

Opening The sixth Session of the Missouri Annual
at conference^{msc} was held in New Ark Andrew
County Mo. Conference convened in the
church at 9 of the clock A.M. Oct. 5th A.D.
1853. Bishop Morris opened the conference by
opening religious Exercises, reading the part of the 5th
Exercise Chapter of 1st. Peter, Reading the hymn on page
129th commencing "Lord of the harvest hear;" which
was sung by the conference, & the Bishop offered
an appropriate Prayer. The conference united in
singing "When I can read my title clear & Bro
Gage led in Prayer. The conference united again
joined in singing Lord in the strength of grace
& Brother Trade led in Prayer. The secretaries
of last year not being present.

By the request of the Bishop C. J. Houts
Roll called called the roll & the following members of the con
ference answered to their names viz

Present J. R. Alderman J. M. Chivington Wm D. Gage
C. J. Houts J. H. Hopkins John James John
McKnight Tho^s B. Markham Isaac M. Stagg
Moses Trader R. J. Willson B. F. Willson

secretary C. J. Houts was nominated & elected secretary
Assistant B. F. Willson was nominated & elected assistant
Chosen secretary

Hours of Conference fixed the hour of meeting at 8 o'clock
A.M. & of adjournment at 12. M.

Meeting On motion the seat in front of the stove was
adjournment constituted the base of the conference.

The Presiding Elder of this District & the
Preachers on the circuit were on motion app
ointed the committee on public worship.

Public Isaac M. Stagg John McKnight & James
Steward were nominated & elected conference Steward.

Memorial Bro Walter Perie was appointed the committee
on Memorials.

R. J. Willson W.D. Gage & J. M. Whittington were appointed the committee on Periodicals
 E. J. Hunt J. B. Markham & J. James were appointed a committee on Education
 W. M. Sellers was appointed the committee on Temperance

Committee
 Periodicals
 Education
 Temperance
 S.S.C

B. Strawbridge was introduced to the conference by Bishop Morris as the messenger to our conference from the Western Book Concern & authorized by the Agents to settle the accounts.

messenger
 Introduced

Conference took up the 1st Question on the minutes viz who are admitted on trial Thomas Golding, from Fredericktown Mission, Hiram C. Rich, from Bloomfield Mission, Richard Thornton, from Hedding Chapel, all of St. Louis District were severally admitted on trial

1st
 Question

W. M. J. Blackburn's recommendation was read & on motion the further consideration of his case was laid over for the present.

Elijah Glendening, from Bethany Mission, William Downing, from Putnamville Mission, and John Herr, from Putnamville, all from the Grandriver Dist were severally admitted on trial

Vincent Piles from Bethany Mission was not admitted. On motion the Presiding Elder of the District is at liberty to employ him if he judges it best.

refused

On motion the Presiding Elders were appointed the mission committee

Elders
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The Annual Report and Exhibit Report of the Book Concern at New York were read & put on file.

New York
 Book concern

rept Exh. The Annual Report & Exhibit of the West
west Rock Book concern was also read & filed.
concer

The Bishop informed the conference that
draft on they were authorized to draw on the chartered
char fund fund for seventy six (76) Dollars on motion
The Draft was made

The Circular of the S. S. Union was read
Ab comit & a committee of two was appointed on Sabbath
Schools consisting of John James & John McKnight

The Circular of Tract society of the
Tract, & Methodist Episcopal Church was read on motion
committee J. H. Hopkins & M. T. Klepper were appointed a
committee on Tracts & the papers referred to the
committee.

A Statement of the condition of the
central A. Central Christian Advocate was read & referred
refd to to the committee on Periodicals.
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odicals

Notices were given & Conference
advised with Prayer By Bro. J. L. Fort.
advised
advised

Exercise Thursday morning 8 1/2 of the clock Conference met
pursuant to adjournment & was opened with reading
the scriptures Singing & Prayer by brother Stagg.
Bishop Morris in the Chair.

The roll was called & the following answered
roll called to their names) ~~to list~~ Moore's Trader

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| J. R. Alderman | J. H. Hopkins |
| Isaac Burns | John James |
| J. M. Chivington | J. McKnight |
| J. M. Dennis | T. B. Markham |
| Peter W. Dorce | Jas M Power |
| Jeese. I. Fort | G. W. Robbins |
| Tho. J. Ferril | Isaac M Stagg |
| W. D. Gage | James Lee |
| C. J. Houts | J. W. Taylor |
| L. R. Willson | Jas Witter |

B. F. Willson

Andrew J. Wall

The Journals were ^{read} & approved.

Stephen P. Heath was presented by the Presiding Bro. Heath Elder of the Platte District for admission & he was readmitted.

Conference took up the Third Question on the 3rd Question Minutes. Viz. Who are admitted into full connexion taken up

Andrew J. Wall & Tho. J. Smith were severally admitted into full connexion, elected to Deacons. Elect Deacons Orders

James Lee, Peter W. Duce, Jesse L. Fort, James E. M. Progers, were admitted into full connexion, they bring in Deacons orders.

Conference took up the examination of effective Elders & C. J. Houts, L. B. Dennis, A. M. Stagg, W. S. Gage, John Anderson, J. H. Hopkins, John W. Taylor, Robt. G. Willson, Moses B. Evans, George W. Robbins, A. Still, J. M. Whittington, Geo. W. Dennis, J. F. New, Moses Trader, James Wilton, Isaac Berns, were severally approved.

Nelson Henry, John J. Buren, & Charles H. Kelley, had died

H. Reader & J. R. Alderman, were papered and on motion, they were granted a superannuated relation.

The recommendation of Wm. T. Blackburn was taken up & a motion to admit him was lost.

on motion, Dr. Still was requested to preach the funeral of Bro. J. J. Buren on the 25th of Dec. at Grandriver Colledge.

The following was offered & adopted as resolution (no. 1.) resolution

In view of the late outrage committed on the person of our Brother Charles H. Kelly by persons in the bounds of the

resolution in b. J. Kellys Manual Dist. and as the outrage requires a merited rebuke, as well as a legal Prosecution, we move therefore, that this conference appoint a committee of one from each District to take the subject into consideration & report.

Signed J. H. Dennis.

Wm. I. Gage.

committee ordered The committee ordered. C. J. Abouls, J. H. Hopkins, J. M. Chivington, M. Trader, & J. H. Dennis, were appointed the committee ordered.

conference Adjourned The hour for adjournment having arrived, notices were given & the Doxology was sung & Prayer By Brother Barnes.

religious services Friday Morning 8 1/2 O'clock Conference met & was opened with religious exercises by Bro. J. B. Markham, Bishop Morris in the chair. On motion the further calling the roll was dispensed with.

Journal approved The Journal of yesterday was read & approved. Conference took up the second Question, viz. who remain on trial.

continued on Trial Wm. Vellers, Josua Bowman, Walter Peery, D. H. May, Charles Morris, Jas. I. Linthicum, & Nathan Cordery, were continued on trial.

Committee On motion Jas. L. J. H. Chivington were appointed a committee to have the minutes of the present session published in pamphlet form.

the minutes resumed Conference resumed the third Question viz. who are received into full connection.

Statistics M. I. Klepper was admitted into full connection & elected to deacons orders. George M. Willson John E. Burton Chas. Hitcham George A. Boney & Parcel. Hook was continued on trial.

Statistics The secretaries made a call for Statistics and the same (see Table over given) see Table

Names	Ch	Par	meemb.	Pr	ment	Gr	to	both	unc	cause
St Louis. ms. Des ^t										
Ebenezer	1	1	165	8			4	32.50		
Wedding chapel m	1		35				1			
African chary "	1				100	10	2			
Selma m	3		268	46	5		5	5.00	3.50	
Fredericktown "			114				3			
Cape Girardeau "	4	1	117	30	39			31.50		
Bloomfield "	1		85	3		1	2			
Hutwile "			126				1			
Gasconade "	2	1	144	41			5			
Independence m. Des ^t	¹³	³	^{101.4}	¹²⁸	¹⁵⁴	¹¹	²³			
" m	1		51	39	1	5	1			
Columbus "			90	42	1	1				
Pleasantgreen "	1		75	2		2		10.00	1.00	
Versailles "	1		74	32		1	1			
Richland "			100				1			
Warsaw "			40	5						
Deepwater "			50	51			1			
Harrisonville "	1		56	17			4			
Platte m. Des ^t	¹⁴	¹	⁵³⁶	¹⁷⁸	²	⁹	⁸			
Wyandott Delaware								2.00		
and Shawnee m	2	2	97	38			3	26.60		
Weston m	1		116	15	1	2				
Shoannak & Joseph	3	1	157	28			5			
Oregon m			92	10				1.10	1.00	1.00
Marysville "			72	3				.50	45	
Plattsburg "			84	13						
Liberty "			70	9		2		1.00		
Mayswille "			26	25				3.00		
Hannibal m. Des ^t	¹⁶	⁹	601.88	104.25	1	2	5			
" "	1	1	67	5		4	4			
Lagrange "		1	31				1			
Cambersburg "	1		49							
Memphis "			112	17			2	5.50		
Lancaster "			107	42	3		2	5.70		

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Wentworth m. Des.										
Shelbyville m		1	82	2	8		1			
Ashley "	1		10							
Troy "	1	1	89	5			1			
Grand River " Des.	4	4	477	71	11		7			
Knoxville m			55	15	1		1			
Gallitan "			60	5			3			
Athens "	1	1	193	36			3	6.70	1.95	
Bethany "			139	12		10	4	1.00		
Princeton "			137	30			2			
Putnamville "			87	65			3	3.00		
Brunswick "										
Linnico			83				1			
	1	1	754	163	1	10	17			

aggregate 825 11 3392 635 158 34 62

Recapitulation of the case of Lorenzo Waugh who was suspended from the minutes for one year at the last conference, was taken up, his Character passed, & he was granted a location at his own request.

The stewards made a call for the financial report.

A motion was unanimously adopted that the conference funds this year be exclusively applied to the widows & orphans connected with the conference.

Conference took up the fourth question viz. Who are the Deacons.

B. F. Willson Paped.

Conference took up the 5th Quest. who are elected elders.

John M. Knight, Tho. B. Markham, John James, and James Lee were severally elected to Elders orders. Asa S. McCoy Paped continued as a deacon. Wm. Ferrell was continued in a superannuated relation.

Wm. J. Gibson was on motion returned on the withdrawn Minutes. as withdrawn.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, Adjournment Notices were given, the conference sung, "Together let us sweetly live," & Bro. McKnight led in Prayer.

Saturday morning 8th October conference met and the religious exercises were conducted By brother Durce.

Bishop Morris in the chair
The Journal of yesterday was read, & approved, approved A. Call. was made for recommendations of Local preachers for Deacons orders.

Local P. J. Armstrong, from the Platte Dist 10th Downing
Elected to S. Herald Johnson from the Grand River Dist.
Deacon. Eld were elected John R. Colbourn presented a certificate of Election. Anthony S. Clemons was not elected. Recommendations for Elders Orders was called. No recommendations were presented.

new Located at his own request.
On motion J. H. New was granted a location

The committee on necessitous cases reported that the widow of brother Kelleg needed relief & requested that a collection be taken in her behalf. The report on need was adopted & a collection was taken up in her favor. The collection amounted to seventeen Dollars & Twenty cents.

Conference resumed the third 3rd Dist Question who are admitted on trial into full resumed connection. Joseph T. Cannon was admitted into full connection

On motion the following was adopted see No 1, 3 & 2 on the next page

Sunday School Statistics of the M.E. Church for Year-1853-

John James & Committee
J. M. Knight

Appointments	number schools	Office Teach	Schools	scholar Sabbath	no class	scholar infant	scholar that year	scholar taken	scholar taken	conversion
St. Louis District	10	63	382	1163	7	34	90	3.50	105	10
Platt District	4	13	80	286		10	10.14	1.00	5	2
Independen Dist.	1	9	45	12	1		5.00	1.00		6
Grand River Dist.	5	38	210	254	5	111	19.93	2.25		
Hannibal Dist.	1	4	40	100	1	8				
Aggregate Nov.	21	127	677	1815	14	163	125.09	7.75	110	18

Your committee to whomse was refered the Sunday School interest beg leave to report

We have long been convinced that the importance of Sunday schools among us is not fully appreciated which convictions are strengthened by reference to the statistics of the past conference year notwithstanding the greatness of the enterprise we are greatly deficient from many of the charges there are no reports whatever fully persuaded that much more ought to be done not only in organizing and sustaining Sunday schools within our bounds but in securing aid from for the Sunday School Union of the M.E. Church and thus lend our mite to the removing of the indebtedness of the same

Wherefor your committee offer the following resolution for your addoption

Resolved 1st that we pledge ourselves to renewed exertions in organizing the Sunday schools with in our different charges

Resolved 2nd that each preacher hold within the bounds of his charge some time in may or sooner a meeting for and in behalf of the Sunday School Union of the M.E. Church at which time addresses shall be delivered and collections made

Resolution 3rd that each preacher having charge of a work shall make a report there of at the next annual conference All of which is hereby submitted

J. James &
J. M. Knight & Committee

The Bishop announces the following Examining Committee.

Examining committee for the year commencing Oct. 1853

Examining committee
announced

First year, J. M. Whittington, John James,
and S. P. Heath,

Second year W. D. Gage, J. W. Taylor, Jno M^o Knight,

3rd do J. M. Stagg, A. Still, T. B. Markham.

4th " W. R. Davis, J. Lee, W^m Ferris.

Examining committee for Local Preacher committee

To examine candidates for Deacons orders, To examine

B. F. Willson Isaac Burns, Jas M. Powers Local Preac

To examine candidates for Elders orders. Deacon &

James Witten, Moses B. Evans, J. R. Alderman, Elders order

The committee on periodicals presented report

Their report the report was read & the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th on Periodicals

5th & 6th resolutions were adopted; The report

as a whole was adopted) See report filed

The committee on Education respectfully
ask leave to report

That they are deeply impressed
with the importance of the literary moral
and religious training of ^{the} youth of our land
and they fully believe the time is come
for the Missouri Annual conference of the
M.E. Church to come forward and bear
her part with her sister conference and with
the other churches of our common country
to make the needfull provisions for literary
training of the rising generation The general
expression of the American people sustains the
fact that High schools & colleges are best sustained

on motion The Secretary was requested to
Copy to furnish the Central Christian Advocate
C. C. A. for publication & also furnish the agents with
a copy

Place of Conference proceeded to fix the place
Holding the of holding the next session of the conference.
Conference Hannibal, Mo. Hendre Chapel. Pleasant
Greene, Weston, Cape Girardeau City.
Conference proceeded to fix the place by
Ballot. Hannibal, Having a majority
of all the votes, was declared to be the place.
The time announced by the Bishop was
October 5th 1854.

committee The committeeⁿ Sabbath School
report reported and the report was adopted.
S. Schools see report on Page 86

The committee on Education
reported and the resolution were adopted
one by one and the report adopted as
a whole.

The Mission committee read the
report and the report was adopted.

On motion conference adjourned
with the benediction.

Monday morning 8 o'clock conference
met pursuant to adjournment Bishop Thoburn
in the chair. Religious services by Bro. Wall.
The Journal was read approved.

The Bishop presented the af. of the New
York Book concern. The note to the conference
was read & Bro. Gage was appointed a committee
to collect accounts.

The Bishop announced A. Still is
appointed to preach the conference. Missionary
Samuel, & Jas. Lee, was appointed his alternate

alternate. Geo A. Boney was discontinued at his
own request.

Boney Discon
tinued

Stewards
adopted

committee
missions

changing
time conference

Geo Baker
Elected to
Elders order

age of
Buren

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Honey

age
Evans

committee
on
Memoirs

J.H. Dennis
appoint
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C Kelly

The conference Stewards read their report
which on motion was adopted.

The mission committee made a final report
which on motion was adopted.

on motion it was resolved that Bishop
Morris be respectfully requested to have the time of
meeting for the Missouri conference changed from
Wednesday to Thursday. The Bishop announced the change
for Tuesday of next week.

The recommendation of Jesse Baker, from western
Missouri Platt Dist was on motion taken up Bro
Baker appeared before the conference & signified his
belief in the doctrine & his willingness to conform to
the Discipline of our church and was Elected to
Elders Order.

The age of Bro. J. J. Buren to the A. C.
Christian Advo. & Journal was assumed by
Brother Trader. The age of brother Honey was referred
to the Presiding Elder of St Louis Dist.

The age of Bro. Moses B. Evans was referred
to the Presiding Elder of Independence Dist for
collection.

The committee on Memoirs reported a memoir
of Rev. Nelson Henry was read which on motion
was adopted also a Memoir of Rev. J. J. Buren
was read which on motion was adopted.

On motion it was requested that the Memoir
be published in the Western & Central C. Advocate.

On motion J. H. Dennis was appointed a com-
mittee to prepare & furnish for publication in the General
minutes at New York, a Memoir of the Rev.
Charles M. Kelly, Deceased.

The Committee on Tracts read their report.
On motion the report was adopted as a whole.

The conference proceeded to organize by
appoint officers provided for in the report.

Tract Society

The five preceding elders were appointed. V. P. Mr. M. T. Moberg, ^{was elected} Corresponding Secretary and Jas Lee was appointed recording secretary & John McKelrich, ^{was elected} Treasurer. Dr. Still & Mr. Stagg, James Edgerton, Geo. James, W. D. Gage, W. Peery, J. Burns, T. B. Markham, P. W. Durre, J. M. Chivington, J. C. Warragh, Evans Peery, Joseph Taber, J. Sullors, C. Laughlin, W. M. Walker, C. P. Keddles, W. M. Burgees, A. J. Armstrong, & John Ross, were appointed Managers.

The committee on Temperance read their report
on motion the report was adopted as a
whole, & on further motion it was requested
that a copy be furnished for publication
in Central Christian Advocate.

Secretary to
Publish

on motion it was ordered the secretary
be directed to furnish for publication in the church
papers, ^{what} he may judge proper for publication.

Vote of Thanks

A vote of thanks to the citizens of New Ark
for the kind & entertainment of the conference
was moved & adopted by a rising vote.

Bro Thronbridge reported the following cases
& claims for the action of the conference. R. A. Aldridge
on motion was allowed another year for payment
J. M. Power allowed another year, C. H. Kelly
due another year granted. Ruben Aldridge
on motion the debt against him was ordered
to be placed in the hands of the P. E. of Platt
St for collection according to law. J. M. Burns
required by the P. E. of J. J. Buren Grand River
for collection.

The Hubbard referred for the P. E. of Independence
Sub. for collection of Buren, ^{given} another year
for payment. Rev. P. Tabbot referred to the P. E.
of Independence Dist. Rev. J. F. New referred
to P. E. of Hannibal J. M. Chivington one half of
the claim was referred to the P. E. of the Dist. where
he may be appointed & he was granted another
year to pay the balance.

The following Persons were
Ordained. Seasons on Sabbath

Andrew J. Wall Tho. Ferrill Michael
J. Klepper James Samson Amos M. Collins
Anthony J. Armstrong John R. Coulter
William Dawson Herald Johnson. The
following were Ordained Elders
John McKnight, Tho. B. Markham,
John James, James Lee & Stephen P. Heath

The Journal was read and ap-
proved. The Bishop gave out & the conference
sang the Hymn commencing How blessed
are our ears, & Prayer was offered by brother
Wilton, when

The appointments were read by Bishop
Morris. The Doxology sung & the Benediction
By Bishop Morris.

H. C. Moutz Sec.

J. A. Morris