

The fifth Session of the Missouri Annual Conference of the M. E. Church commenced in Ebenezer Chapel in the city of St. Louis, Mo., on Thursday, October 7th 1852, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Opening Exercises

The session was opened by Bishop James reading the 133rd & 134th Psalms and a part of the 18th Chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke. The 217th Psalm was read and sung, and prayer offered up by the Bishop.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered; after which Conference proceeded to business.

Roll called

The Secretary of last session called the the list, and the following brethren answered to their names:

Members present

James R. Alderman	Asa T. McCoy
Richard Bird	George W. Robbins
Levin B. Dennis	Mark Robertson
John H. Dennis	Henry Reeder
Wm D. Gage	Abraham Still
Christopher J. Houts	Moses Trader
Joseph H. Hopkins	John W. Taylor
John James	John VanCleve
Charles H. Kelly	Robert J. Wilson
	James Witten

Secretary & assistant Chosen

On motion Bro. L. B. Dennis was nominated and elected Secretary, & Bro. C. H. Kelly assistant.

Hour of Meeting & adjournment

On motion the hour of meeting was fixed at 8 o'clock A. M., and the hour of adjournment at 12 o'clock, M.

On motion the Committee on public worship consists of the Presiding Elder of St. Louis Dist. and the preachers of the City.

Committee
on public
Worship

On motion Bros. S. V. McCoy, W. D. Gage and M. Robertson were appointed Conference Stewards.

Stewards

On motion Bros. C. J. Houts and C. H. Kelly were appointed a committee on Memoirs.

Memoirs

On motion Bros. J. M. Chivington, and J. H. Dennis were appointed a committee on Sunday Schools.

Sunday Schools

On motion Bros. John Van Cleve, M. Trader and L. B. Dennis were appointed a Committee on Education.

Education

On motion the Presiding Elders were appointed a committee on Missions.

Missions

On motion Bros. John Van Cleve, C. J. Houts and J. H. Hopkins were appointed a committee on Rules of Order for the Conference.

Rules of
Order

On motion Bros. J. J. Buren, M. Robertson, R. J. Wilson, M. Trader, J. James and J. H. Dennis were appointed a committee to settle with the Presiding Elders.

To settle
with
Presiding
Elders

On motion Bro. J. M. Chivington was appointed a committee for the New York Book Concern.

New York
Book Concern

On motion the members of the several Examining Committees present are to finish the Examination of the Candidates.

Members
of Com. to
finish
examination

On motion the Bishop was requested to appoint a committee for the third years Course of Study, and C. H. Kelly, J. M. Chivington and J. H. Taylor were accordingly appointed.

Committee
on 3rd year

5th quest.Elders
elected.L. B. Markham
passed
not elect.Effective
Elders
passed.

Adjourned.

The 5th question was then taken up and Bro. J. N. Alderman, J. W. Taylor, H. Reader, and J. M. Chivington's characters passed and they were elected to Elders' orders. L. B. Markham's character passed as a Deacon, but he was not elected to Elders' orders, as he had not been examined on the Course of Study.

Effective Elders were then called, and Bro. R. Bird, M. Robertson, A. Bewley, J. W. Hopkins and C. H. Kelly were severally passed.

Notices were given and Conference adjourned with singing the Doxology and prayer by Br. M. Reader.

Friday Morning Oct. 8.

Opening

Conference met according to adjournment and was opened with religious exercises by Bro. Titten; after which the roll was called and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Committee
Bible cause

On motion Bro. J. W. Dennis & J. W. Taylor were appointed a committee on the Bible and Tract Cause.

Draft
on Book
Concern

On motion Bro. D. A. Smith was added to the Committee on memoirs.

On motion Conference ordered a draft on the Book Concern to the amount of three hundred and thirty eight dollars and thirty cents; and on the Chartered Fund to the amount of one hundred and twenty dollars.

Committee

On motion Bro. L. B. Dennis, J. Van der Horst

and M. Robertson were appointed a Committee on the contemplated Periodical and Book Depository in this city.

on
contemplated
Periodical de

Bishop Simpson was then introduced to the Conference and took the Chair.

Bishop
Simpson

Bro. A. Poe, the Book Agent was introduced and briefly addressed the Conference on the subject of this Agency.

It was then moved and passed that the Conference adjourn at half past 11 o'clock

adjournment

to-day so as to permit the Missionary Society of this Conference to hold a short session.

Bishop Ames was then introduced to the Conference.

Bishop
Ames.

The Examination of Effective Elders was resumed, and Bros. D. V. Smith, J. J. Buren, and J. Van Cleave were passed.

Effective
Elders

William D. Gage was called, and on motion his case was referred to a committee of investigation, consisting of Bros. J. Van Cleave, Jas. Witten, M. Trader, ~~A. Hill~~ M. Robertson, and J. H. Dennis.

R. J. Willson passed.

Lorenzo Naugh was called and on motion his case was referred to the committee on Bro. Gage's case.

Committee
on Naugh's
case

Bros. M. B. Evans, Geo. W. Robbins, Jas. Witten, M. Trader, and A. Hill were severally passed.

Bro

Bro. Pitner of the Illinois Conference and Bros. Ridgely & Blackwell of the Southern Illinois Conference were introduced to the Conference.

introduced

Stephen P. Heath was called, and on motion was located at his own request.

located

Bro. Isaac Burns, A. J. Houts, L. B. Dennis,
J. H. Dennis and J. F. New were severally
passed.

Stewards The Stewards made their call, after which
call On motion Conference adjourned.

Saturday morning Oct. 9.
Conference met according to adjournment
and was opened with religious exercises
Opening by Br. Reeder. After which the list was
called and the minutes of the previous
meeting read and approved.

Bro. Bro. Mattison and Leaton of the
introduced Southern Illinois Conference were intro-
duced to the Conference.

3^d question The third question was then taken up
and Bro. J. H. West, V. H. Carlisle, E. F.
Wilson, Charles Ketchum and J. H. Powers
were called forward and severally ex-
amined according to Discipline, &
Benj. F. Millson and Steward H. Carlisle
were admitted into full connection
and elected to Deacons Orders.

On motion Bro. Jonathan R. West and
James H. Powers were continued on
trial.

Charles Ketchum was on motion con-
tinued on trial and elected to Deacons
Orders as a Missionary according to the
rule of Discipline.

The third question was taken up and
Wiley Jones was on motion discontinued
at his own request.

Peter H. Duce, Joseph T. Cannon and James
Harer were continued on trial.

Jonathan H. Swagerty on motion was discontinued. It was then moved and passed that the P. Elder have the privilege of employing him if necessary.

Nelson Harer on motion was discontinued.

The 1st question was then taken up and Pascal Fish, Wm. R. Hughes, Geo. M. Willson & Andrew J. Wall were severally passed.

4th question

Thos. D. Boyer was on motion discontinued.

T. B. Kane, J. G. Ferril, M. T. Klepper, James Lee, Jesse Green, G. E. Burton, H. Hobb, M. M. Pugh and Wm. Gilham were severally passed.

R. C. Rich on motion was discontinued.

On motion the P. Elder was granted the privilege of employing Br. Rich, if it be found necessary.

The 1st question was then resumed and Wm. P. Gibson, John James and Asa C. McRoy were severally passed as Deacons.

Wm. Ferril passed and on motion he was granted a supernumerary relation.

Bro. Ferril

On motion the session was extended ten minutes.

John McKnight was passed as a Deacon.

The 8th question was then taken up, & Nelson Henry was passed and on motion he was continued in a supernumerated relation.

8th question

It was then moved & passed that the appeal case of Wm. Buttram be made the order of the day for Monday morning.

Buttram's case

Br. J. M. Stagg, a transfer from N. W. Indiana Conference to this, was introduced to the conf. Conference then adjourned with singing the Doxology and the benediction by Br. Witten.

Bro. Stagg introduced

adjourned

Opening

Monday morning Oct. 11th
Conference met according to adjournment,
and was opened with religious exercises
by Br. Chivington.

On motion the calling of the list was
dispensed with during the present Conf.
The minutes of the last session were read
and approved.

Certificates

Bishop Simpson presented the following
Certificate:

"The following named persons were by me
ordained Deacons in the M. E. Church on
yesterday, Sunday, Oct. 10th 1852.

Done at St. Louis, Missouri

Matthew Simpson

Viz. Benj. F. Hillson, Steward T. Carlisle
and Charles Ketchum."

Bishop James presented the following
Certificate:

"The following named persons were by me
ordained Elders in the M. E. Church on
yesterday, Sunday, Oct. 10th 1852.

Done at St. Louis, Missouri

Edmund C. James.

Viz. James R. Alderman, John M. Chiving-
ton, Henry Reeder and John W. Taylor."

On motion Br. Houts be requested to pre-
ach the funeral sermon of Bro. Caleb
Crane and Wm. M. Henderson, at 3 o'clock
this afternoon.

order of
the day

On motion the order of the day was
taken up, bring the appeal case of Wm.
Buttram. By request of the appellant,
Bro. Houts on motion was appointed to
conduct the appeal.

The minutes of the Quarterly meeting Conference, referring to this case were read, and Br. Mount stated the grounds of appeal.

Buttrams
Case

Br. Hopkins responded in behalf of the quarterly meeting Conference, after which Br. Mount closed the pleadings.

On motion ^{it was} Resolved that the decision of the Harrisonville Quarterly meeting Conference in the case of William Buttram, by which he, (Buttram,) was expelled, be and hereby is affirmed.

The Book Agent, Br. Poe, then presented some accounts, which were disposed of as follows

On motion the account of James Harer was placed in the hands of his Presiding Elder, for collection.

Book
Agents
Report

On motion the account of J. V. Swaggerty took the same direction.

On motion, the Stewards of Conference are instructed to pay any funds they may have for S. Waugh, to the Book Agent to be credited on his account.

On motion Wilson Harris account was placed in the hands of his P. Elder for collection.

On motion Reuben Aldridge's account was placed in the hands of the P. Elder of Platte District with special instructions to collect it as soon as possible; and that the P. Elder call on him for the \$12.50 cts. missionary money he was to pay last year.

On motion the Stewards of Conference were requested to pay any funds in their hands for S. P. Heath to the Book Agent to be credited to his account.

Report on ^{Waugh} ~~Gage~~ case The committee on the Case of S. Waugh presented a report which on motion was recommitted.

Gage case The committee on the Case of N. D. Gage presented a report which was on motion recommitted.

1st The first question was then taken and Benj. T. Scrivener of Huntsville Mission

question Kansas District was presented and admitted on trial.

On motion the vote by which J. H. Hoagerty was discontinued was reconsidered and on motion he was continued on trial.

On motion the vote by which Bro. Hunt was requested to preach the funeral sermon of Bro. Crane & Henderson this afternoon, was reconsidered.

William Vickers of Independence Mission, Independence District was presented and admitted on trial.

The recommendation of Joshua Bowman of Plattsburg Mission, Platte District for recognition of his orders, he having joined said Mission as a Deacon from the Methodist Protestant Church, was received.

He appeared before the conference and took the ordination vows; whereupon the following preamble and resolution were passed

Whereas Joshua Bowman has been received as a Local Deacon by the Quarterly meeting Conference of Plattsburg Mission, Platte Dist.,

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Missouri Conference, and the said Quarterly meeting Conference having recommended him to this Conference for the recognition of his Orders; and this Conference being satisfied that he has been ordained a Deacon according to the usages of the Methodist Protestant Church, and he having taken upon himself our ordination vows; Therefore

Resolved, that he be authorized to exercise the Office of Deacon in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Then his recommendation from Plattsburg Mission, Platte Dist. was presented, and he was admitted on trial.

It was then moved and passed that when Conference adjourn we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Walter Peery of Gallatin mission, Grand River Dist. presented and admitted on trial.

1st
question

Samuel Mcburdy of Van Buren Mission, Arkansas Dist. was presented and admitted on trial.

D. H. May of Fredericksburg Circuit, Noxeter Dist. North Ohio Conference was presented and while this case was pending the hour of adjournment arrived and Conference adjourned with singing the Doxology and prayer by Dr. Crader.

Monday afternoon 2 o'clock (Oct. 11th)

opening Conference met according to adjournment and was opened with religious exercises by Br. Buren.

The minutes of the preceding session were read, corrected and approved.

D. W. May was then admitted on trial.

James M. Pope of Carthage Miss. Arkansas Dist.

James S. Luthicum of Richland Miss. Independence Dist.

Joseph Doughty of Carthage Miss. Arkansas Dist.

Nathan Cordray of Richland Miss. Independence Dist.

Zechariah Nieldon of Huntville Miss. Arkansas Dist.

Charles Morris of Plattsburg Miss. Platte Dist.

Eli R. Robertson of Springfield Miss. Arkansas Dist.

Jacob Burger of Carthage Miss. Arkansas Dist.

Thomas J. S. Swaggerty of Bentonville Miss. Arkansas Dist.

and King Hale of Batesville Miss. Arkansas Dist.

were severally presented and admitted on

trial.

Report The Committee on L. Haugh's case presented on Haugh's the following report:

can The committee in the case of Lorenzo Haugh after having the representation of his case by his Presiding Elder, are of opinion that in leaving his work and preparing for going to California, he is guilty of a violation of Discipline and such an amount of insubordination as exposes him to the censure of this Conference. They recommend to the Conference, therefore, the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved that Lorenzo Haugh be and he is hereby suspended until the next Conference.

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John Van Cleave

The report was on motion adopted and the Secretary was ordered to forward a copy of the proceedings in this case to L. Waugh.

George A. Bonney was called and on motion continued on trial.

Bro. Bonney

On motion the Stewards were granted leave of absence to finish their report.

The Committee on the contemplated Book Depository and Periodical presented their report, and after sundry amendments, it was on motion adopted.

Committee
on Depository
& Periodical
Report.

(said report is on file)

On motion Conference proceeded to fix the place of holding the next session.

Hannibal Newark and Pleasant Green were named and on the vote being taken, Newark, Andrew Co. Mo. having a majority of all the votes, was fixed upon as the place of holding the next session of the Missouri Conference, and by vote Fayetteville, Washington Co. Ark. was fixed upon as the place of holding the first session of the Arkansas Conference.

Place
of next
Conference

The Committee appointed to settle with the Presiding Elders presented a report, which was on motion recommitted.

The Secretary then called for Statistics, and the same were given in as per tables. (see next pages)

Statistics

On motion Conference then adjourned with the benediction by Bro. Poe.

Name	Ch.	Per.	White Mem.	Colored Mem.	L.P.	Mis. Coll.	W. Union	Col. Union
St. Louis Dist								
Obougea	1	1	120	5		2		
Mound in.	1		31			1		
African "	1			110	10	3		
Helma "			222	78		3		
Bellvue "			50	18				
Becherictown "			78	7		3		
Wase Giardeau "	1		139			1		
Bloomfield "			78	3		1		
Steeville "			108	26	2	1		
Gasconade "			150	57	1	4	2.00	
	4	1	785	200	113	10	17	

Arkansas Dist							30.00	
Batesville in.		1	187	17				
Granberry "	1		120	14		2	.50	
North Fort "			46	4		1	3.05	
Waidanville "			25	8		1	1.25	1.25 #.80
Fort Smith "			93	26	6	1	2.00	2.50
Van Buren "	2		117	18		1	.50	
Rushington "			130			3		
Hamboile "			26	4		2	.50	1.50
Bentowille "			76	17				
Carthage "	1		313	62		5	.15	
Springfield "			141	6		3		
			1258	173	6			

Independence Dist.								
" m.			11	6				
" ct	1		55	3	1	1		
Lexington m.								
Columbus "			75					
Pleasant Green "	1	1	71	# 10		1		
Richland "			112					
Versailles "	1		113	18		1		
Osage "			42			1		
Fremont "			42	.6		1		

Name	Ch.	Par.	White Men	Prs	Colored Men	Prs	L.P.	Mass. Colts	S.V. Union	Bible Cause
Independence Dist.										
Deep Water m.			60	8			1			
Parsonsville "	1	1	97	13			3			
	4	1	694	48	11		11			

Platte Dist.

Innaces										
Plymouth, Delaware & Pictograph	2	1	98	54			2	13.25		
Shawnee m.		1	45	6			1			
Wreston "			59							
St. Joseph "			40	9						
Varanah "	1		154	4	1	1	5	10.45		
Oregon "			50							
Maryville "			62	20						
Plattsburg "			87				1	9.25		
Liberty "			101				1			
	1	1	675	93	1	1	10			

Grand River Dist.

Greenville m.			38	35	4		1	2.57		
Gallatin "			67	25			3	2.25		
Athens "			210	19						
Bethany "			136							
Pinneton "			105	39						
Melan "			89	16			3			
Brunswick "			62	7						
Lincoln "			29	4						
			736	146	4		7			

Hannibal Dist.

Hannibal m.	1	1	59	10				8.50		
Lagrange "		1	53	6			1	1.00		
Chambersburg "	1		48							
Memphis "			55	14			1			
Laurel "			81	20	3		1			
Bloomington "			83	9			2			
Wellbyville "	1	1	53	1	5					
Niles "	1		35	10						
Frog "			77	7				5.50		
	4	2	499	68	8		5			

Tuesday morning Oct 12th
Conference met according to adjournment, and was opened with religious exercises by Br B. F. Willson.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved; after which the Secretary proceeded to finish the call for statistics.

On motion it was ordered to put down the statistics of last year for this, for Bentonville mission, Arkansas District.

Stewards Report The Conference Stewards then presented their report (See Stewards' record 1852) which was on motion adopted.

On motion the stewards were instructed to apply Br. Gage's appropriation on his ~~Book~~ account, not in the hands of the Book Agents.

Accts of disbursements Brethren On Motion Br. C. H. Kelly was allowed one year to pay his note & account to the Book Concern.

On motion Br. M. Robertson was allowed one year to pay his note.

On motion Br. J. H. Dennis was allowed one year to pay his note.

On motion Br. C. J. Houts was allowed one year to pay his notes.

On motion Br. W. D. Gage was allowed one year to pay the balance on his note.

On motion Br. L. B. Markham's account was placed in the hands of his P. Elder for collection.

On motion Br. P. W. Durce's account was placed in the hands of his P. Elder, for collection.

On motion Br. Haldrip's note was placed in the hands of the Presiding Elder for collection. The Committee on memoirs presented a report in part (being a memoir of Br. Henderson) which was on motion adopted by a rising vote.

Committee on Memoirs Report.

On motion the P. Elders of St. Louis Dist. and Br. Nelson Henry were requested to write a memoir of Br. Caleb Crane as soon as possible, and forward to Carlton & Phillips for publication in the general minutes.

The committee appointed to settle with the Presiding Elders made their report, which was on motion was amended and afterward adopted (on file).

Committee on P. E. Report

The Committee on Sabbath Schools presented their report, which on motion was adopted. (on file)

Sabbath School

The Committee on the Bible Cause presented their report, which on motion was adopted (on file).

Bible Cause

The Committee on the Case of W. D. Gage presented their report, which was adopted with the following Resolution.

Bro. Gage

Resolved that the Character of W. D. Gage be passed.

The Committee on Education presented their report, which was on motion adopted. (on file)

Education

On motion the statistics of Washington mission, Arkansas Dist. was put at 30 members and 3 Local preachers.

A report on Missionary operations was offered & passed as follows. Resolved that in future we will hold Missionary meetings and take up Missionary collections in all our fields of labor without exception.

On motion it was agreed that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 2 o'clock P. M. Conference then adjourned with singing the Doxology and the benediction by Bro. L. B. Dennis.

Thursday Afternoon 2 o'clock.

Conference met according to adjournment and was opened with religious exercises by Dr. Robertson.

The minutes of the previous Session were read and approved.

The following resolution was offered and passed; Resolved that the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby tendered to our brethren and those citizens of the City of St. Louis, who have so kindly received and hospitably entertained us during the present Conference.

The following resolution was also offered and adopted. Resolved that the thanks of this Conference be, and they are hereby tendered to those Pastors who offered to us the use of their pulpits on last Sabbath.

The following was offered and passed. Resolved that the Book Agents at Cincinnati be respectfully requested to issue a prospectus for the Central Christian Advocate with as little delay as possible.

On motion Bro. D. S. Smith's relation was changed from effective to superannuated, at his own request.

The Committee on Missions presented their report which was placed on file.

The minutes were then read up and approved.

On motion the Bishop was requested to appoint ~~the~~ the Committees of examination on the four years course of study.

Bishop James then read a short lesson from Scripture after which we united in singing "I love Thy Kingdom Lord," &c. and Bishop Vimerson addressed the throne of grace.

Bishop James then very appropriately addressed the Conference, and proceeded to announce the appointments. Conference then on motion adjourned with singing and the benediction by Bishop James.

Edmund S. James.

L. B. Dennis Sec.