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The Union M. E. Church, SAINT LOUIS.



This church was built by the Presbyterians, in 1850, at a cost of \$90,000, including parsonage and furniture, and was purchased March 14th, 1862, for the M. E. Church of St. Louis, and Rev. H. Cox was appointed Pastor. And although the cost (\$37,300) was small in comparison with its value, yet it required men of faith and courage to engage, at such a time, in such an enterprise. It has been eminently successful. Reckoning the assets, the debt on the church has been reduced to \$13,000, and all interest and current expenses met. The congregation is perhaps the largest in the city. The membership of 280 is rapidly increasing. There is also a flourishing Sabbath School of some four hundred scholars, and all the interests of the church are in a prosperous condition.

The edifice is eighty-one feet on Eleventh by one hundred and twenty on Locust street. The height of the main tower is one hundred and sixty feet, that of the other one hundred and four feet.

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NEXT MEETING
The Officers and Members of the
OFFICERS:

BISHOP AMES,
PRESIDING.

LEROY M. VERNON,
SECRETARY.

ISAAC MARTIN,
ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

JOHN MOORHEAD,
STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

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MINUTES.

The Sixteenth Session of the Missouri and Arkansas Conference of the M. E. Church, convened in the M. E. Church, Hannibal, Missouri, on Wednesday, March 4th, 1863, at 9 A. M.; Rev. Bishop EDWARD R. AMES presiding.

The opening services, conducted by the Bishop, comprised the reading of the first section of the 119th Psalm, a part of the 5th chapter of Matthew, singing the hymn commencing,

"Lord of the harvest, hear
Thy needy servants cry,"

and prayer.

The Conference sang the hymn commencing,

"A charge to keep I have,"

and was then led in prayer by J. Brooks.

The Secretary (J. Brooks) of the last Conference called the roll, and twenty-four members answered to their names.

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 proceeded to elect a Secretary by ballot. After the second ballot, L. M. Vernon having received a majority of the votes, was declared elected Secretary.

I. Martin was elected Assistant Secretary, and J. Moorhead Statistical Secretary.

The time for the meeting of Conference was fixed at 9 A. M., and for its adjournment 12 M.

The following committees were appointed:

Stewards.—N. Shumate, J. E. Burton, J. F. New.

Necessitous Cases.—The Stewards.

Missions.—The presiding elders, S. Huffman, W. Hanley, J. C. Smith, T. B. Bratton.

Memoirs.—J. Brooks, W. S. Wentz, J. C. Smith.

Salbath Schools.—C. Allen, J. Linan, S. G. Anderson.

Public Worship.—W. S. Wentz, W. Hauley.

Periodicals.—S. Huffman, J. McKnight, J. Moorhead.

Post Offices.—C. E. Carpenter.

Temperance.—J. McKnight, T. B. Bratton, N. Cordray.

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

State of the Church.—J. Brooks, N. Shumate, T. B. Bratton, J. F. New, F. S. Beggs.

The Committee on Sunday Schools was authorized to receive funds raised for the Sunday School Union.

The Committee on Temperance was instructed to include in its report the subject of Tobacco.

Bro. Leaton, Secretary of the Illinois Conference, and Bro. Wright, laboring the past year at St. Joseph, were brought forward and introduced by the Bishop to the Conference.

The Bishop stated the Conference was authorized to draw upon the Book Concern for four hundred dollars. The draft was ordered.

A draft for thirty dollars was also ordered on the Chartered Fund.

Five dollars in the hands of J. C. Smith, the dividend of last year for Sister Witten, deceased, and five dollars in the hands of T. J. Maslin, the dividend of last year for Sister Reeder, was referred to the Stewards to be appropriated to Conference claimants.

The seventh question: "*Who are the Superannuated or worn out Preachers?*" taken up.

T. Golding, E. Sayre, J. R. Alderman, M. T. Klepper and H. Hess, were severally passed, and their relation continued. The name of A. J. Gaither being called, he presented papers from the Quarterly Conference of Easton circuit, Kansas Conference, setting forth his good standing, which were read, and, after a few statements in regard to his own case, he was passed and rendered effective.

On motion of J. Brooks, the Bishop was requested to administer the Sacrament to members of the Conference—the brethren and sisters of the Church now present. After administration of the Sacrament Conference business was resumed.

N. Shumate was appointed a committee to examine local Deacons for Elder's orders.

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

The annual report of the Western Book Committee was presented, read, and placed on file. The exhibit of the Methodist Book Concern was read and appropriately commented upon by Rev. L. Hitchcock, Book Agent, and the exhibit placed on file. Notices given, Doxology sung, and Conference adjourned with the Benediction.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday, March 5th, 9 A. M.

Conference convened. Bishop Ames in the Chair. Religious services conducted by N. Shumate. The roll was called, and twenty-six members answered to their names. Journal read, corrected and approved.

Dr. Elliott, of the Central Christian Advocate, Rev. E. H. Waring, Secretary of the Iowa Conference, and Rev. Mr. De Mott, of the Union Methodist Church of Louisiana, were presented, and introduced to the Conference. On motion, S. Huffman was excused from the Committee on Periodicals and A. C. McDonald was appointed in his place.

The seventh question resumed. The name of W. C. Stewart being called, he presented papers from the Quarterly Conference of McConnellsburg circuit, East Baltimore Conference, recommending his Christian and ministerial character, which were read, and, after a few remarks from Bro. Stewart himself, his character passed, and he was rendered effective.

A. J. Wall's character passed and his relation was continued.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That Brothers Wentz, Cox and Anderson be appointed an auditing committee for the purpose of auditing the accounts of the presiding elders.

J. Brooks.

The Bishop called for the statistical reports from the various charges, and in connection therewith the characters of the following effective elders were examined and passed: H. Cox, R. R. Witten, Joseph Brooks, W. A. Pile, N. Shumate, J. McKnight,

B. F. Wilson, J. H. Vaughn, J. R. West, J. W. Ferrel, J. H. Hopkins, J. E. Burton, S. G. Anderson, W. S. Wentz, I. Martin, J. F. New, P. W. Duree, N. Cordray.

T. G. Owen and W. Sellers were located.

The fourth question, "*Who are the Deacons?*" taken up.

L. M. Vernon, character examined and passed.

The third question, "*Who are admitted into full connection?*" taken up. The class of candidates was called forward and most judiciously and appropriately addressed and duly examined by the Bishop.

L. V. Morton, Ephraim Brookman and J. W. Prince, were severally passed, admitted into full connection and elected to Deacon's orders.

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

T. J. Babcoke, at his own request, was discontinued.

Rev. Mr. Sturdevant, pastor of the Congregational Church in Hannibal, was presented and introduced to the Conference.

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 Conference adjourned with the Benediction.

THIRD DAY.

Friday, March 6th, 9 A. M.

Conference convened. Bishop Ames in the Chair. Religious services conducted by J. Brooks. It was voted to dispense with the further calling of the roll.

Fifth question of the General Minutes taken up. "*Who have been elected to Elder's orders this year?*"

The Examining Committee reported favorably of the following brethren; their characters passed, and they were elected to elder's orders: F. S. Beggs, J. Linan, W. C. Stewart, J. E. Gardner, J. Moorhead, C. E. Carpenter, C. Allen.

L. C. Pace, now in command of a regiment in the army, was located.

J. W. Wharton was located on account of inefficiency.

J. H. Vaughn was represented and his character passed.

Rev. Harry O. Sheldon, a superannuate of the Central Ohio Conference, was introduced to the Conference.

On motion, N. Shumate was released from serving on the Board of Stewards, and W. C. Stewart was elected in his stead.

The Auditing Committee submitted their report, which was adopted.

The time of the morning session was extended.

The Board of Stewards called for the report of the preachers, as to their claims and receipts and their Fifth Collection.

H. Cox, J. Brooks, W. C. Stewart and A. C. McDonald, were appointed a committee on education.

The journal was read, corrected and approved. Notices given, Doxology sung, and Conference adjourned with the Benediction.

FOURTH DAY.

Saturday, March 7th, 9 A. M.

Conference convened. Bishop Ames in the Chair. Religious services conducted by I. Martin.

The Bishop announced the committees of examination for next year. (See list.)

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That the presiding elder of the district and preachers in charge of the circuit or station from which local preachers are recommended for trial or for orders, be a committee to examine such local preachers on the course of study required by the Discipline.

THOS. 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.

First question, "*Who are admitted on trial this year?*" taken up. None.

Stanford Ing and T. H. Hollingsworth, Deacons, were re-admitted.

Papers from the Quarterly Conference of Jefferson City Station, recommending the Christian and ministerial character of

Wm. 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.

B. F. Willson was represented and superannuated.

D. H. May, being beyond the limits of the Conference, and indisposed to take active work, was located.

W. A. Pile, being colonel in command of the 33d regiment Mo. Vols., was located.

The report of the Mission Committee was read and adopted. See report (C).

The Conference authorized the Stewards to pay the Book Agent from Sister Buren's, Jr., 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 a report, commending the changes proposed, which was read and adopted. See report (D).

The report of the Educational Committee was read and adopted, and the Secretary was ordered to furnish a copy to the editor of the Central Christian Advocate, or any others desiring it, for publication. See report (E).

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 Christian Advocate, and Rev. L. Hitchcock, urgently and impressively called the attention of the Conference to the general periodical and book interests of the Church.

Report adopted. See report (F).

The report of the Committee on Memoirs was read and adopted. See report (M).

The time of the session of Conference was extended.

J. C. Smith made a statement of the condition of St. Louis district. Was represented and passed.

S. Huffman made a statement of the condition of Jefferson City district. Was represented and passed.

A. C. McDonald, represented and passed.

T. B. Bratton represented the state of St. Joseph district. Was represented and passed.

W. Hanley made a statement of the condition of Hannibal district. Was represented and passed.

Papers from the quarterly Conference of Eagleville and Edinburg circuit, recommending Henry Howe, a Deacon of the M. E. Church, as a suitable person to receive Elder's orders, were read before the Conference, and he was elected.

Papers from the quarterly Conference of Milan circuit, recommending Stephen Norman, a Deacon of the M. E. Church, as a suitable person to receive Elder's orders, were read before the Conference, and he was elected.

A communication from the quarterly Conference of Eagleville and Edinburg circuit, recommending J. C. Slater as a suitable person to receive Deacon's orders, was laid on the table.

J. E. Burton, at his own request, was superannuated.

The Bishop asked: "*Where shall we hold our next Conference?*" St. Louis, St. Joseph, Jefferson City and Chillicothe, were nominated. Chillicothe was selected.

It was moved, when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 7 1-2 P. M. Motion prevailed.

Journal read, corrected and approved. Notices given, Doxology sung, and Conference adjourned with the Benediction.

— EVENING SESSION.

March 7th, 7 1-2 P. M.

Bishop Ames in the Chair. Religious services conducted by S. Huffman.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read, and, after sundry amendments, was adopted. See report (G).

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 unanimous rising vote. See report (K).

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

Resolutions of thanks to the friends entertaining us; the St. Louis and Keokuk Packet Company, and the various railroads that have accommodated the ministers to Conference at half fare, were adopted.

L. M. Vernon and H. Cox were appointed a committee to publish one thousand copies of the Minutes of the Conference, in pamphlet form, and the Conference guarantee 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 officers of the Conference Missionary Society serving the past year, were re-elected for next year: *President*, H. Cox; *Secretary*, I. Martin; *Treasurer*, W. S. Wentz; *Managers*, J. McKnight, Wm. Hanley, J. H. Hopkins.

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 districts; and that the presiding elders be instructed to apportion among the several pastoral charges. J. Brooks.

After a most happy and instructive address from the Bishop, he read the appointments of the preachers for the next year. The Doxology was sung, and the Conference closed with the Benediction by Bishop Ames.

LEROY M. VERNON,
Secretary.

E. R. AMES,
President.

SUMMARY.

Continued on Trial.—J. H. Cox.
Admitted into full connection and ordained Deacons.—E. Brookman, L. V. Morton, J. W. Prince
Deacons of the Second Year.—L. M. Vernon, S. Ing, T. H. Hollingsworth.
Ordained Elders this Year.—F. S. Beggs, J. Linan, W. C. Stewart, J. E. Gardner, J. Moorhead, C. E. Carpenter, C. Allen.
Local Elders Ordained.—Henry Howe, Stephen Norman.
Located.—T. G. Owen, W. Sellers, L. C. Pace, J. W. Wharton, D. H. May, W. A. Pile.
Superannuated.—T. Golding, E. Sayre, J. R. Alderman, M. T. Klepper, A. J. Wall, B. F. Willson, J. E. Burton.
Deceased.—J. M. Oyler, J. E. Baker.

THE APPOINTMENTS FOR 1863-64.

ST. LOUIS DISTRICT—J. C. Smith, P. E.

St. Louis, Union Church—H. Cox. Richland and Sugar Creek—A. J. Gaither
 " " Simpson & Hedding Chapels Jefferson City—A. C. McDonald. —
 " " L. M. Vernon. Otterville—S. Ing. —
 " " Wesley Chapel—To be supplied. Buffalo—J. H. Vaughn.
 Franklin and DeSoto—S. Huffman. Kansas City—To be supplied. —
 Rolla and Salem—R. R. Witten. Jackson—To be supplied.
 Florence—J. Linan.

J. Brooks, Chaplain in the army, and member of Union Church
 Quarterly Conference.

ST. JOSEPH DISTRICT—W. S. Wentz, P. E.

St. Joseph—To be supplied. Albany and Ailenville—T. H. Hollingsworth.
 Savannah and Fillmore—L. V. Morton. Eagleville & Edinburg—S. G. Anderson
 Rockport—C. Allen. Princeton—J. McKnight.
 Marysville and Alanthus—F. S. Beggs. Chillicothe—T. B. Bratton.
 Ridgely—E. Brookman. Oregon—J. Moorhead.

J. H. Hopkins, Chaplain in the army, and member of St. Joseph
 Quarterly Conference.

HANNIBAL DISTRICT—W. Hanley, P. E.

Hannibal—N. Shumate. Lancaster and Kirksville—W. C. Stewart.
 Shelbyville—J. W. Prince. Unionville and Greencastle—J. F. New
 Macon City—C. E. Carpenter. St. John—P. W. Duree.
 Edina—Isaac Martin. St. Catharine—N. Cordray.
 Memphis and Chambersburg—J. E. Gardner. Milan—To be supplied.

J. H. Cox, Chaplain in the army, and member of Hannibal Quarterly
 Conference.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION FOR NEXT YEAR.

FIRST YEAR: J. Moorhead, J. E. Gardner, R. R. Witten.

SECOND YEAR: F. S. Beggs, C. Allen, C. E. Carpenter.

THIRD YEAR: I. Martin, J. Linan, W. C. Stewart.

FOURTH YEAR: A. C. McDonald, J. F. New, J. E. Burton.

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

REPORTS.

STEWARDS' REPORT. (B).

Question 13. *What amounts are necessary for the Superannuated Preachers, and the Widows and Orphans of Preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance on the circuits?*

Answer. \$6.038 30.

Question 14. *What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?*

Answer. From Chartered Fund.....	\$ 30 00
From dividend of Book Concern.....	400 00
From Fifth Collection.....	108 06
Returned from last year:	
Sister Witten's allowance.....	\$5 00
" Reeder's ".....	5 00
	<u>10 00</u>

Total Receipts.....	\$548 06
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Disbursed as follows, viz:

To A. J. Gaither, superannuate.....	\$33 50
" J. W. Prince, effective.....	32 50
" I. Martin, do.....	32 50
" J. F. New, do.....	29 56
" Widow Ferrill, by J. C. Smith.....	35 00
" " Trader, by Bro. Norman.....	30 00
" " Buren, Sr., by S. G. Anderson.....	30 00
" " Markham.....	50 00
" " Reeder, by J. C. Smith.....	40 00
" " Conklin, ".....	50 00
" " Berry, ".....	50 00
" " Crandall, by Rev. L. Hitchcock.....	50 00
" " Henry, by J. C. Smith.....	20 00
" " Buren, Jr., by Bro. Ray.....	30 00
" " Baker, by S. Ing.....	12 50
" " Oyler, by J. C. Smith.....	12 50
Bro. Kelly's child, ".....	20 00

Total Disbursements.....	\$548 06
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Respectfully submitted by the Stewards.

W. C. STEWART, Chairman.

REPORT ON MISSIONS. (C.)

The Mission Committee present the following as their report :

St. Louis District	\$400
Franklin and DeSoto.....	200
Rolla and Salem.....	125
Richland and Sugar Creek.....	50
Otterville.....	200
Buffalo.....	100
Florence.....	125

Total for St. Louis District.....\$1,200

St. Joseph District.....	\$350
St. Joseph.....	300
Savannah.....	50
Rockport.....	50
Marysville.....	50
Albany.....	50
Princeton.....	50
Chillicothe	300
Oregon.....	100

Total for St. Joseph District.....\$1,300

Hannibal District.....	\$400
Macon City.....	150
St. Catharine.....	100
Greencastle and Unionville.....	50
Edina.....	100
Chambersburg and Memphis.....	100
Lancaster and Kirksville.....	100

Total for Hannibal District.....\$1,000

Total.....\$3,500

J. C. SMITH,
Secretary.

SAMUEL HUFFMAN,
Chairman.

I concur in the foregoing estimates.

E. R. AMES.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROPOSED CHANGES OF DISCIPLINE. (D.)

The Committee to whom the communications of Bro. Waring were referred, present the following report:

It is proposed to accomplish, through the instrumentality of the General Conference, such changes as will materially improve the order of business in the Annual and Quarterly Conferences, and facilitate the collection and improve the classification of our Church statistics.

Improvement in these regards is greatly needed. We have examined Bro. Waring's plans and deem them a great improvement upon the present forms of discipline. We offer, therefore, for consideration and adoption the following resolutions, namely:

1. *Resolved*, By the Missouri and Arkansas Annual Conference, That the present order of business in our Conferences, and the present mode of collecting and arranging our statistics are susceptible of improvement.

2. *Resolved*, That the modes proposed by Rev. E. H. Waring, Secretary of the Iowa Conference, would be quite preferable to the present forms.

3. *Resolved*, That we respectfully recommend the emendations proposed by Bro. Waring to the careful consideration of the next General Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH BROOKS, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION. (E.)

Crime is a necessary consequence of ignorance. All history is in confirmation of this proposition. No more striking example can be cited than that furnished by the present gigantic revolt and civil war now desolating our fair land.

Had free schools, a free press and general education been placed within the reach of the masses of the population of the slave States, the chiefs of the revolt could never have succeeded in imposing upon them the false theories and fatal heresies which led them finally to commit the great crime of treason, and to attempt, by armed force, to overthrow a government so benign.

Whoever, therefore, would promote personal piety and conserve and enhance public virtue must of necessity become the friend and patron of sound, thorough, Christian education. To develop and cultivate the mental and moral faculties of the children and youth is second only, in points of importance, to the direct work of leading souls to Christ through repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus.

The condition of our own State, in this respect, is most deplorable. Outside the city of St. Louis, and a very few other small cities of the State, there are few if any seminaries or colleges where a loyal family can secure for a son or daughter educational advantages. Even the State University, at Columbia, established and maintained at the public expense, has for years past been conducted mainly by men in hearty sympathy with treason; precluding utterly its benefits for the loyalists who, alone, are entitled to them.

Public schools, free to the toiling poor, are unknown in most of the counties throughout the State. The pecuniary interests and peculiar rights of the aristocratic class have induced them to suppress or fatally trammel most efforts heretofore put forth for the adoption and extension of effective schemes for the free and general education of the children and youth of the State.

From this condition of the educational institutions and interests of the State the families of our people especially, have greatly suffered. As far as possible to bring relief, first to our own people, and secondly to the whole population of the State and of the Southwest, we undertook, some five years since, to provide a basis in the city of Jefferson, the capital of the State, for an educational institution of university grade. Of the toils and sufferings, the successes and reverses of that enterprise, it is not needful now to write. That record is engraven upon the tablets of our hearts. The sacrifice of two of our noblest Western Methodist preachers has enshrined the enterprise in the affections of every intelligent loyal Methodist in this valley. That the effort has not been triumphantly successful is not due, we are persuaded, to a want of well-devised schemes and earnest effort; but to such overwhelming calamities as rarely fall to the lot of a country or community. Still we rejoice in that through the good providence of God, we trust some of the seed sown has fallen in good ground. There is reason to hope that upon that solid foundation laid with so much anxious prayer, a superstructure shall yet rise a monument of blessing to the coming generations. The field before us is a vast and inviting one. We hope yet to occupy it with teeming toilers who shall reap a glorious harvest.

We submit for consideration and adoption the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That it is the duty of all our ministers and people throughout the State to put forth their utmost endeavors for the establishment and maintenance of public schools, conducted upon Christian principles.

2. *Resolved*, That we cling tenaciously to our original scheme for a university at the capital of the State; hereby reiterating our former resolves with respect to it.

3. *Resolved*, That we confidently hope to put the institution into operation so soon as the tempest of war and revolution shall have subsided.

JOSEPH BACOCKS,
Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY. (K.)

The relationship subsisting between the Church and the State is one of extreme delicacy, and fraught with interests and considerations of the utmost importance to society. In the government of the world God has divided the responsibility in organized society between the civil and ecclesiastical authority. Both are alike of Divine authority and obligation; and each, within its legitimate sphere, is independent of the other. They are not to be separated, however, as if disconnected or antagonistic, but should be recognized and treated as co-ordinate branches of the same Divine scheme for the regulation and well being of society. It is the province and duty of the civil authority, ordained of God for the purpose to maintain and protect the rights of the people, particularly that most sacred of all rights, the privilege to worship God according to the dictates of conscience, and the teachings of the Holy Scriptures. The civil arm should work prompt and vigorous for the establishment, defence and vindication of religious liberty. Society should ever be enabled to repose with confidence upon the authority and integrity of the civil magistrate. He is God's minister. Let him magnify his office. Let him always be known as "a terror to evil doers, and a praise to them that do well." If the employment of physical force be required in the execution of these functions, the solemn, august sanctions under which the executor of God's will holds position, require that he shall make manifest the fact that he "beareth not the sword in vain."

Reciprocal duties devolve upon the ecclesiastical authorities. The Church is bound by the most explicit and solemn injunction of its head and founder, the Supreme Ruler of the universe, to sustain to the utmost the lawfully constituted civil authority. The people are to be taught, under the sacred sanctions of religion, their duty to "obey the powers that be," seeing they are ordained of God. The duties of citizenship are not to be ignored or despised by the servant of the Most High. No man ceases to be a citizen by becoming a Christian; upon the contrary it is by the acknowledgment of his obligations to God and his accountability at his bar, that the citizen becomes fully qualified for the discharge of the higher and mightier functions of citizenship. In times of the most profound peace, we cannot but regard it the duty of *Christian* men to participate uniformly, in the spirit of Christian earnestness and fidelity in the civil affairs of the country. In doing this they do not necessarily "dabble in the dirty pool of politics," nor convert themselves into fiery factious partizans. The most exalted duties of the citizen we deem entirely compatible with the humility and meekness of the Christian. Still more do seasons of civil discord, revolt and bloodshed demand for the government the earnest attention and prompt support of all true men and Christians. The civil government of right requires obedience and support from such an one, not only because he is a citizen, but also a Christian citizen. These principles being well and thoroughly established, there can be no question allowed for a moment respecting the duty of the Church in this land at this time. Our government struggles, as in death grapple, with the most gigantic, vindictive and relentless revolt, perhaps, ever realized in the history of government.

Of the origin and nature of this rebellion there seems, to our minds, little or no room for dispute. It is the "Conflict of Ages," repeating itself. Repeating itself upon a scale of magnitude and desperation, far beyond all that has preceded. It corresponds with the enhanced development of the race, and the grandeur of the theatre upon which the drama is being enacted—the new world. It is a conflict of systems; nay, more, of principles underlaying and constituting the base of systems of civilization. It is, indeed, a radical conflict; sweeping onward and downward to the very root or origin of our systems of government and society. For ages humanity has, at various periods and under different aspects, asserted its "inalienable rights," and struggled to maintain them in opposition to the hoary and odious tyrannies and despotisms that have manacled the race. *Freedom* is the stake. Freedom of thought, freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom of worship

In our revolutionary conflict and triumph, a mighty stride was taken on the highway of progress. For a time it was hoped the manacles were all broken, and that here in the wilderness of the new world the "oppressed" had indeed "gone free." When the elements settled down, however, and we came to form a government for the new born nation, the relics of the old despotism were found remaining, and, in portions of our territory, to be actually the predominating element. True to their inveterately malignant nature they asserted themselves, and arrogantly claimed recognition and incorporation in the organic law of the new government. Thence began the contest for the ascendancy between the two systems, thus vainly attempted to be coalesced in one organization. Long continued was the civil strife, with varying forms and fortunes. For a time the tide of freedom and prosperity rose majestically and rolled triumphantly forward. Then again it receded, and the dark spirit of despotism brooded over the waters. Thus with varied fortunes the elements met and struggled, and chafed and fretted, until foiled and defeated by these processes, the despotic element, embodied in the system of slavery, appealed to arms for the overthrow of the government which they had failed to make perpetually subservient to their diabolical purposes and pursuits. We had heard it threatened—we sometimes feared the storm was actually gathering, but it was not until the thunderings of Sumter broke upon the startled nation, that we awoke to the terrible reality. Civil war was upon us—war the most terrific—war on our own soil—war at our own firesides. A war began and prosecuted through many tedious months, sacrificing the lives of many thousands of our sons and brothers, for the sole and single purpose of destroying the existing form of government, and in its stead establishing a government, the chief cornerstone of which should be human slavery, and the object and aim of which should be the indefinite extension and endless perpetuity of this most abhorrent crime. Thus menaced and assailed, it became the imperative duty of the government to assert its prerogative and maintain its authority to the utmost.

For two dreadful years the war has raged with terrible fierceness. The land has been drenched in the blood of our patriotic citizens, poured out like water. In no section of our common country have the ravages of war been more sorely realized than in our own State. The second conflict of arms occurred on the soil of Missouri. For near two years hostile armies have marched and countermarched over the State; desolating our fields and firesides. Roving bandits, savage and blood-thirsty as ever infested any land, have swarmed through the State, spreading terror, dismay and death in every direction. Hundreds of our citizens have been murdered at their homes or shot down by the wayside, by these desperadoes. The dreadful picture is complete. Not merely have we the bold outlines of insurrection and civil war, but the full details of murderous neighborhood strife.

No holier cause ever called for vindication by the sword. No weightier responsibility ever devolved upon the executive of a nation than that resting upon the President of these United States. Right nobly has he met these demands. So conspicuously have his patriotism and integrity been manifest, that both friend and foe have been constrained to acknowledge them. To the governors of the several loyal States, also, do the people owe a debt of gratitude, which never may be liquidated. We of Missouri, especially, are constrained to tender our gratitude to these, and the patriotic men who by thousands promptly responded to our cry for help, and marched to our rescue. Thus do we stand doubly bound by obligations divinely imposed, and from considerations of gratitude, to sustain to the last extremity the government in the gigantic task of suppressing and extinguishing this rebellion and treason.

To us, as ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, it is matter of devout thanksgiving to God that none, or next to none, of our people anywhere, have been found wanting in this hour of trial. This Church is loyal throughout. Thousands of our members and hundreds of our ministers are of the embattled host, sword and musket in hand, doing battle for "God and liberty."

What the government has already accomplished furnishes ample assurance to every loyal heart, both of capacity and relentless purpose, quite adequate

to the extinction, in due time, of the last relic of the revolt. At the time of Sumter's fall the nation, through the treachery of government functionaries, was in a most deplorably defenceless posture. Our arsenals were emptied; our ships of war scattered to the four corners of the earth; our treasury robbed and the official positions of the nation swarming with traitors. These obstacles have been overcome. We have to-day the best appointed, best equipped, best officered and bravest army the world ever saw. Our fleet is now quite sufficient for the suppression of the rebellion at home, and the protection of our vast seaboard against the combined navies of the world. The national exchequer under the most able management, presents a spectacle that challenges the admiration of all men.

At the beginning of last year the enemy was entrenched upon our own majestic river at New Madrid and Columbus, and held the patriot army by a line extending thence to Forts Henry, Donelson and Bowling Green; New Orleans and the Gulf coast, together with the Southeastern seaboard, were under his control. Myriads of armed rebels, led by boastful chiefs, swarmed upon the Potomac and menaced the very capitol itself. To-day we behold a victorious army having overrun a territory double in extent and resources the empires over which the world's armies have been accustomed to contend. They have fought and won over one hundred battles; captured Forts Henry and Donelson, New Madrid and many other points in the West. Columbus, Bowling Green, Nashville and Memphis are in our possession. New Orleans and Baton Rouge are ours, and our brave hosts invest the enemy in his last Western stronghold, where he is sure to be captured or killed. Savannah must speedily yield to our combined army and fleet, and Charleston—Satan's seat—is about to succumb to the glorious old Stripes and Stars, there first subjected to a traitorous fire.

Fidelity to our great trust for a few more months, and, with God's blessing, the nation, redeemed and regenerated, will stand forth a spectacle for men and angels.

We offer for adoption the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we hereby most solemnly pledge anew to the government of the United States our unwavering support and co-operation for the overthrow of the rebellion.
2. *Resolved*, That we have undiminished confidence in the patriotism of the chief executive of the nation, and pledge to him, as Commander-in-chief of the army and navy, our hearty support in all measures adopted for the restoration of the authority of the government in the rebellious States.
3. *Resolved*, That we endorse the recently enacted conscription law, and thank the two Houses of Congress for the compliment they have paid the manhood and patriotism of our profession, in refusing to exempt us from its operations.
4. *Resolved*, That we heartily approve the President's proclamation of emancipation, by which millions of human beings, made in the image of God and redeemed by the blood of Christ, are delivered from the manacles of a vile and dehumanizing system of slavery.

JOSEPH BROOKS, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH. (I.)

The history of Protestant Christianity furnishes many shining examples of persistent toil, patient endurance of wrong, and meek, submissive suffering for Christ's sake. The apostolical period, together with the days of the Reformation of the sixteenth century, exhibit many such cases, both of individuals and communities. Usually for years past, it has been supposed that such days of Christian chivalry had gone forever. This is a mistake. Scenes of the most thrilling, terrible interest, have become familiar to us in this South-western region. To reiterate them all were to write a volume. The martyrdom of our lamented Bewley is still fresh in our memory.

For several years past preceding the outbreak of the revolt, the members and ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church were the subjects of the most bitter, bloody persecution. Our congregations were often interrupted in their devotions; our societies dispersed and their property destroyed; our ministers pelted with missiles, besmeared with tar, carried through the streets upon rails, and murdered by shooting and hanging. Charter privi-

lives, common to other classes of citizens, were denied us, and our Bishops insulted and denounced by representatives in our State Legislature. All this we have endured; suffering wrongfully, in advance of the general outbreak against the government by armed force. And still we have prospered; souls were converted under our ministry, and societies were gathered together and much good accomplished. When, however, armed rebellion, like a thunder clap broke upon the country, our flocks were scattered hither and thither. Hundreds of our people and many of our ministers were compelled to flee the country, seeking refuge in the adjoining States. Thus were our schemes thwarted, our labors counteracted, and our organizations for a time well nigh broken up throughout the Conference. At our last Conference session the Federal army having driven back the hordes that had arrayed themselves against the authorities of the government, an effort was put forth to re-establish our societies, and build again the waste places of our Zion. The God of our mercies favored us with his blessing, and we are now permitted to review the past year with emotions of great joy. A large number of our pastoral charges were re-organized, the ministry resumed, and all the appliances of evangelism brought to bear upon society. The principal points in our work, St. Joseph, Hannibal, Jefferson City and St. Louis, have been visited with gracious outpourings of the Spirit. A goodly number of souls have been converted, and the number of communicants largely increased. Our statistics show a most encouraging enhancement of valuable church property—reaching a large sum in the St. Louis district alone.

A great and wonderful revolution in public sentiment has been accomplished. The long, tedious night of darkness and dismay seems passing away. The distant dawn appears above the horizon. Long have we toiled and suffered, and watched and prayed. At length, when hope had well nigh fled—when human instrumentalities seemed exhausted, and all help failed us—God appeared for our deliverance. His mighty arm is achieving the victory. To his holy and blessed name would we ascribe the glory. To our ministry there is opening an "effectual door." In communities where two years since we could have found no welcome, multitudes now await us with attentive ear, eager for the word of life. Ancient prejudice is yielding and crumbling away. Even our former enemies is God making to be at peace with us. The success of the lawful authorities insures our peaceful occupancy of the territory, and the unmolested exercise of our holy functions. This is all we desire in that direction. "Our sufficiency is of God," and with his blessing we shall win success and lead thousands of wanderers back to God.

The uniform testimony of our discipline and ministrations in Missouri, throughout the dark years of our captivity, against the great evils and crying sins of the land, has produced the happiest results. To Methodism the country is indebted for most of the unconditional loyalty found on this soil upon the fall of Sumter. *Our people never faltered.* The Methodist Episcopal Church is the only ecclesiastical organization in Missouri, *all loyal, and always loyal.* Thank God, the crime of treason is unknown among us. The damning stain is not found upon our garments. We boast only of the Divine goodness and compassion that have preserved us, and brought us forth as gold tried in the fire. If faithful to our high calling, we shall yet succeed in spreading scriptural holiness over all these lands. Many inviting fields open before us. We may not now enter them all, but trust the time is near at hand when our increase of men and means will fully justify us in entering every open door, and sowing the seed beside all waters. Until this may be done we must fire our diligence to carry our work where we are employed, to the highest possible state of perfection. The great centers of influence we must occupy and control. From these, in due time, we shall radiate to every township and school district, to every village and hamlet, to the by ways and hill tops, and compel them to come in.

Indicative, merely, of the opportunities now furnished us, we submit a few facts, collected through personal observations by a member of the Committee, Rev. N. Shumate, during his service in the army in the southwest part of this State.

Springfield had at the commencement of the war a population of 3000, and is situated on the summit of the Ozark elevation, and in the midst of a fine agricultural and stock growing country, and is a great centre of trade.

The inhabitants are generally loyal, and in points of intelligence compare favorably with the best communities of our State. The religious element is largely Methodist. The majority of the members comprising the Southern Church are loyal. There is in the city a very good church, and near the city are the Methodist seminary grounds and buildings—all of which are unoccupied by the Church South.

The second point of importance in the Southwest which invites our attention, is Bolivar, the county seat of Polk county. This county is one of the most fertile in this portion of the State. A large proportion of the citizens are loyal. Through this county we have a scattered membership, which could soon be gathered up and formed into classes. The town of Bolivar contains one church, heretofore under the control of the Church South, but at present, and for all time to come—most likely—will be unoccupied by them. The great majority of the members of the Church South will no longer fraternize with a rebel church. And what may be said of them in this respect is also true in reference to other denominations; and as the loyal element in and around Bolivar is largely in the ascendancy, we think there would be no difficulty in occupying the place immediately. The country between Bolivar and Sedalia is open to our operations, and there are several points which should be looked after at the earliest practicable period, such as Humansville, Stockton, and Cole Camp, and the regions along Double Branch.

South and west of Springfield the country is open to our operations, so long as the present quiet is maintained. Over this territory there are many valuable loyal citizens who will never fraternize with any church but a loyal one; and your Committee believe that so soon as the Church shall be able to send them a preacher, large numbers of them will flock to our standard.

JOSEPH BROOKS, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS. (F.)

While we should give attention to each department in the literature of our Church, our periodicals justly demand present, special and constant concern. Our great duty in this department is to circulate the Central Christian Advocate. Its publication up to the next General Conference has been determined upon, and we owe it to ourselves, to the Church, to the Agents assuming the responsibility of its publication, and especially to its veteran editor, the venerable pioneer of our Western publishing interests, to make an immediate and united effort to increase its circulation. Brethren, up and to the work, urge its claims, answer objections, and *send up the subscribers*.

We offer for adoption the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Central Christian Advocate is indispensable to our complete success, as a Church, in the evangelization of the Southwest.
2. *Resolved*, That we endorse the brave, outspoken and fearless course of its venerable editor, and, appreciating his self-sacrificing and earnest labors, we will cordially second and support his efforts.
3. *Resolved*, That we highly appreciate the enterprise and business energy manifested by the Western Book Committee and Western Book Agents, in their determination to continue the publication of the Central up to the next General Conference.
4. *Resolved*, That we will bring our respective charges at once to the minimum standard of one paper for every five members, and will then press our efforts for the maximum number, or one paper for each family connected with our Church, and thus, by a prompt and permanent increase of the subscription list, place the paper on a self-sustaining basis.
5. *Resolved*, That we will introduce the Sunday School Advocate into all our Sunday Schools, and wherever practicable will furnish each scholar gratuitously with a good Sunday School paper every Sabbath.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. McDONALD, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE. (G.)

The Committee on Temperance beg leave to report as follows :

WHEREAS, The use of ardent spirits as a beverage, is debasing to the physical, mental and moral nature of man, and a crying evil in the land, therefore,

Resolved, That we will continue to make a united effort to promote the cause of temperance, and by example and precept endeavor to diffuse the principles of total abstinence from all that intoxicates.

Resolved, That hereafter we will require of all young men, recommended for admission into the Conference, a pledge to refrain from the use of tobacco, except when prescribed by a physician.

J. MCKNIGHT, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS. (H.)

The Committee on Sunday Schools respectfully submit the following report :

The Great Shepherd having solemnly enjoined upon his ministers to "Feed his lambs," and we believing a well organized and conducted Sunday School to be a great auxiliary to this work, therefore,

Resolved, That we will use our utmost endeavors to organize new schools, and to give a wider circulation to our Sunday School books and Sunday School Advocate.

Resolved, That the practice, which generally obtains in the country places, of suspending the school during winter, is detrimental to our cause.

Resolved, That special effort should be made in our schools for the spiritual instruction and conversion of our children.

C. ALLEN, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS. (M.)

Very appropriate and interesting Memoirs of J. M. Oyler and J. E. Baker, were reported by the Committee, but, unfortunately, we failed to get a copy of the report for the Minutes. We can only refer the reader to the "General Minutes" of the Church, where they will appear.

SECRETARY.

CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS OF THE PREACHERS ON THEIR CIRCUITS,
WITH THE AMOUNT OF THE FIFTH COLLECTION, FOR
THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 4TH, 1863.

CIRCUIT.	NAME.	CLAIMS.	RECEIPTS.	5TH COL.
St. Louis District.....	J. C. Smith.....	\$900 00	\$900 00	\$
St. Louis, Union Church...	H. Cox.....	2,000 00	2,000 00	61 26
" " Simpson Chapel.	L. M. Vernon, 3 yrs	675 00	675 00	.....
St. Charles.....	John Linan.....	370 00	286 00	4 00
De Soto and }	R. R. Witten }	366 00	236 00	2 25
Franklin }	T. G. Owen.. }			
Jackson .....	.....	30 00	30 00	.....
Rolla	F. S. Beggs.....	350 00	194 73	3 35
Salem	J. E. Baker.....	300 00	100 00	.....
Wesley Chapel.....	.....	20 00	20 00	.....
		\$5,011 00	\$4,441 73	\$70 86

CIRCUIT.	NAME.	CLAIMS.	RECEIPTS.	5TH COL.
Jefferson City District.....	Sam'l. Huffman.....	\$750 00	\$225 00	\$.....
Jefferson City.....	A.C. McDonald.....	600 00	600 00	6 40
Richland and Sugar Creek	J. McKnight.....	110 00	96 42	1 00
Otterville.....	T. J. Babcock.....	.....	.....	.....
Versailles.....	B. F. Willson.....	.....	.....	.....
Kansas City & Independ'ce	.....	.....	.....	.....
Prairie City and Leesville.	J. H. Vaughn.....	200 00	100 00	2 50
Mt. Vernon and Arkansas }	J. R. West, }	.....	.....	.....
	Calvin Baker }	.....	.....	.....
	J.W. Murray }	.....	.....	.....
		\$1,660 00	\$1,021 42	\$9 90
St. Joseph District.....	T. B. Bratton.....	\$875 00	\$452 90	\$ 1 00
Savannah and Fillmore...	C. Allen.....	300 00	175 00	.....
Rockport.....	J. Bowman.....	370 00	175 00	.....
Marysville and Alanthus.	.....	125 00	100 00	.....
Ridgley.....	E. Brookman.....	125 00	125 00	1 00
Albany and Allenville.....	J. E. Burton.....	350 00	230 00	1 00
Eagleville and Edinburg.	S. G. Andersen.....	400 00	400 00	3 65
Princeton and Hamilton...	L. V. Morton.....	357 00	148 27	2 00
Shoal Creek.....	.....	350 00	300 00	.....
		\$3,252 00	\$2,104 17	\$8 65
Hannibal District.....	W. Hanley.....	800 00	562 88	.....
Hannibal Station.....	W. S. Wentz.....	550 00	550 00	12 30
Shelbyville.....	J. W. Prince.....	300 00	285 00	1 00
Macon City.....	C. E. Carpenter.....	350 00	200 00	2 25
Edina.....	J. E. Gardner.....	350 00	242 40	.....
Memphis, Chambersb'rg } and Lancaster. }	J. W. Wharton.....	.....	.....	.....
Kirksville.....	I. Martin.....	400 00	187 49	1 10
Greencastle & Unionville.	J. F. New.....	500 00	140 00	.....
St. Catharine.....	N. Cordray.....	350 00	200 00	1 00
Milan.....	S. Norman.....	150 00	108 00	.....
St. John.....	P. W. Durce.....	200 00	136 00	1 00
		\$3,950 00	\$2,612 77	\$18 65

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	CLAIMS.	RECEIPTS.	5TH COL.	per cent on whole cl'm
St. Louis.....	\$5,011 00	\$4,441 73	\$70 86	88 3-5
Jefferson City.....	1,660 00	1,021 42	9 90	61 1-2
St. Joseph.....	3,252 00	2,104 17	8 65	65
Hannibal.....	3,950 00	2,612 77	18 65	66 1-7
	\$13,873 00	\$10,180 09	\$108 06	73 2-3
Conference Claimants.....	6,038 30	548 06	.....	9
	\$19,911 30	\$10,728 15	.....	.....

STATISTICS OF THE MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS CONFERENCE. ST. LOUIS DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				Baptisms.		CHURCH PROPERTY.				BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUT'NS.						SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	Local Pr'ch'rs.	Adults.	Children	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference	For Claimants.	For Missionary Society.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	For S. School Union.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.
St. Louis, Union Church.....	228	5	47	5	2	46	1	\$90,000	1	6,000	9	11.16	100.65	.....	.....	.....	1	35	328	788
Simpson and Hedding Chapels.....	103	2	9	4	3	9	2	10,725	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.00	.....	.....	.....	1	32	259	471
Wesley Chapel.....	62	5	29	.....	18	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.30	.....	.....	.....	1	6	40	50
St. Charles.....	57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	1	150	.....	4.00	10.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
DeSoto and Franklin.....	147	3	64	.....	7	8	4	4,000	.....	.....	.....	2.35	4.00	.....	.....	.....	1	6	40	100
Jackson.....	69	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rolla.....	91	1	4	4	3	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.35	2.50	.....	.....	.....	1	12	50	150
Salem.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	757	18	213	15	33	89	8	104,825	2	6,150	70.86	134.45	1.00	2.00	1.00	.....	5	91	717	1,558

JEFFERSON CITY DISTRICT.

Jefferson City.....	37	2	25	3	.....	4	1	1,000	.....	.....	6.40	12.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	20	150	450
Richland and Sugar Creek.....	147	3	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	7.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Otterville.....	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Versailles.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kansas City.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Prairie City.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Vernon.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arkansas.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	200	5	36	3	.....	4	1	1,000	.....	.....	7.40	19.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	20	150	450

HANBIBAL DISTRICT.

Hannibal.....	92	4	30	1	8	1	3,000	1	1,500	12 39	3 10	5 25	1 47	1	20	175	200	
Shelbyville.....	91	1	25	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	3 00	...	...	...	...	...	...
Macon City.....	25	...	...	1	...	1	500	...	...	...	8 25	...	...	...	...	...	...
Edina.....	73	1	13	...	2	1	700	1	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Memphis and Chambersburgh.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lancaster and Kirksville.....	93	1	4	1	1	...	...	...	...	1 10	5 25	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unionville and Greencastle.....	193	2	26	4	2	1	...	...	...	...	50	50	...	...	...	...	...
St. John.....	182	4	14	3	4	9	...	1	200	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
St. Catharine.....	100	4	7	...	3	...	...	...	...	1 00	2 50	1 00	50	...	...	...	...
Canton.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Milan.....	200	2	46	3	2	13	...	...	...	...	5 00	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total.....	1,049	19	165	16	8	37	3	4,200	3	1,800	14 40	27 60	6 75	50 1 97	1	20	175	200

ST. JOSEPH DISTRICT.

St. Joseph.....	65	3	15	1	9	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Savannah and Filmore.....	100	...	25	2	7	4	1	1,000	1	400	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oregon and Rockport.....	146	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Marysville and Alanthus.....	207	4	79	4	3	...	1	300	1	50	...	...	...	...	3	14	105	100
Ridgely.....	220	1	25	7	...	...	6	1,600	1	100	1 00	1 00	...	...	...	...	...	...
Albany and Allenville.....	167	4	8	6	...	...	3	1,000	...	...	...	1 00	...	...	2	14	80	300
Eagleview and Edinburg.....	527	4	84	7	10	20	2	1,950	...	...	3 65	1 55	...	...	12	82	360	890
Princeton.....	150	2	19	...	...	...	2	600	...	...	2 00	1 00	40	...	1	5	20	125
Hamilton and Shoal Creek.....	100	2	30	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 00	...	1	8	80	200
Total.....	1,682	20	285	32	29	35	15	6,450	3	550	6 65	4 55	40	...	19	123	645	1,615

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

St. Louis Dist.....	757	18	213	15	33	80	8	104,825	2	6,150	70 86	134 45	1 00	2 00	1 00	5	91	717	1,558
Jefferson City Dist.....	200	5	36	3	...	4	1	1,000	...	...	7 46	19 50	...	...	...	1	20	150	450
Hannibal Dist.....	1,049	19	165	16	8	37	3	4,200	3	1,800	14 30	27 60	6 75	50	1 97	1	20	175	200
St. Joseph Dist.....	1,682	20	285	32	29	35	15	6,450	3	550	6 65	4 55	40	...	30	19	123	645	1,615
Grand Total.....	3,688	62	699	66	70	165	27	116,475	8	8,500	99 21	186 10	8 15	2 50	3 97	26	254	1,687	3,823

ROLL OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS CONFERENCE FOR 1863-64.*

NAMES.	RECEIVED ON TRIAL.	CONFERENCE FIRST JOIN'D.
Bishop E. R. Ames .....	.....	.....
W. Hanley	1835	Missouri.
J. Brooks.....	1840	Ohio.
J. F. New.....	1844	Iowa.
N. Shumate.....	1845	Indiana.
J. H. Hopkins.....	"	.....
H. Cox.....	1846	Wesleyan Conference of England
J. C. Smith.....	1847	Iowa.
Jno. McKnight.....	1848	Missouri.
M. T. Klepper.....	"	"
J. R. Alderman.....	"	"
B. F. Willson.....	1849	"
P. W. Duree.....	1850	"
Thos. B. Bratton.....	"	Indiana.
A. J. Wall.....	"	Missouri.
J. E. Burton.....	1851	"
S. Huffman.....	1852	Illinois.
N. Cordray.....	"	Missouri.
A. C. McDonald.....	1853	Iowa.
A. J. Gaither.....	1855	Missouri.
J. H. Vaughn.....	"	"
R. R. Witten.....	1856	"
S. G. Anderson	1858	"
W. S. Wentz.....	"	"
I. Martin.....	"	"
C. Allen.....	"	"
J. Linan.....	1859	"
W. C. Stewart.....	"	"
J. E. Gardner.....	"	"
C. E. Carpenter.....	"	"
J. Moorhead.....	"	"
F. S. Beggs.....	"	"
J. W. Prince.....	1860	"
S. Ing.....	"	"
J. H. Hollingsworth	"	"
L. M. Vernon.....	"	Iowa.
L. V. Merton.....	1861	Missouri.
E. Brookman.....	"	"
T. Golding.....	.....	.....
J. R. West.....	.....	.....
E. Sayre.....	.....	.....
J. W. Ferrill.....	.....	.....
J. W. Murray.....
Calvin Baker.....
PROBATIONER.		Missouri.
J. H. Cox.		

*Superannuates in italics.

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ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, }
March 12, 1863. }

HIS EXCELLENCY, ABRAHAM LINCOLN,
President of the United States:

Herewith find a copy of resolutions adopted unanimously, March 7, 1863, by the Missouri and Arkansas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at their session in Hannibal, Missouri.

By order of the Conference.

With high regard,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

L. M. VERNON,
Secretary.

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EXECUTIVE MANSION, }
Washington, }
April 9, 1863. }

REV. L. M. VERNON,

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