

The Missouri Annual
Conference of the M. E. Church
convened in the Ebenezer church
St Louis on Thursday morning
March 7th 1861. at 10 o'clock A.M.
to hold its fourteenth Annual
Session

Bishop Morris
Presiding

Religious services comprising
the reading of holy scripture,
singing and prayer, were con-
ducted by the presiding bishop

At call of roll the following mem-
bers answered to their names
(viz)

J. H. Hopkins
J. R. Alderman
P. W. Duree ab.
B. F. Millson
J. E. Burton
S. Huffman
N. Shumate
James Lee
John Mc'Drigh
M. J. Flepper
N. Cordery
J. F. New
W. H. Mitchell
Wm Hanley
James Oyler
R. B. Robinson

J. H. Mudge
D. H. May
R. R. Witten
J. W. Caughlan
J. C. Smith
Jimm. A. Pile
Stanford Ing
Thos. Williams
J. S. Meller
W. S. Wentz
Jos. Brooks
J. Gaither
E. Lathrop
S. G. Anderson
L. F. Walden

On motion,
it was ordered that
a Secretary be chosen by ballot
B. F. Willson and J. H. Mudge
were appointed tellers. on counting
the ballots Joseph Brooks, having a
majority of the votes cast, was de-
clared elected Secretary.

A committee consisting of one member
from each district was chosen to nominate
the standing committees, as follows

J. H. Mudge
J. S. Meller
B. F. Willson
J. Kelly
J. E. Burton

St Louis District
Jefferson City District
Independence District
St Joseph District
Grand River District

M. J. Flepper
J. Hannan

Hannibal District
Carthage District

Leave of absence was granted the committee.

Rev. L. Hitchcock, Assistant Book Agent at Cincinnati, was introduced and addressed the Conference on the Publishing interests of the church.

The reports of the Book committees, and the exhibits of the Agents at New York and Cincinnati, were presented, read and placed on file.

The Bishop announced a dividend of \$25. from the chartered fund, and a draft ordered for the amount.

Rev. Dr. Elliott Editor of the Central C. Advocate was introduced.

A memorial was presented from Baltimore, and read - (see paper C) On motion the memorial was laid on the table.

New York accounts were presented and referred to Bro T. J. Maslin, Agent of C. C. Advocate.

Friday 10 O'clock A. M. was set apart for the celebration of the Lords Supper.

T. H. Mudge was appointed Conference reporter for the Central C. Advocate.

The Second Question "Who remain on trial" was taken up

J. C. Baker, passed and continued on trial.

J. H. Blendenning was discontinued at his own request.

T. J. Babcock, John Parker, L. W. Mc'Schooler, were severally passed and continued on trial.

7th Question, "Who are the superannuated"
W. Ferrel, T. Golding, A. J. Wall
E. Sayre, J. Green, superannuates
severally passed, and their relation continued.

Nominating committee, reported, Report amended by striking out that part which referred to Statistics,

Report as follows adopted:

Committees.

On Public Worship,

Bros. J. Brooks, S. Huffman, A. C. McDonald
E. Miller

Stewards

A. C. McDonald. R. R. Witten
James Lee, J. W. Caughlan, J. R.
Alderman

Education,

T. H. Mudge, Y. S. Neller, Wm.
A. Pile, K. Kelly, S. G. Anderson
M. T. Flepper

Sunday Schools

E. Miller, Stanford Ing, J. McKnight

Reception Cases. The Stewards

Tract Cause

J. F. New. Wm. S. Wentz. J. Lee
Bible Cause

Mr. Hanley, T. H. Mudge, J. E. Burton

Temperance Cause

Bro. O. H. Mitchell, J. M. Oyler
Post Office

J. M. Oyler, A. Gaither, N. Cordery
Periodicals

Dr. Williams, W. Hanley, Wm. A. Pile
B. F. Wilson

Missions, The Presiding Elders
Missionary Cause

Dr. Williams, J. Brooks, W. Hanley
Memoirs

J. Brooks, T. H. Mudge, J. Lee
J. W. Caughlan, W. S. Metz, J.
E. Burton

On Motion,

Wm. A. Pile was appointed

Statistical Secretary

see paper
(D)

A communication from Rev. John
P. Pell, was presented, read and
referred to a special committee of
three; consisting of S. Huffman
A. C. McDonald N. Thumate.

On motion

The memorial from
Baltimore was taken from the table
and referred to this committee.

see resolution
(A)

A resolution upon Missions was
presented by J. F. New, J. E. Burton,
It was moved to substitute a request
that the committee consider the propri-
ety of appropriating as provided in the
Resolution Lost by 16 to 14 - the
resolution was Lost 16 to 13
Ephraim Brothman was passed
and continued on trial

T. Evans was discontinued at his own request.

Daniel W. David, H. R. Trickett papered and continued on trial.

Samuel Baird was discontinued at his own request.

J. W. Prince papered and continued.

Henry Hubbard was discontinued.

Bro. Isaac Martin was appointed Assistant Secretary.

Brothers Stevenson & Caldwell, of Illinois, were presented, and introduced to the Conference.

Notices announced, and the Conference adjourned.

2nd day March 8th 9 O'clock A.M.
Conference convened.

Bishop Morris

In the Chair.

Religious Services conducted by
Rev. John Mc Knight.

The Journal was read and corrected.

3rd Question taken up.

The class of candidates for Deacons orders was called to the altar and duly examined by the Bishop, Francis Peggs, John Linan W. C. Stewart, Lewis W. Pace, J. E. Gardner, John Moorhead, Cyrus E. Carpenter James H. Vaughn, were severally papered admitted into full connection and elected to Deacons Orders.

Peter H. Early was discontinued at his own request.

Anthony C. Clemmens passed and continued on trial

Lewis Hendrickson discontinued at his own request.

H. Linthicum passed and continued on trial.

Memorials from Jefferson city relating to the affairs of the Missouri University were presented, read, and laid on the table.

arriving The hour fixed for the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lords Supper business was suspended, and the religious exercises proceeded under the superintendence of the Bishops. The exercises closed with highly edifying effect, and conference adjourned by expiration of time.

3rd day March 9th 9 o'clock A.M.
Conference convened

Bishop Morris
In the Chair

Religious services conducted by Rev. M. T. Klepper M.D.

Journal read and approved.

4th Question taken up. "Who are the Deacons?" When, Calvin Allen W. S. Wentz, Stanford Ing, Lewis F. Malden, Thos H. Hollingsworth Thos. Reed, G. W. Fisher, T. Baker Green W. Haller, Emory Miller were severally represented and passed. Bro. J. W. Wharton continued in the 4th years course

The memorials from Jefferson City, laid on the table yesterday, were taken up, and referred to the Committee on education.

Dr. Elliott addressed the conference upon the interests of the Central C. Advocate, and Bro. Hitchcock urged the settlement of the accounts of brethren with the Book Agents.

A report upon the support of Mrs. Witten was presented and referred to the Stewards -

On the call for recommendations of Local preachers for Deacons Orders, John T. Davis, from St. Louis District, John Gibson from Grand River District were presented and elected to Deacons Orders.

Bros. Hawley of S. Ill. Conference and Bro. Ritchey of Central Ill. Conf were introduced.

Report of the estimating committee on the support of Bro. Mr. Ferrel, a Superannuated member of the Conference, was presented and referred to the Stewards.
2^d Question resumed.

J. H. Cox was passed and continued on trial.

John A. Henning was at his own request discontinued.

It was moved to reconsider the vote by which Peter H. Early was discontinued, carried by a Count vote of 21 to 8. Moved and seconded that he be continued on trial; carried 21 to 7.

The following resolution on the appointment of Presiding Elders was presented (see resolution)

Laid on the table 23 to 10

Moved, ^{by Cannon} that the moneys in the hands of Bro J. C. Smith were authorized to be paid to the Stewards.

Notices given and

conference adjourned

4th day March 15th

9 O'clock A.M.

Conference convened

Bishop Morris

In the chair

Religious services conducted by Rev. Stanford Ing

Roll called, present (see paper)

Journal read, and approved.

The missionary committee report - ed-accepted. (see report A)

The following list of Deacons ordained yesterday was presented by the Bishop (viz) Francis Beggs, John Linan, Wm. C. Stewart, Lewis E. Pace, J. E. Gardner, John Moorhead, Cyrus E. Carpenter, J. H. Vaughn, John T. Davis, and John Gibson. Bro Hitchcock reported claims of the Book concern which were referred as follows,
S. Kelly. referred to I.R. of St Joe District

E. Maynard	Referred to D. H. May
T. G. Owen	" " S. Huffman
J. R. Alderman	" " D. H. May
G. M. Wilson	" " B. F. Willson
L. Hendrickson	" " N. Skumake
J. J. Stillians	" " E. Lathrop
J. Perryman	" " P. E. Jefferson City District
H. Hef	" " J. H. Vaughn

On motion the conference ordered that
 95 cents paid on the claim against
 Sister Trader, on condition that
 this shall cancel the debt

J. Burger	Referred to Bro J. H. Vaughn
J. H. Carlisle	" " "
A. Thomas	" " P. E. Jefferson City District

Eleventh Question was taken up

S. Huffman was called, represented
 his district, and passed ~~~

T. H. Mudge, A. C. McDonald,
 J. Brooks, T. G. Owen, characters
 severally passed ~~~

N. Skumake, represented his district
 and passed

G. S. Weller, R. B. Robinson, R.
 R. Witten, Wm Sellers and T.
 Williams severally passed

J. C. Smith called and represented
 his district, whereupon a document
 was presented, complaining of his
 management of the church business
 at Jefferson City, after explana-
 tions by Bro. J. C. Smith the doc

uments were returned to the complainants, with a view to settlement by the parties themselves.

It was agreed that the Conference hereafter meet at 8 O'clock A.M.

Bro J. C. Smith retired and his character passed
Notices given, and conference adjourned, with doxology and the benediction

5th day March 12th

8 O'clock A.M.

Conference convened

Bishop Morris

In the chair

Religious services conducted by Rev. Isaac Martin.

Roll not called.

Journal read and approved
The committee on education asked leave of absence - leave granted.

The Eleventh Question resumed:

A. J. Gauthier, W. A. Pile, B. J.

Wilson, J. Mc'Snight, J. Lee

O. H. Mitchell, severally represented and passed.

Aaron Thomas character passed and he was granted a location at his own request

Joseph Hopkins represented his District, and his character passed.

J. B. Bratton character passed

J. P. Buren passed, and he was

granted a superannuated relation.
J. W. Caughlan, Isaac Kelly passed
J. H. Chamberlin character passed
and he was granted a location at
his own request.

E. Lathrop represented his dis-
trict, and his character passed.

J. E. Burton, P. W. Durel, S. G.
Anderson, characters passed.

N. Cordray character passed.

J. Bonmatt character passed and
he was granted a location at
his own request.

James M. Oyler character passed.

D. H. May represented the State
of his district, and after various
remarks upon the years labours
by the preachers of the district and
by the P. Elder, his character passed.

Wm Hanley, Isaac Martin and
J. F. New severally represented
and characters passed.

Wm Hendrickson character passed
and he was granted a location at
his own request.

J. R. Alderman and M. J. Flepper
characters passed.

J. R. West, J. Murray and H.
Hess characters passed.

L. Mc'curdy was reported to have
withdrawn from the church, and
on motion, it was ordered that his
name be so returned on the minutes.

J. Hanan, B. Hall characters
passed.

G. W. Hatler was granted a loca-
tion at his own request.

First Question, Taken up.

Lewis F. Morton, G. W. Ellwell
Charles Trader and W. C. Wiseman
were severally represented and
admitted on trial

Certain papers were presented in
regard to the case of A. C. Caughlan
an expelled Local Preacher

Referred to a select committee of
three as follows:

S. Kelly, J. F. New
A. J. Gaither,

The committee on
education reported in part;
(see report B) moved and seconded to
adopt a minority report was also
presented (marked 1), moved to amend
by inserting in the majority report
so much as is approved in the mi-
nority report. Moved to amend the
amendment by recommitting the
subject with instructions to make
a single report, Motion to ~~lay~~ lay
the amendment on the table made
and lost. Motion to recommit Carried.

The committee on the case of A. C.

Caughlan were granted access to
the Conference Journal.

The following was offered as a
resolution (see resolution 2)

Offered as a substitute that the con-
ference request the members to take
the 5th collection, Laid on the table.

Moved to amend by adding where
the Presiding Elders employ men
that the P. Elders be responsible for
the 5th collection - Admitted -

Resolution as amended Adopted

Moved and carried that when
we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at
2 O'clock this afternoon

The following resolutions were
adopted (see resolutions No 3 & 4)

A resolution of instruction to the
Stewards was adopted (see resolution 5)

The conference proceeded to fix the
place of its next session

St Louis and Edina were nomin-
-ated.

A communication from members of
the church in St Louis was presented
and read asking for the conference
session

St Louis was elected by a count
vote of 38 to 1.

The appointments of examining com-
-mittees presented (see paper B)

A resolution authorizing the pur-
-chase of a trunk for the use of the
conference adopted (see resolution 6)

The committee on Baltimore memor-
-ial, and communication from Fen-
-tucky reported (see resolution No 2)

adopted unanimously by a rising
vote.

A resolution complimentary of Bro
Hitchcock as Book Agent was
adopted unanimously by a rising

vote
Conference adjourned with pray
-er by Rev. S. F. Willson.

Tuesday, March 12th 2 O'clock P.M.

Conference met, agreeable to adjourn
-ment

Bishop Morris
In the chair

Religious services conducted by
Rev. R. R. Witten.

The committee on Sunday
Schools reported, (see report No 1.)
Report adopted.

The committee on Temperance
reported (see report No 2) adopted

On motion conference
adjourned

6th day March 13th

8 O'clock A.M.

Conference convened
Bishop Morris
In the chair

Religious exercises conducted
by Rev. Wm. Hanley.

Journal read and approved
The committee on the Tract cause

reported (see report marked D)

Report laid on the table.

Stewards reported (see report marked E)

Report adopted.

Widow Grandall, entrusted to A. C. McDonald

Sister ~~Trader~~ " " E. Lathrop

" Henry " " S. Huffman

" Burin " " E. Lathrop

" Markham " " J. C. Smith

" Reeder " " A. C. McDonald

" Conklin " " S. Huffman

" Berry " " J. Brooks

" Witten " " R. Witten

Child of Bro Kelly " " S. Huffman

The committee on Education

reported. Report adopted (see report F)

The memorials on the subject of the University from Jefferson City were ordered returned to the individuals presenting them.

On motion the following resolution was adopted, in connection with the educational report (see resolution No 8)

The committee on the case of A. C.

Caughlan reported (see report G) Adopted
Brother James Lee was granted a location at his own request.

A resolution expressive of our appreciation of the urbanity and efficiency of our presiding Bishop was unanimously adopted by a rising vote (see resolution No)

A resolution of thanks to the Hannibal & St Joe Packet Company

and railroad that have accommodated the Ministers to the conference at half fare (see resolution No 9)

A resolution providing for the publication of the minutes ^{was offered} (see resolution)

A substitute providing for the publication in the Central Christian Advocate was adopted.

Moved and carried that the Secretaries superintend the publication. It was moved and carried to reconsider the vote by which we refused to publish the minutes in pamphlet form.

Moved to adopt the resolution. Laid on the table.

It was moved to publish the minutes in pamphlet form. carried, and the roll called, and the members announced the No. of copies desired.

On motion the Secretaries were appointed a committee to superintend the publication of the minutes.

The first Question resumed, and Stephen S. Wood was recommended and admitted on trial.

Dr. Williams announced the donation by a New York Gentleman of a lot at Jefferson City to any superannuated member of this conference who wishes to make his residence there.

The journal was read up preparatory to the final adjournment.

a hymn of praise was sung
and Dr. Williams led in prayer;
after which the appointments were
announced, doxology sung, and
the conference adjourned (sine die)
with the Benediction }

Signed

J. A. Morris

President

Joseph Brooks

Secretary