediction pronounced
by the President.

C. J. Mount, Presiding