

1862  
The Missouri Annual Conference of the  
M. E. Church convened in the <sup>church</sup> edifice on the  
corner of eleventh and Locust Streets St Louis  
on Wednesday Morning Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 1862.  
at 9 O'clock A. M. to hold its Fifteenth  
Annual Session

Bishop Simpson  
Presiding

Religious services comprising the reading  
of the Holy Scriptures by the Bishop and  
singing with prayer by Bors. Hopkins  
and Dr. Elliott of the Central C. Advocate.

The secretary (J. Brooks) of the last conference  
called the roll, when the following brethren  
answered to their names, (viz)

S. Huffman, J. Brooks, J. C. Smith,  
A. C. McDonald, W. S. Wentz, J. Mc  
Knight, J. H. Hopkins, J. B. Bratton  
J. M. Cyler, S. G. Anderson, J. E. Gardner  
W. Hanley, J. R. Alderman, M. S. Klepper  
J. Martin

On motion J. Brooks was  
elected Secretary and Isaac Martin  
Assistant Secretary and A. C. McDonald  
Statistical Secretary.

It was ordered that the  
Conference meet at 9 O'clock A. M. and  
adjourn at 12 M.

The following committees  
were appointed. Stewards, A. C. McDonald  
J. R. Alderman, J. E. Gardner; Bro Mc  
donald, resigned as Statistical Secretary, and

Bro Klepper appointed in his place. On Receipts  
cases. The Stewards, On Public Worship -  
Bro. Huffman and Mc'donald  
On Missions. The Presiding Elders  
On Memoirs. J. Brooks. J. H. Hopkins  
and T. P. Brathan On Sunday Schools.  
W. S. Wentz. S. G. Anderson. S. C. Pace  
On Post Offices. Bro Klepper. On Education  
One from each P. C. District, St Louis Dist  
Joseph Brooks. Jefferson City J. Mc'Knight  
Kansas City. J. C. Smith Batesville -  
St Joseph J. H. Hopkins Hannibal. W. Hanley  
On Periodicals. A. C. Mc'donald. W. S. Wentz.  
S. G. Anderson

On Motion, The Tract Cause  
Bible Cause, Temperance Cause and the  
Missionary Cause, referred to the committee on  
Periodicals

Bro Kuhl and Holloway  
of Southern Illinois Conference were  
introduced to the Conference

Bro Klepper was excused  
from the committee on Post Offices and Bro  
N. Cordray was appointed in his stead  
A draft on the chartered fund was ordered  
for the sum of \$25.

Question 7<sup>th</sup> Was then taken up. Who are the  
Superannuated or Worn out Preachers, W. Furel  
who died in peace this year. J. Golding. Ezra  
Sarge, relation continued J. Green made  
effective. J. P. Pomeroy who died in peace this year

Question 11<sup>th</sup> Was then taken up, S. Huffman  
of St Louis District, represented his district and

his character passed, also the characters of  
J. Brooks, A. C. McDonald, J. G. Owen  
W. A. Pile of the same district

Dr. Williams  
whose death was  
reported he had  
died in  
great peace  
this year

N. Shumate of Jefferson City District  
not present, character passed also J. Mc Knight,  
J. C. Smith of Kansas City District, repre-  
sented the same, his character passed also  
T. H. Mudge, O. H. Mitchell, A. J. Gauthier  
B. Hall severally passed.

Bros. West, Murray, and Hays of the  
Batesville District passed in their absence  
J. D. Bratton of St Joseph District, repre-  
sented the same, and his character passed  
J. H. Hopkins, J. Kelly severally passed

The following resolution was unanim-  
ously adopted by a rising vote (viz)  
Resolution,

Resolved that the Provost  
Marshal of St Louis, be requested to  
be present, at the Session of this Confer-  
ence on Friday Morning at  
for the purpose of administering the oath  
of allegiance to the members of this Confer-  
ence Signed W. S. Mintz  
Joseph Brooks

On motion the Conference vote on Day Del-  
egation was made the order of the day  
for 10 O'clock on Thursday

Bros. Brooks was appointed a commit-  
tee to wait on the Provost Marshal and  
request his attendance for the purpose of carry-  
ing out the foregoing resolution. Time expired  
Notices published, and conference adjourned  
until the Provestion by Bro P. W. Durce.

2<sup>nd</sup> Day Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 62. 9 O'clock A. M.  
Conference convened Thursday Morning  
Bishop Simpson

In the chair

Religious Services by Bro Mc Knight

Roll called, Journal read and approved  
Bro Coe transferred from Rock River Conf to  
Missouri & Arkansas Conf was introduced  
Also Bro Joe, of Western Book Concern  
A recommendation from Simpson Chapel  
Quarterly Conference was presented for the res-  
-toration of the parchments of Richard Thornton  
an expelled Local Deacon, after the represen-  
-tations of the P. Elder, and remarks by various  
bretherin, the following resolution was adopted

(viz) Resolved that the credentials in parchment  
of Richard Thornton an expelled Local  
Deacon, having been previously filed with the  
Conference papers, be and are hereby restored

The Annual report of the Western Book Com-  
-mittee, and exhibit of the Agents were presented  
read and placed on file. Bro Joe made a  
verbal statement of the publishing interests of the  
Church

The hour of 10 O'clock having arrived  
in anticipation of the order of the Day the  
list of appointments of the circuits and stations  
in the Conference was called for the votes of the Lay-  
-men on the subject of Lay Delegation. There  
were but two charges reported (viz) Heddington  
Chapel St Louis. A. C. McDonald Preacher  
in Charge & Shelbyville Circuit Isaac Martin  
Preacher in Charge. The aggregate vote standing

Three for Lay Representation and three  
against Lay Representation.

The ballot  
was then taken in the Conference upon  
the subject, resulting in a Vote of Five  
for Lay Representation and Sixteen against  
Lay Representation

A circular communication from the Treas-  
urer and Assistant Secretary of the Mis-  
-sionary Society was presented, read, and  
filed.

The examination of character  
resumed. J. M. Oyster of Albany District  
was called, represented his district and  
character passed, S. G. Anderson, J. E.  
Burton, N. Cordray, P. W. Duree  
severally passed

Bro. W. Hanley of Hannibal District  
called, represented his district, and his  
character passed, D. H. May called  
and questions arising with respect to the  
disbursements of Missionary Monies, the  
following resolution, was presented, and  
adopted (viz)

Resolved that an auditing  
Committee of three, to be appointed by the  
chair, to examine into the disbursements  
by the Presiding Elders of the Missionary  
Appropriations, and the preachers of their  
several charges of the past year

A. C. McDonald

Isaac Martin

Doros Hopkins, McKnight, & McDonald  
were appointed said committee

Bro D. H. May character passed

Isaac Martin character passed J. F. New  
also, J. R. Alderman called represented and  
the case laid over, M. T. Klepper called  
character passed, and he granted a superan-  
-uated relation.

Journal read, and approved  
Visiting brethren were introduced, Time  
expired, Notices published, and the confer-  
-ence adjourned with the Benediction by  
Bro Robbins from Illinois

3<sup>rd</sup> Day Feb<sup>y</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> / 62. 9 O'clock A. M.  
Conference convened Friday Morning  
Bishop Simpson

In the chair  
Religious services by Bro. J. W. Duce  
The further call of the roll was dispensed  
with, The Conference bar was fixed at the  
second range of pillars from the pulpit  
5<sup>th</sup> Question taken up, Who have been elected  
elders this year and ordained as such  
W. S. Wentz character passed and elected  
S. Ing passed and he granted a location  
in view of his connection with the army as  
Capt<sup>n</sup> of Cavalry. Calvin Allen character  
passed. L. F. Walden passed. J. H. Hollings-  
-worth passed, and he was granted a location  
he being a Lieutenant in the army.  
J. Reed character passed, by W. Fisher passed  
and he he granted a location. J. W. Whurston  
character passed

4<sup>th</sup> Question. Taken up. Who are the Deacons  
F. Beggs, John Linan, Lewis C. Pace  
J. E. Gardner, John Moorhead, Cyrus E  
Carpenter, James H. Vanghn

Resolved that those brethren who have not passed examination on their studies, as presented in the course, pursue their studies with reference to examination next year

Bro J. R. Alderman was granted a superannuated relation.

The death of Hon. James B. Gardentire was announced, and the following Preamble and Resolutions were adopted by a rising Vote. Preamble We have heard with profound and painful regret of the death of Hon James B. Gardentire L. L. D. Gen Gardentire is extensively and most favorably known, as an upright, patriotic Citizen, and eminent member of the Bar. In this respect we in common with our fellow citizens lament his loss to the country at this juncture But beyond this he sustained to us relations peculiarly endearing, throughout the years of our proscription and the persecution of us in this State, James B. Gardentire was the fast friend, and advocate of our rights, and of religious liberty. For the last four years, he has served our interests as President of the Board of Trustees of our University at Jefferson City In this capacity he was indefatigable; and but for the overwhelming financial embarrassments of the Country, followed by the rebellion and his untimely death, would have built up a monument in honor of christian education unsurpassed in the western country, therefore Resolved 1. That we sincerely mourn the loss of our friend, and the friend of christian education and religious liberty

Resolved 2. That we extend to the widow and children of Mr Gardener our sympathy and prayers

Resolved 3. That the Secretary be instructed to transmit to the widow and family a copy of these proceedings (Signed) Joseph Brooks  
Wm. S. Wentz  
J. C. Smith

2<sup>nd</sup> Question taken up. Who remain on trial G. W. Edwell character passed, and being a Lieutenant in the Army was discontinued L. V. Morton passed and he continued on trial, Charles Trader, W. C. Wiseman S. S. Wood, severally discontinued.

The hour arriving for the administration of the Oath of Allegiance to the members at request of conference, Provost Marshall Farrar proceeded to administer to the entire conference and visiting Ministers headed by the Bishop, after which interesting and patriotic addresses were delivered and conference adjourned with the benediction by Bro Hanley

4<sup>th</sup> Day March 1<sup>st</sup> / 62 9 O'clock A. M.  
Conference convened Saturday Morning  
Bishop Simpson

In the chair  
Religious Services by Bro D. H. May  
Journal read and approved  
Auditing committee reported (see report marked A) Report adopted. Moved and seconded to reconsider the vote by which the report of the auditing committee was adopted

Motion lost. On motion a committee of three was ordered to investigate and report upon depreciated funds drawn from the missionary Treasurer by the Presiding Elders. Brothers Hopkins, Mc'donald and Wentz.

2<sup>nd</sup> Question Resumed - J. H. Cox Ephraim Brookman passed and continued on trial. David W. David discontinued because of ill health. Leave was given the S. Elders, to employ him. H. R. Tricket discontinued. T. J. Babcock passed and continued on trial. John Parker discontinued. J. W. Prince continued. S. W. Mc'Schooler in the army discontinued. S. H. Early discontinued at his own request. A. C. Clemens discontinued and the Presiding Elders have leave granted to employ him. H. Linticum discontinued <sup>at his own request</sup>. H. J. Wall character passed and superannuated relation continued. A Committee of three was ordered consisting of Bros. Hopkins, Hoffman and Hamley for the purpose of laying our Missionary interests before the General Missionary Committee. W. C. Stewart passed, and he granted a superannuated relation.

The Stewards and Statistical Secretary proceeded to make their call, call concluded.

J. E. Baker examined before the Conference, passed and elected to Deacon's Orders. David Laughlin a Local Preacher recommended for Deacon's Orders by

the Quarterly Conference of Ebenezer Church  
St Louis, P. Elder presented the case and  
represented it and he was elected to Deacons  
Orders.

Report of the committee on the pur-  
-chase of Trunk & Post Solio. Report adopted  
Report of the Committee on Memoirs con-  
-cerning the death of Rev. W. Ferrell and  
Rev J. Williams D.D. Report adopted  
(see Report marked B)

The committee on  
education next reported. Report  
(see Report marked C)

The Journal read and approved.

Bro Fox addressed the Conference  
on the Business of the Book Concern  
Time expired, Notices Published and  
Conference adjourned with the benediction  
by Bro J. H. Hopkins

6<sup>th</sup> day March 3<sup>rd</sup> / 62 9 O'clock A.M.  
Conference convened Monday Morning  
Bishop Simpson

In the chair

Religious services, by Bro. Isaac Martin  
The Bishop introduced Bro Sears of the S. M.  
Conference, On Motion the P. Elders were granted  
leave to employ Bro. C. Trader, Moved that  
Bro Mc Knight, be continued as Treasurer of  
the Missionary Society to the end of the present  
Session, Motion agreed to  
Moved that the Officers be now elected for  
the Missionary Society for coming year  
Motion prevails.

J. C. Smith, A. C. McDonald appointed a committee to nominate officers for the Missionary Society for following year subject to confirmation by the Conference. The committee to Nominate Officers for the Missionary Society of the Missouri Conf for the coming year would report the following - which was adopted

For President Dr. Cox

" Secretary J. Martin

" Treasurer W. S. Wentz

" Managers J. Mc'Knightly

" " Wm. Hanley

" " J. H. Hopkins

H. H. H. was granted a superannuated relation, J. Reed, located at his own request, Isaac Kelly, having removed beyond the limits of the Conference and settled on a farm, and therefore unprepared to take work, was granted a local relation, O. H. Mitchell having removed to Kansas and not being at the Conference, and not required in the work was granted a location.

I hereby certify that J. E. Baker and David Caughlin, was by me ordained Deacons, and William S. Wentz was by me ordained an Elder on yesterday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1862 done on behalf of the Mo & Ark Conf. of the M. E. Church met St. Louis Mo. M. Simpson

A. J. Gaither, was granted a superannuated relation Large Rev. N. Robinson

called, Bro<sup>s</sup>. Hopkins, Oxler, & Mc Knight  
having stated, that he was inefficient, where-  
-upon he was granted a location by the follow-  
-ing Resolution.

Resolved, That for inefficiency  
he be, and is hereby located.

B. Hall having removed from the bounds  
of the Conference, wrote his P. Elder that he  
did not wish an appointment in the Conf  
and desiring a transfer to Kansas Conf  
he was granted a location

The committee on depreciated currency made  
a verbal report of the adjustment of the case  
and the committee was discharged

Bro. Wentz was appointed an assistant  
secretary.

The Conf. proceeded to nominate the place  
of its next session. Hannibal & St Louis  
were nominated and Hannibal was selected  
as the place of the next session of Conference

On motion, the Friday of the Conference  
week was set apart as the Anniversary  
of the Missionary Society, and that the  
Minister in Charge at Hannibal Station  
be directed to make the necessary arrange-  
-ments. The following

Resolution was  
adopted; Resolved, that if the trustees of  
the Union M. E. Church in St Louis, deem  
it necessary to send out an agent to col-  
-lect funds, to aid them, in paying for  
their house, recently purchased, such  
agency has the endorsement of this Conference  
Signed Samuel Huffman and Joseph Brooks

The Committee on Periodicals sub-  
-mitted the following report (which  
report see marked D). After discussion the  
the report, so far as the resolutions  
went, being amended, the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> resolutions were then  
adopted, The Preamble on motion  
was recommitted, to the committee  
Bro<sup>s</sup>. Mc'Donald, Henty, and Ander-  
-son were excused from serving on  
said committee and Bro<sup>s</sup>. Hopkins  
Cox ~~and~~ and Beggs were appointed on  
said committee,

On motion the  
following resolution was adopted  
Resolved, That our respected super-  
-intendent, be respectfully requested to  
administer the Sacrament, of the Lords  
Supper, to morrow morning at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  O'clk  
to the Members of the Conference and to  
those Christian friends, who may wish  
to unite with us, and that we embrace  
the succeeding hour for a conference  
love feast

Minutes were then read and ap-  
-proved, and Conference adjourned  
with the Benediction by Dr. Elliott.

7<sup>th</sup> Day March 4<sup>th</sup> / 62 9 O'clock A.M.  
Conference convened Tuesday Morning  
Bishop Simpson  
In the chair  
Religious services by Bro J. B. Prutton

Committee on Memoirs submitted the following report on the death of Bro J. P. Buren  
On motion it was adopted (see report B)

Book Agent (A. Do) reported sundry accounts due from members of Conf referred to various brethren for their collection or representation (see report which was allowed to pass without being formally put and marked H)

Committee on Sunday Schools made the following report (marked E) on Motion it was adopted

Committee to whom was referred the Preamble connected with Periodicals beg leave to offer the following (see report marked D) which was on motion adopted.

Bro Huffman offered the following Resolution. Whereas Bro L. F. Walden having left the bounds of the Conference and asks a transfer to Kansas Conference, and Whereas Bro Walden's character having passed, and he having passed a creditable examination on the third year and the Bishop not seeing his way clear to make the transfer. Therefore Resolved, that Bro Walden be granted a Location. On motion adopted  
On Motion Resolved, That the Preachers are instructed to make their collections for benevolent objects in the following order (viz)

Tract Society in April,  
Sunday School in July,  
Missionary in October,  
Fifth Collection in January

Missionary committee made their report  
which was adopted (see report marked F)

The stewards made their report which  
was read, and on motion adopted  
(see report marked G)

Appropriations of the Superannuated  
fund were then made as follows (viz)  
Widow Ferrel \$5.00 care of J. C. Smith  
" Trader 5.00 " T. B. Bratton  
" Henry 5.00 " S. Huffman  
" Witten 5.00 " J. C. Smith  
" Buren 5.00 " T. B. Bratton  
" Markham 5.00 " J. C. Smith  
" Ruder 5.00 " T. J. Maslin  
" Conklin 5.00 paid over to her  
" Perry 6.00 care of J. C. Smith  
Child of Ben Kelly 7.50 " T. B. Bratton  
Widow Buren Sen<sup>r</sup> 5.00 " "  
" Grandall 5.00 " T. J. Maslin

On motion.

Resolved, that when the  
Conference adjourn, it adjourn till  
three O'clock P. M.

Bro Huffman offered the following  
resolution which was adopted  
(viz)

Resolved that the thanks of the Conference  
be, and they are hereby tendered to the Rev.  
Dr. Porter for the very kind, gentlemanly and  
Christian manner in which he has treated us  
during the Session of our Conference, and  
also to the Trustees of this house for allow-  
-ing us the use of it. Resolved that the  
thanks of this Conference be also tendered  
to the President and Directors of the Pacific  
Railroad, North Mo R.R. Iron Mountain  
R.R. Hannibal & St Joe R.R. and also to  
the Owners and Officers of Packet Lines run-  
-ning to the city for the accomodation they had  
given us, in getting to, and returning from  
Conference. Resolved, that we also desire  
to remember in our prayers especially the  
kind friends in St Louis, who have entertained  
us, so kindly during our stay, and also the  
venerable Dr. Elliott for attentions he has  
bestowed on us.

The minutes were then read and  
approved, and the Conference  
adjourned with the benediction by  
Bro. J. H. Hopkins

March 4<sup>th</sup> 1862.

Conference convened at 3 O'clock P.M.

Bishop Simpson

In the chair

Religious services by Bro Hopkins  
The Bishop announced the Com-  
-mittees of examination for next year  
as follows (viz)

2<sup>nd</sup> Year's Course of Study

A. C. McDonald

Isaac Martin

R. R. Witten

3<sup>rd</sup> Year

W. S. Wentz

Wm. Sellers

J. G. Owen

4<sup>th</sup> Year

J. H. Hopkins

Henry Cox

J. M. Oyster

Local Deacons

N. Goodray

S. G. Anderson

Local Elders

To preach Annual Missionary Sermon

Dr. H. Cox

Alternate

N. Shumate

The Statistical Secretary submitted his report (see report marked I)

After which the closing exercises were singing and prayer by Dr. Elliott, next the Appointments were read, after remarks by the Bishop, and the Conference adjourned (sine die) with the doxology and benediction by Bishop Simpson.

M. Simpson

President

Isaac Martin

Asst Secretary