

The Missouri & Arkansas  
Annual Conference of the Methodist  
episcopal Church convened in the  
M. E. Church in Hannibal on Wednesday  
March 1<sup>st</sup> 1863 at 9 o'clock. A. M.  
it held its sixteenth annual session.

Bishop Ames  
Presiding

The opening services were conducted by  
the Bishop and comprised the reading  
of the first section of the 119<sup>th</sup> Psalm and a  
part of the 5<sup>th</sup> chap of Matt. singing the  
hymns commencing "Lord of the Harvest" and prayer.

The conference joined in singing  
the hymns commencing "A charge to keep"  
Ames and was thrilled in prayer by  
Bro J. Bonolis.

The secretary of the last  
conference called the roll and the follow-  
ing brethren answered to their names  
Wm J. S. Huffman, J. Bonolis, J. C. Smith,  
J. Linnam, E. P. Bigger, A. Stummach, S. Ing,  
R. R. Hutton, T. W. S. Henty, A. J. Laiter,  
J. C. Burton, G. C. Carpenter, J. Mac  
Knight, J. B. Bratton, J. Moorhead,  
C. Allen, P. W. Duce, S. G. Anderson,  
N. Cordray, J. C. Gardner, W. Hanley,  
S. Martin, J. F. New, H. Cox

The Transfer of L. M. Vernon  
formerly of the Iowa Conference was  
read by Bishop Ames and the name  
ordered upon the roll.

The Conference then proceeded to elect a Secretary by ballot. After the second ballot L. W. Vernon having received a majority of votes was declared elected Secretary. On motion Bro. S. Martin was elected Assistant Secretary and Bro. J. Moorhead Statistical Secretary on motion the time for the meeting of Conference was fixed at 9 O'clock A.M. and for its adjournment 12 O'clock M.

The following standing committees were then nominated & elected.

Stewards. N. Shumate, T. B. Bratton, J. F. New.

On Receipts & Cases. The Board of Stewards.

On Missions. The Presiding Elders S. Huffman, W. Hanley, J. C. Smith, T. B. Bratton.

On Memoirs. J. Brooks, W. S. Wentz and J. C. Smith.

On Sabbath Schools. C. Allen, J. Luman and S. G. Anderson.

On Public Worship. W. S. Wentz and W. Hanley.

On Periodicals. S. Huffman, J. Mc Knight and J. Moorhead.

On Post Offices. C. C. Carpenter.

On Temperance. J. Mc Knight, T. B. Bratton and A. Cordray.

On the State of the Country. J. Brooks, N. Shumate and W. S. Wentz.

On the State of the Church. J. Brooks, N. Shumate, T. B. Bratton, J. F. New and T. Pegg.

On Motion the Sunday School committee was authorized to receive funds raised for

the Sunday School Union

A motion made  
to excuse Bro H. Cox from serving on the  
committee on Periodicals, was lost

On motion the committee on  
Temperance were instructed to include in their  
report the subject of tobacco

Bro Leaten of the  
Illinois Conference was brought forward  
and introduced by the Bishop to the  
Conference. Bro Wright laboring the  
past year at St Joseph was introduced  
to the Conference

On the statement of the  
Bishop that the Conference was author-  
ized to draw upon the Book Concern  
for \$400. by motion the draft was  
ordered

The Bishop stated that the  
Conference was authorized to draw  
upon the Charter Fund for \$25 and  
motion the draft was ordered

Bro J. L. Smith announced he had  
the ~~amount~~ <sup>the amount of last year</sup> of \$5. ~~for~~ <sup>for</sup> Sister Hiltner deceased.

On motion it was referred to the com-  
mittee on miscellaneous cases, \$5. in  
the hands of Bro Martin, <sup>the dividend of last year</sup> for sister  
Rider was referred to the board of  
Stewards to be <sup>sent to sister Richter</sup> appropriated to the  
Conference claimants. <sup>if ever</sup>

Question 7th Who are the Superan-  
uated and Worn out Preachers

T. Golding; E. Sayre, J. B. Alderman  
W. S. Waffer and H. Hess were sev-  
erally passed and their relation continued

The name of S. J. Gaither being called he presented papers from the Quarterly Conf. of Eastern Circuit of good standing in the Kansas Conference which was read before the Conference Bro Gaither then made some statements to the conference after which on motion he was prayed and rendered effective.

On motion of Bro J. Brooks the Bishop was requested to administer the Sacrament to the members of Conference the brethren and sisters of the church now, after the administration of the Sacrament Conference business was resumed N. Shumate was appointed a committee to examine Local Deacons for Elders Orders.

On motion the Secretary was requested to enter the names of the members of the Conference in the order of ministerial services, dating from the time of reception or time in Annual Conference and each member was requested to furnish the date of such reception.

The Annual report of the Western Board Committee was read by Secretary and on motion was ordered on file.

The exhibit of the Methodist Board Concern Cincinnati was then read and appropriately commented upon by Bro. L. Hatcher. R. Board agent and the exhibit ordered on file.

Notices were then given, the Doxology sung, and the conference adjourned.



Second Day March 5<sup>th</sup> 9 o'clock. a.m.  
Conference Convened

Bishop Ames  
In the chair

The religious services were conducted by  
Rev N. Shumak

The roll was called &  
25 members answered to their names  
The journal was read corrected and  
approved. Dr. Elliott of the Central  
Christian advocate, Rev. G. H. Waring  
Secretary of the Iowa Conference and  
Rev. W. Gerritt of the Union Methodist  
Church of Louisiana were presented and  
introduced to the Conference

On motion

S. Huffman was excused from the com-  
mittee on Periodicals and A. C. McDonaugh  
elected in his place

Question 7<sup>th</sup> Resumed, The name of  
W. C. Stewart being called he presented  
papers from the Quarterly Conference of  
McConasburg, East Baltimore Conf  
recommending his christian and minis-  
terial character which were read before  
the Conference and after a few remarks  
from Bro Stewart himself his character  
passed and he was rendered effective

A. J. Walls character passed and his  
relation was continued the following  
resolution was presented and adopted  
Resolved, That Brothers W. A. Wintz  
H. Lewis and S. G. Anderson be appoint-  
ed an auditing committee for the purpose

of auditing the accounts of the Presiding Elders  
J. Brooks

The Bishop then called for the statistical reports from the various charges and in connection therewith the characters of the following effective Elders were examined and passed

St Louis District. Henry Cox, R. B. Hutton  
Joseph Brooks, W. A. Pyle, N. Skinnick  
J. R. West, J. W. Perrell

Jeff City District. J. Mc Knight, B. F. Wilson  
J. H. Vaughn

St Joe. District. J. W. Hopkins, J. E. Burton, S. G. Anderson

Stannibal District. W. S. Wentz, S. Martin  
J. L. New, S. W. Durie, A. Cordray

On motion S. G. Owen of St Louis District and W. Sellers of St Joseph District were located.  
Question 4<sup>th</sup> taken up "Who are the Deacons  
S. M. Vernon character examined and passed

Question 5<sup>th</sup> taken up "Who are admitted into full connection"

The class of Candidates was called forward and most judiciously and appropriately addressed and duly examined by the Bishop.

S. T. Merton Ephraim Brookman and J. W. Prince were severally passed admitted into full connection and elected to Deacons Orders. J. H. Cox was represented by his Presiding Elder and was continued on trial.

J. J. Babcock at his own request was discontinued

Rev Mr Sturdevant Pastor of the Congregational church in this city was presented and introduced to the Conference

On motion a committee of three was ordered to whom should be referred certain papers introduced by Rev. E. H. Waring of the Iowa Conference proposing to the next General Conference some changes in the order of Quarterly and Annual Conference business and in the collection of Statistics. J. Brooks N. Shumate and A. C. McDonald Committee

Announcements were made the Doxology sung and the Conference adjourned with the Benediction

Third Day March 6<sup>th</sup> 9 O'clock AM  
Conference convened  
Bishops Ames  
In the chair

Religious services were conducted by J. Brooks

It was voted to dispense with the further calling of the roll Question 5<sup>th</sup> of the general minutes taken up. "Who have been elected to Elders Orders this year" The examining committee reported favorably on the cases of the following brethren their characters passed and they were elected to Elders Orders (viz) F. S. Bagg

J. Linan. W. C. Stewart, J. E. Gardner  
J. Moorhead Cyrus E. Carpenter  
Calvin Allen

L. C. Pace was represented and located  
on account of a position as officer in  
the Army his character passed

J. W. Wharton was located on account  
of inefficiency

J. Vaughn was represented and his  
character passed

Bro Sheldon a superannuated minister  
of the Central Ohio Conference was  
introduced to the conference

On motion N. Shumate was relieved  
from serving on the board of stewards  
and W. C. Stewart was elected in his  
stead

Reports of committees were then called  
for. Committee appointed to audit the  
accounts of the Presiding Elders sub-  
mitted their report which was adopted  
item by item and was finally adopted  
as a whole (See report marked A.)

On motion the time of the morning  
session was extended

The Board of Stewards called for  
the report of the members of conference  
as to their claims and receipts and  
their fifth collection

Journal read, corrected and approved  
Bros Bose, Brooks, Stewart and  
Mc'donald were appointed a com-  
mittee on Education.

Notices given, Doxology sung and  
conference adjourned with benediction



Fourth Day March 7<sup>th</sup> 9 O'clock A. M.  
Conference convened  
Bishop Ames  
In the chair

Religious services were conducted by  
Bro S. Martin

The Bishop announced the names of the  
examining committees for next year

1<sup>st</sup> Year J. Moorhead, J. E. Gardner, R. H. Mitten

2<sup>nd</sup> do E. S. Biggs C. Allen. C. E. Carpenter

3<sup>rd</sup> do S. Martin J. Leman, W. C. Stewart

4<sup>th</sup> do H. C. McDonald J. F. New, J. C. Butler

H. Coxe is appointed to preach the  
Annual Missionary Sermon and J.  
Brooks alternate

The following was  
adopted Resolved, That the Presiding  
Elder of the District and Preacher in  
Charge of the circuit or station from  
which Local Preachers are recommen-  
ded for admission on trial or for  
orders, be a committee to examine  
such Local Preachers in the course of  
study required by the Discipline

Chas B. Bratton

S. Huffman

The report of the Stewards was read  
and adopted (See report B)

The Sunday school committee was  
authorized to receive money collected  
for the Bible cause and to pay all  
their receipts to the Book Agent Rev  
L. Hitchcock

Question 1<sup>st</sup> taken up Who are

admitted on trial this year. None.  
Stanford Ing. & J. H. Hollingsworth  
were readmitted. Deacons

Papers from the Quarterly Conf of Jeff  
City Station recommending the christian  
and ministerial character of W<sup>m</sup> Denby  
a Local Deacon of the M. E. Church South  
were read before the conference and his orders  
were on motion recognized provided that  
he take our ordination vows according to  
Discipline

P. E. Wilson was represented and granted  
a superannuated relation.

D. H. May being beyond the limits of the  
conference and not being disposed to take  
active work was located

A location was granted to W. A. Pyle he  
being Col in command of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Reg  
Mo Vol

The report of the Missionary committee  
was read and adopted (see report C)

The conference authorized the stewards to  
pay the Book Agent \$2. from sister  
Duren Jim<sup>n</sup>s dividend

Rev. L. Hitchcock Book Agent was  
allowed time to gain from the Conference  
information in regard to certain persons  
and accounts

The Committee on change of discipline  
submitted their report which was read  
and adopted (see report D)

The report of the educational committee  
was read and adopted (see report E)

The secretary was ordered to furnish a  
copy of the above report to the editor of

the Central Co. Advocate or any others  
desiring it for publication

The report of the Committee on Periodicals  
was read. Rev. S. Huffman addressed the  
Conference upon the Unity of the publishing  
interests of the West. Dr. Elliott upon the  
claims of the Central Co. Advocate and  
Rev. L. Hitchcock urgently and impres-  
sively called the attention of the confer-  
-ence to the general, periodical, and local  
interests of the church, the report was  
adopted (see report 3)

The report of the committee on Memoirs  
was read and adopted (see report 1)

The time of the session of the conference  
was extended

J. C. Smith made a statement of the  
condition of St. Louis District was rep-  
-resented and passed

S. Huffman made a statement of the  
condition of his district was represent-  
-ed and passed

A. C. McDonald represented & passed

W. Hanley made a statement of the  
Hannibal District was represented  
and passed

Papers from the Quarterly Conf of Eagle-  
-ville & Edinburgh Circuit recommending  
Henry Howe a Deacon of the M. E.  
Church as a suitable person to receive  
Elders Orders were read before the  
Conference and he was elected

Papers from the Quarterly Conf of  
Milan Circuit recommending Stephen  
Norman as a suitable person to

receive Elders Orders were read before the conference and he was elected. A communication from the Quarterly Conf. of Eagleville & Edinburg Circuit recommending J. C. Slater as a suitable person for Diacons Orders was laid on the table.

J. E. Burton at his own request was granted a superannuated relation. The Bishop asked the Question Where shall we hold our next Conference invitations were extended from Union Charge St Louis, from St Joseph, Jefferson City and Chillicothe, the claims of each were canvassed and Chillicothe was selected. It was moved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 7 1/2 P. M. this evening. Journal read corrected and approved. and Notices were given. Doxology sung and conference adjourned with the Benediction.

Evening Session of the Fourth Day  
March 7<sup>th</sup> 1863 Conference Convened  
Bishop Ames  
In the chair

Religious services were conducted by  
S. Huffman

The report of the committee on Temperance was read. The first resolution was re-read, and adopted after sundry amendments, a report of the vote fixing the place for the next session of our Annual Conference was reconsidered.



and Jefferson City was finally selected  
The report of the Sunday School committee  
was read and adopted (see report H)

The report of the committee on the state of the  
church was read and adopted (see report I)

The committee on the state of the country  
submitted their report which was read  
and adopted by a rising vote (see report J)

A copy of the resolutions of the above report  
was ordered to be sent to the President of  
the United States

~~The following resolutions were adopted~~  
L. M. Vernon and H. Cox were appointed  
a committee to publish one thousand co-  
pies of the minutes of the conference in  
Pamphlet form and the conference  
guaranteed the payment of the bill  
at the next conference

The committee was given discretionary  
power as to the amount of the several  
reports to be published

The following resolutions were adopted  
Resolved, That the thanks of this con-  
ference be, and they are hereby most  
heartily tendered to the gentlemanly  
managers of the N & St Joe, North Mo  
and L and S. A. R. and Westport  
Packet Co for their generous offer to  
transport us all to our fields of labor  
from the seat of our conference free  
of charge

Resolved that again, as we have often  
before shared the generous and cordial  
hospitality of our numerous friends  
and members of our church in Kan-

nibal and we will cherish a grateful  
recollection of; and remember them in our  
prayers, wherever we go through life  
Resolved that our thanks are also due  
and are hereby tendered to Revs W<sup>m</sup>  
S. Wertz and W<sup>m</sup> Hanley for their  
attention to our wants and comforts  
during the session of our conference

S. Huffman

N. Shumate

The officers of the Conference Mission  
-ary Society serving the past year  
were re-elected for next year

It was ordered that the Board of  
Stewards for next year be elected now  
W. C. Stewart, F. S. Beggs and A. C.  
McDonald were elected

The following was adopted

Resolved, That the stewards appointed  
for the ensuing year be instructed to  
estimate the amount needed for the  
relief of conference claimants and  
apportion the amount among the Dis-  
-tricks, and that the Presiding Elders be  
instructed to apportion among the sev-  
-eral pastoral charges

J. Brooks

After a most happy & instructive address  
from the Bishop he read the appoint-  
-ments of the preachers for the next year  
The Doxology was sung and the Confer-  
-ence closed with the Benediction by  
Bishop Ames.

Edward R. Ames

President.

L. M. Vernon Secretary.

Addenda

This certifies that  
Lewis V. Morton, Ephraim  
Brookman and James W. Prince  
were ordained Deacons in the  
M. E. Church at Hannibal  
Mo. on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March  
1863. and that at the same  
time and place John Moorhead  
Francis S. Peggs, John Leman  
William C. Stewart, James E.  
Gardner, Cyrus E. Carpenter  
Calvin Allen, Henry Horne  
and Stephen Norman, <sup>Deacons</sup> ~~Deacons~~  
Murphy were ordained Elders  
in the same church by the  
undersigned

Edward R. Ames

L. M. Vernon  
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