

1864

The Missouri & Arkansas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in the Hall of the House of Representatives Jefferson City Mo. on Wednesday March 2nd 1864 at 10 o'clock A.M. the presiding Bishop Osmon C Parker D.D. in the chair.

The opening services conducted by the Bishop, comprised the reading of the twelfth chapter of Romans, singing a part of the 225th hymn, and prayer.

The secretary of the last Conference (L M Vernon) called the roll and twelve members answered to their names.

The transfer of James M. Davidson formerly of the Rock River Conference was read and his name enrolled.

L M Vernon was by acclamation, elected Secretary, A M. Davidson Assistant Secretary and J H New Statistical Secretary.

The time for the assembly of Conference was fixed at 10 o'clock A.M. and its adjournment at 12 M.

The bar of the Conference was fixed to embrace the first and second row of desks. It was agreed to appoint a committee on nominations consisting of three to nominate standing committees.

A motion that the Presiding Elder constitute the committee on nominations was lost.

Motions to appoint H. L. W. Hanley and W. S. Wentz were several lost. Motion to appoint N. Shumate

S Huffman and J F New on the Committee on nominations severally prevailed.

The circular of the Sunday School Union for 1864 was read and referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

The circular of the Tract Society for 1864 was read and ordered on file.

The Conference ordered a draft on the chartered fund for \$30.00 and on the Book Room for \$400.00

A motion by J C Smith to appoint a committee of five to consider the propriety of dividing our Conference and to report to the Conference prevailed and S Huffman W Shinnate H Cox A C Mac Donald and J H Hopkins were appointed.

The committee on nominations was instructed to nominate a committee on the State of the country, a committee to audit the accounts of the Presiding Elders, and also a committee on the Bible Case. The seventh disciplinary question was taken up. Who are the Superannuated preachers? and the characters of J Golden and M T Klepper were passed and their relation continued.

The fifth Disciplinary Question who have been elected and ordained Elders this year? was taken up and L M Vernon's character passed and he was elected to Elders orders.

The Committee appointed to nominate standing Committees reported

J C Smith and A C Mc Donald as a committee on Public Worship, which partial report was received and adopted.

S Sing was appointed a committee on New York book accounts.

The following preamble and resolutions were proposed by H Cox and adopted

Whereas the War department of the U.S. Government has invested the Bishops of our Church with the power to possess and occupy the churches of the M E Church-South whose pulpits have heretofore been supplied or occupied by disloyal Ministers or by Ministers who have been appointed by disloyal Bishops, which power though held since last November, has not been ever exercised in any part of this State, and inasmuch as a large number of persons both members and ministers heretofore in connection with the M E Church South have already sought admission to our Church and many are making arrangements to connect themselves therewith, thus placing themselves within the reach of loyal Ministerial services. Therefore be it Resolved by the Mo. and Ark. Annual Conference of the M E Church,

That as a conference we feel highly gratified by this exhibition of the unbounded confidence of the Government, and of the people in the Loyalty, Patriotism, and Religious Power, of the M E Church.

Resolved

That we fully approve of the course pursued by Bishop Ames in this State

in not acting under the authority con-
ferred upon him by the War Depart-
ment last March

Resolved

That we most earnestly recommend
to our Bishops a continuance of the
same course, inasmuch as we do not
desire either the occupancy, or the
possession of any property to which we
have no legal title, but that relying up-
on the blessing of Almighty God we
shall preach a pure religion and an
unconditional loyalty as essential truths
for the restoration of Peace and Unity.

Notices were given the Doctology
song, and the Conference adjourned
with Prayer by S. Huffman.

Second Day

Thursday March 3^d 1864
9 A M.

Conference convened, Bishop Parker in
the chair. Religious services conducted by
J. C. Smith. The roll was called and
Thirty one members answered to their
names.

T. H. Hagerty's transfer from the
Rock River Conference was announced
and his name enrolled.

The Journal was read corrected and
approved.

The following report was adopted
and the nominations confirmed.

The Committee on nominations beg-

Leave to report the following.

On Public Worship

A.C. McDonald and J.C. Smith

Necessities Cases. The Standard.
(See Journal of last year)

Missions. The Presiding Elders.

Sunday Schools. C. Allen, J. Linan and
A. G. Anderson.

Periodicals. H. Cox, S. Ing and
J. Moorhead.

Post Offices of M^c. Knight
Temperance of W. Prince, A. J. Gaithernd
J. H. Vaughn

State of the Country J. M. Davidson
H. Cox B. L. Wilson.

State of the Church. A. C. McDonald
J. F. New T. H. Hagerthy.

Education L. M. Penon S. Ing
J. M. Davidson, Isaac Martin, J. S. Beggs.
Auditing committee on accounts of Presi-
ding Elders. H. Cox. A. C. McDonald and
S. G. Anderson

Bible Cause W. C. Stewart. L. P.
Morton. J. R. Alderman, N. Shinnate
T. H. Hagerthy and J. M. Davidson more
introduced to the Conference. The annual
Report of the Western Book Committee and
the exhibit of the Methodist Book Con-
cern for 1864 were read, after which
the Western Book Agent Dr. A. Roe
was introduced, and addressed the
conference on the book and publishing
interests of the Church.

D^r Elliott also briefly addressed the
conference on our general publishing

interests and the Central Christian Advocate

The third Disciplinary question
Who are admitted into full Connection
was taken up.

J. H. Cox was discontinued.

Fourth Disciplinary Question was
taken up, Who are the Deacons?

L V Morton, E Brookman J. W. Price
and C Baker were represented and
characters passed

The fifth disciplinary question, was
resumed, and the examining commi-
ttee reported favourably of J H Van-
ghen S. Ing and A. M. Davidson, their cha-
racters were passed and they were
elected to Elders orders.

The Seventh disciplinary
question resumed, the characters of
A. J. Wall, E. Sayre, D. T. Wilson H. Hess
and J. C. Burton passed and their relation
was continued

J. R. Alderman's character passed
and he was made effective.

The characters of the following effective
Elders were examined and passed
J. C. Smith, H. Cox L. Huffman R. R.
Mitten, A. J. Gaither, A. C. Mc Donald
J. Smale, J. F. New was excused as
Statistical Secretary and J. Mar-
tin appointed. W. C. Stewart was
excused from the committee on
the Bible Cause and T. H. Hagerty ap-
pointed.

Notices were given the doxology sung
and Conference adjourned with the
benediction by J. M^r. Knight.

Third Day

Friday March 4th 1864
Conference convened Bishop Baker in
the chair.

Religious services conducted by Dr.
Elliott. It voted to dispense with further
calling of the roll.

Journal read corrected and ap-
proved. The committee for auditing the
accounts of the Presiding Elders, presen-
ted their report which was adopted.
See Report (A)

A motion to refer the Missionary money
remaining from last year's appropriations
to assistant Missionary treasurer prevailed.

J C Smith gave an account of the case of
the widow Henry stating she was a rank
rebel and wealthy. Twenty five dollars in
his hands formerly appropriated to her, was
referred to the Stewards.

Certain papers signed by Thos J C.
Fago and Chas G Hunter and relating
to the "North Missouri Male and Female
College Institute" were read and referred to
the Committee on education.

A circular from the "Local Preachers
National Association" was read
received, and its request in reference to
the publishing of the names and addresses
of Local Preachers was granted, and the

Conference were requested to furnish
the same to the Committee on Conference
Minutes.

Resolved, That 10 o'clock A.M. Sat-
urday ~~Feb 5th~~ be fixed as the time for
the election of delegates to the next-
General Conference.

H. S. Wintz
C. Cox.

The characters of the following effective
Elders were examined and passed.

H. S. Wintz C. Allen T. S. Peggs. S. G.
Anderson J. M. Knight T. B. Brattton,
J. Moorhead, J. H. Hopkins W. Hawley
C. E. Carpenter J. Martin J. E. Gardener
R. C. Stewart J. V. Stin, D. W. Dreel N
Cordray T. H. Hagerty W. Shinnate.

J. Linan; The following was adopted.

Whereas the brethren of the St. Joseph
Station have purchased a lot on
which they contemplate erecting a house
of worship this season. therefore be it
Resolved by the Missouri and Arkansas
Annual Conference assembled that if the
trustees find it to be necessary to send our
an agent for the purpose of soliciting
funds from abroad, they hereby have our
hearty approval

Signed H. S. Wintz
 J. H. Hopkins

The motion by which the money in
the hands of the auditing committee
was referred to the assistant Mississiany
Treasurer was reconsidered, and it

was moved that J.C. Smith be permitted to draw twenty five dollars from the money in their hands to pay R.R. Witten for services performed but of which the Elder had no previous knowledge.

A motion to refer the resolution to the Auditing Committee was lost and the original motion prevailed.

S. Huffman, J.B. Hopkins and S. Ang were appointed a committee to examine into certain money matters controverted between R.R. Witten and A.P. Gaither.

The first Disciplinary question, Who are admitted on trial? was taken up and A.P. Fields, J.F. Mesner, Alfred H. Powell, Hiram W. Cook were admitted on trial.

A motion to admit James J. Rogers on trial was lost.

A motion that the Presiding Elders of Amrital District be authorized to employ Jas. J. Rogers prevailed.

L.P. Norton was appointed a Committee to collect the money still due on last year's minnute. Notices given doxology sung and Conference adjourned with the benediction by P.W. Durrell.

Fourth Day

March 5th 1864

Conference convened. Bishop Baker in the Chair. Religious service conducted by B.F. Wilson. Journal read corrected and approved.

The Stewards submitted their report and

it was moved to recommit.

A motion to lay the motion to recommit on the table was lost and the original motion prevailed.

Brig^g Genl. W. A. Foye came forward and addressed the Conference on the subject of the enlistment of colored men and the liberation of the parents, wives and children of colored soldiers and asking of the members of Conference assistance in gaining information of any of such persons as may have abused or inhumanly treated by their masters and the names of such miscreants as may be able to substantiate it.

Under a call for Recommendations for local preachers for Deacons orders.

W.C. Rich and Jas G. Rodgers were represented and elected to Deacons orders.

Under a call for "Recommendations for recognition of Deacons orders," the orders of A.R. Rising, H. H. Dodd, W. M. De Mott and W. C. Foye as Deacons were recognised provided they assume our ordination vows according to the Discipline.

A motion that when we adjourn to meet at 2 o'clock P.M. prevailed.

Recommendations of Local Deacons for elders orders. none.

Recognitions of Elders orders.

The orders of James Mc Nahan, W. G. Fowler, Joel Carsdarphen, William B. Moody, Joshua Laughran, Alfred H. Powell, Sen T. Mc Kibby as elders were recognised, provided they

assume our ordination vows according to the Discipline. The first Disciplinary Question, Who are admitted on trial? was taken up. W. M. De Mott and Joshua Laughran. Thos. J. Williams. John W. Caughlan. W. Sellers. James Lee. Robert W. Manier. Amis Menis were readmitted.

The name of W. H. Milly was presented and a motion to allow the presiding elder of St. Louis District to withdraw the name and employ him prevailed.

Rev. Robert Allyn D.D. President of Mc Kinney College Lebanon Ill., was introduced and addressed the Conference on its relation to the institution he represented - Notices given, doxology sung and Conference adjourned with the Benediction by R. R. Witten.

Afternoon Session.

Fourth Day.

March 5th 9 P.M.

Conference convened, Elder S. Huffman in the chair. Religious services conducted by P. W. Durkee. Journal read, corrected and approved.

The first Disciplinary Question resumed, William B. Moody, H. H. Dodd, and H. G. Breed were admitted on trial. The Mission committee submitted their report which was received and adopted.

(See report B.)

The Stewards appropriated the following amounts to the following persons by the hands of the brethren appended

\$45.00	^{cts}	To Sist Crandell per hand of Bro Poe.
24.70	"	Bro Kelly's child " " " Maslin
50.00	"	Sist Baker " " " Ing
50.00	"	Reeder " " " Smith
45.00	"	Oyler " " Hollingsworth
100.00	"	Berry " " Beary Smith
50.00	"	Markham " " Poe.
75.00	"	Conklin " " Smith
50.00	"	Trader " " Duree
45.00	"	A. J. Wall " " Stewart
50.00	"	Fennell " " Lee
50.00	"	J. Mc Knight " " Mc Knight
50.00	"	B. F. Wilson " " Wilson

The Committee on the "Division of the Conference" submitted their report which was received & adopted. (See report C)

The following was adopted.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Conference be requested to publish in the C. C. Advocate before the next session of this Conference, a notice directing the widows & Orphans of deceased preachers, and superannuated preachers having claims on the funds of the Conference, to have their claims properly audited by the Quarterly Conference in whose bounds they reside and to send them to the Secretary of the Conference at the commencement of or before the next session of this Conference.

The special committee to whom was referred the question of jurisdiction and other matters between A. J. Gaither and R. R. Witten submitted their report which was received and adopted. (See report D)

A motion to proceed to the election of delegates to the next General Conference prevailed. J. H. Hagerty & W. C. Stewart were appointed tellers.

The ballots were taken & when counted the Bishop announced that S. Huffman and P. Shumate were elected.

A motion to elect a reserve delegate prevailed & J. H. Hopkins was elected.

The following was adopted.

Resolved, that the territory north of the Missouri River heretofore embraced in the Missouri & Arkansas Con to be called the Missouri Conference, and that south of the River to be called the St. Louis & Arkansas Conference.

(Signed)

S. Huffman.

Stanford, Ind.

The question, Where shall the next Conference be held? was asked,

For the Conference north of the Mo River, should the Conference be divided Louisiana, Hannibal, & St. Joseph were nominated, & St. Joseph selected.

For the Conference south of the Missouri river, should the Conference be divided, the city of St. Louis was chosen. Should the Conference not be divided St. Joseph is to be the place of meeting.

Rev Robert Allyn, D.D. President of M^cKendree College, Ill. addressed the Conference on the prosperity of the institution over which he presides and

and the relation which this Conference holds to said institution according to its charter, also conveying a communication from the trustees of said College to this Con., which was referred to the Committee on Education.

The report of the Committee on the Bible Cause, was received (See report E) and adopted, & a motion was passed to refer the funds collected for the Bible cause to T. J. Maslin & be paid to the State Bible agent. & that the whole amount of such funds be reported to the Secretary of the Conference.

The report of the Sunday School Committee was received & adopted -

(See report F)

The Committee on Temperance presented their report and its acceptance and adoption was moved.

A motion to recommit was lost & the original motion prevailed.

(See report F)

The following was adopted -

Believing that the time has come when we should turn our attention with zeal & energy to the work of securing, as rapidly as possible, suitable & well furnished parsonages on all our circuits & stations -

1 Resolved, That both the preachers and people of the Mo & Ark Conference make energetic & persevering efforts to provide

comfortable & well located parsonages
for each of our pastoral charges.

3. Resolved, That in view of the great
saving of expense both to the Preachers
and the charge we urge the importance
of providing parlor & heavy furniture
for our parsonages & we deem it quite
expedient that such provision be made
for the charges where no parsonages exist.
3. Resolved, That we regard it as the
impartial duty of preachers occupying
our parsonages to see that the church
property does not depreciate by their
negligence, & that wherever practicable
they make an effort to improve and
 beautify the parsonage grounds.

(Signed).

L. M. Vernon.

J. M. Davidson.

Isaac Sullens, a local Deacon of four
years standing was represented and
elected to elders orders. Notices were given,
the doxology sung, and Conference adjourned
with the benediction by Dr. Allyer.

Evening Session.

Fourth Day.

March 5th - 7 P.M.

Conference convened, Elder S. Huffman
in the chair. Religious services conducted
by Robert H. Manier. Journal read and
approved. The committee on the state
of the country presented their report.
A motion to adopt the report Sisciaton
was lost and the report was received.

and adopted as a whole. (See report G)
A motion that Col. Grant's donation of
\$5.00 for the S. School cause be referred to
the committee on S. Schools prevailed.
A collection was then taken up for
meeting the expenses of the session for
stationary. H. Cox and L. M. Vernon
were appointed a committee to publish
the Conference minutes.

A motion to instruct the committee
to publish fifteen hundred copies of
the minutes was lost & a thousand copies
ordered.

The roll of the Conference was then called
& ten hundred & fifty copies of the minutes
were subscribed for.

The following was unanimously adopted
by a rising vote.

Resolved. That the thanks of this Conference
be tendered to the friends of Jefferson City
who have so kindly entertained us during
our stay with them - also to the St. Louis
and Rockwood Packet Company, the
Hannibal & St. Joe, N. Missouri & Pacific
R. Roads for their kindness in affording
us accommodations to Conference and
back at half fare.

W. S. Wintz.

A motion prevailed that the brethren
who have joined the Conference this
year, or who have been transferred be
requested to furnish the secretary the
time of their admission on trial and
the name of the conference that their names

may be properly entered on the roll.
The following was adopted.

Resolved, that we tender our thanks
to the members of the House of Rep-
resentatives for the use of their Hall
where we have been so pleasantly com-
(Signed) J. W. Haggerty -

Dr Poe, at this juncture, wisely & felic-
itously addressed the Conference on
several topics of present and practical
importance.

The report of the "Committee on
Periodicals" was received and adopted
(See report No.)

Notices were given, doxology sung, and
Conference adjourned, with the benedic-
tion by H. Cox.

Sixth Day

Monday, March 7th -

8. A. M.

Conference convened, Bishop Baker
in the chair. Religious services con-
ducted by J. H. Hopkins. Journal
read and approved.

The following certificate was presented,
read and ordered on the journal.

This certifies that at Jefferson City
Mo., on the 6th day of March A.D. 1864
Miriam C. Rich & James F. Rodgers
were duly ordained Deacons by me.
And that Leroy M. Vernon, James H.
Vaughan, Stafford Ing. James N. Dandam
and Isaac Sullens were duly ordained
Elders by me assisted by several elders.

And also that Henry H. Dodd and
Wm M. De Mott having taken our
ordination oaths were recognised as
deacons. And that Alfred H. Powell
and Levi T. Mc Neiley having taken
our ordination oaths were recognised as
Elders among us. On March 3rd
Joshua Longhnan having taken our
oaths was recognised as Elder in
accordance with the provision of the
Discipline.

Ostmon C. Barker

The following was adopted -

Resolved, That all our preachers
in this Conference be required to take
up collections in their respective charges
to defray the expenses of our delegates
to the next Gen Conference, and that
these collections be forwarded to Bro
J. J. Maslin, St Louis without delay.

J. H. Hopkins.

Calvin Allen.

The following was adopted -

Whereas, the people of Arkansas are
fast returning to their allegiance and
there is good prospect that slavery will
soon be extirpated and many avenues
of usefulness will be opened up to the
M. E. Church; be it therefore

Resolved that we request the General
Conference to authorise the Bishops
to organise the Arkansas Conference
as soon between the sessions of 1864 & 1865
as indications shall be deemed suf-

ficiently favorable.

(Signed)

J. H. Hopkins

J. W. Caughlan

The committees of Examination for next year were announced -

The following communication from the presiding Bishop was presented to the Conference -

I deem it proper to make a remark in reference to the report on Boundaries. It is known to the Conference that the General Conference will hold its session in less than two months from this time. At each Gen Conference the boundaries of each Conference are examined & incorporated in the report of the Committee on Boundaries whether any modifications or not are made in them. And since completed action at this time can have no favorable influence whatever upon the interests of the Conference I think it proper so far as it relates to my action to refer the whole subject to the Gen Conference without expressing any opinion whatever either in regard to the expediency of dividing or on the boundary which has been suggested. The action of the Conference will go up to the Gen Conference and your delegates will be prepared to give all the necessary information on the subject.

The following was adopted -

Resolved, That should the trustees of our Church in Cape Girardeau or Rolla deem it necessary to send out an agent or agents to solicit aid for building houses of worship such agency shall have the approval of this Conference.

(Signed) J. C. Smith.

J. B. Bratton was granted a location at his own request. The report of the committee on Education was read and after sundry amendments was adopted. (See report I.)

The first Disciplinary question was resumed and Levi T. McTigey was admitted on trial.

The motion by which James Lee was readmitted was reconsidered and a substitute that he be superannuated, prevailed.

The report of the Committee on the state of the Church was read and adopted. (See report J.)
Journal read & adopted.

Religious services were conducted by N. Thurnate and after a very elegant, wise & affectionate address by the presiding Bishop the appointments of the members of Conference for next year were read and the Conference adjourned.

with the Benediction by Bishop
Baker.

Osmon C. T. Baker

President

Leroy M. Vernon

Secretary