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JOURNAL OF  
KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
Greensburg Sept 11th  
1833

GREENSBURG 1833

Kentucky Annual Conference assembled in Greensburgh Sept. 11th 1833 and after Divine Service proceeded to business.- Bishop Roberts in the Chair/

Conference appointed Bro. Wm Adams Secretary.

Conference determined to meet at 8 o'clk A.M. And adjourned at half past 12 o'clk.

Bros. Geo. W. Taylor & Hooper Crews were appointed a Committee to appoint the Preachers to preach and superintend the congregations.

Bros. Henry S. Duke, Francis Landrum & J.G. Ward were appointed Stewards of the Conference.

Bros. Geo. M'Nelly & Wm Phillips were appointed Book Committee.

Bros. Stamper, J. Johnson & John Tevis were appointed a Committee to write the Memoirs of the dead.

Bros. G.C. Light, W.P. MacKnight, A.B. Bascom, J. Stamper & B.T. Crouch were appointed a Committee to examine certain Documents relative to publishing a Periodical in the West and Book Business, directed to this Conf. by our Book Agents at New York - And report to this Conference; and also to collect the accounts contained in said Documents.

Bros. J. Stamper, G.C. Light, John Tevis, A.B. Bascom, & A.A. Kavanaugh were appointed a Com- to examine the Graduates.

The Conference then entered into the examination of the 2nd Question, Who remain on trial? And

Bros. L.D. Parker & John Nevius, were examined, approved & continued.

Bro. J.T. Schultz was examined, approved and at his own request discontinued.

Bros. Richard Deering	} were examined,
John Bowman	
Thomas S. Davis	
F.H. Blayds	
Herington Stevens	
Richard Holding	
James H. Brookin	
Wm McMahan &	
Gilby Kelly	

approved  
and  
continued

And Conference adjourned untill to-morrow morning.

Thursday morning 8 o'clk A.M. Conference met according to adjournment and after Divine Service proceeded to business - Bishop Roberts in the Chair.

Resolutions of Ohio Conference relative to the Publishing of a Periodical in Cincinnati were presented by the Bishop and read to the Conference and referred to the Committee on that subject.

Resolved that a Committee of five be appointed to confer with a Deputation present from Augusta College whose duty it shall be to take into consideration the interests of the College and jointly report to this Conference as soon as convenient - And Bros. John Tevis, J. Stamper, G.C. Light, Wm Gunn & H.H. Kavanaugh were appointed for that purpose.

The Stewards of Conference were appointed to take an account of the claims of the Preachers and the amount they have received to meet such claims.

The Bishop informed the Conference that they were at liberty to draw on the Chartered Fund for \$75. and on the Book Concern for \$400. - which drafts were accordingly made.

Conference proceeded to take up the first question - Who are admitted on trial? And

Bros. E.E. Southgate of Lexington Dt., Wm Outon of Lexington Dt.

John W. Riffin of Augusta Dt.

C. Purtle of Augusta Dt.

John C. Harrison of Harrodsburg Dt.

Moses Evans of Harrodsburg Dt. }  
& Daniel Sherwood of Harrodsburg Dt. }

being duly recommended were admitted.

Bro. W.S. M'Murry of Hopkinsville Dt. being' duly recommended was readmitted.

Brother Napoleon B. Lewis of Hopkinsville Dt. being recommended and difficulties being suggested it was moved & seconded that his Presiding Elder be permitted to withdraw his recommendation - carried.

Bros. Thos. E. Thompson of Hopkinsville Dt. }  
Elijah M. Bosley of Greensburg Dt. }  
Eli B. Ctane of Greensburg Dt. }  
& Allbury Alderson of Greensburg Dt. }

Being duly recommended were received.

Resolved 1st That we will observe Friday the 13th inst. as a day of fasting or abstinence and prayer to God for a blessing on ourselves and our work - and that we request the friends of our Zion in this town and vicinity to unite with us herein.

Resolved 2nd. that Bro. Taylor be requested to inform the congregation of the above request.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn to meet at 3 o'clock P.M. and before the question was taken the hour of adjournment arrived - And Conference adjourned.

Friday morning 8 o'clk Conference met according to adjournment and after Divine Service, proceeded to business. Bishop Roberts in the Chair.

Bro. Thos. P. Vance obtained leage of absence during the remaining part of the present session.

Conference proceeded to take up the question "Who are admitted into full connection? And

Bros. Luell Campbell  
Minor M. Cosby  
Carlisle Babbitt  
Wm Phillips  
Joseph D. Barnett  
Thomas Hall  
John C. Harrison 1st  
Elijah Sutton  
Jessee Sutton

Were examined  
&  
Admitted  
&  
Elected to  
Deacon's Orders

Moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to examine into the most necessitous cases and to take into their possession the money raised for the relief of such Preachers and distribute the same. Carried - And Bro. Steveson, Tevis & James were appointed for that purpose.

Moved and seconded that the Preachers who have made collections for the most necessitous cases and who have placed the same into the hands of the Stewards pf Conference be permitted to withdraw the said collections out of the hands of the Committee on necessitous cases. - Carried.

Moved and seconded that a Committee of 5 be appointed to draft a financial system to be presented to our people and report to this Conference. Carried.

And Bros. Light, Steveson, Holman, Bascpm and Stamper were appointed for that purpose.

Conference proceeded to take the 4th question, Who are the Deacons and

Bros. James King	}	Were examined and approved
Wm S. Evans		
Daniel S. Capell		
Hartwell J. Perry		
John Beatty		
Robt. F. Turner		
John Williams		
& Thos. P. Vance		

Bros. Wm. Helm	}	Were examined approved and elected to Elder's Orders
John F. Young		
John Sandusky		
Thomas H. Gibbons		
Wm. P. MacKnight		
Bluford Henry		
Thomas P. Harmer		
Hooper Crews Buford Faris		

Bro. Isaac Malone was examined, approved, elected to Elder's Orders and at his own request obtained a location.

The case of Bro. Thomas C. Cropper was called and it was moved and seconded that his case be examined with closed doors. - Carried.

Conference entered into the investigation and the hour of adjournment having arrived Conference adjourned to meet at half after 2 P.M.

Friday evening half after 2 o'clock Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Roberts in the Chair.

The case of Bro. T. C. Cropper was resumed, and after the reading of the testimony on the side of the prosecution as also that in behalf of the accused, Bro. Cropper was then permitted to address the Conference in which address he made certain concessions. The following resolution was then proposed.

Resolved, that in the judgment of this Conference the reprehensible conduct of Bro. Cropper has been adequately atoned for, by the punishment inflicted by the Church, and his own conviction of wrong, and that he therefore be restored to his former standing. Voted & carried - and Bro. Cropper was then elected to Elder's orders. And Conference adjourned.

Saturday morning 8 o'clock Sept. 14, 1833, Conference met according to adjournment and after Divine Service proceeded to business - Bishop Roberts in the Chair.

The Committee on Shelbyville Female Academy Reported - Which report was adopted.

The Committee of last year on necessitous cases reported and their report was adopted. There being a balance of the money remaining in their hands the Conference direct that it be placed in the hands of the Committee of this session on that subject.

Moved and seconded that a Committee be appointed to take an account of the Sabbath Schools, Bible Societies, Tract Society, and Amt. given to the publishing Fund - Withdrawn by the Mover.

The Committee on the subject of Augusta College reported as follows:-

"The Committee appointed to confer with the Deputation from Augusta College having performed the duty assigned them unite with the said Deputation, in submitting to the Conference the following resolutions, unan- imously, as their joint report.

Resolved, 1st That the Plan submitted to the Board of Trustees of Augusta College, for the endowment of Professorships in said Institutions, and which has received the sanction of the Board duly and upon the basis of which the Ohio Annual Conference has recently endowed the M'Kendree Professorship of Moral Science in the Augusta College is every way worthy of confidence and obviously calculated to secure the prosperity and perma- nance of the Institution.

Resolved 2nd, That this Conference adopt the plan proposed and that we proceed immediately to the endowment of another Professorship in the College.

Resolved 3rd, That we select for this purpose, the Professorship of Mathamatics and that we give some suitable honorary designation, as sug- gested in the plan of endowment.

And 3rdly - That this Conference will promptly and perseveringly imitate the noble example of the Ohio Conference, in creating the necessary fund for the endowment of the Professorship selected. All which is res- pectfully submitted.

John Tevis, Jonathan Stamper  
Geo. C. Light, H.H. Kavanaugh  
Wm. Gunn, W.P. MacKnight  
H.B. Bascom, J.O.T. Hawkins  
Francis Landrum

} Greensburg  
14th Sept. 1833

And their Report was adopted.

Bro. Light was then invited to the Chair.

The following resolution was then adopted.

Resolved - That the Professorship selected for the endowment by the Kentucky Conference be denominated the "Roberts Professorship of Mathamatics" in consideration of the untiring zeal and persevering fidelity and to perpetuate the memory of the Ministerial Worth and almost unexampled efforts of the Rev. Robert R. Roberts, Bishop of the Methodist E. Church, especially in the large amount of labour contributed by him in the West, in building up and extending the limits and influence of the Church - and thus effectively increasing its ability in the extension of benevolent enterprize and the enlargement of its filed of operation, and also in view of the fostering regards and paternal solicitude which he has uniformly evinced in behalf of the Institution as originating in Western Enterprizes and the first of Methodist origin in the United States. - On which account it is believed there is obvious and high moral fitness in the honorary designation of the Professorship agreed upon by the Kentucky Annual Con- ference in the adoption of this resolution.

Greensburg  
14th Sept. 1833

#### Resolution 4

A Committee of Augusta College was read - See Resolution No. 6.

Moved and seconded that H.B. Bascom, E. Steveson, & H.H. Kavanaugh be a Committee to have the subscription paper on the above subject printed. Carried. It was then resolved that a Committee of 7 be added to the above Committee whose names shall be appended to a circular to be presented to the people on said subject - And Bros. Tidings, Crouch, Steveson, Light, Kavanaugh, Adams, Stamper, McNelly, & Johnson were appointed for that purpose.

Resolved - That a Committee of 4 be appointed by the Chair to visit the Augusta College at its next Annual Commencement in the 1st week in Aug. 1834 And J. Stamper, G.C. Light, R. Tidings, & John Tevis were appointed.

Conference proceeded to the election of Local Preachers to Deacon's Orders, and Bros. E.L. Southgate of Lex. Dt. & Daniel Ruark of Lex. Dt. being duly recommended were elected.

Bro. Edmund Johnson of Lex. Dt. being recommended was not elected.

Bro. Joseph Sewell of Harrodsburg Dt.

John F. Strother of Louisville Dt.

Thos. M. Smith of Hopkinsville Dt.

Harman Bailey of D<sup>o</sup> &

Thos. H. Lyles of D<sup>o</sup>.

} Being duly  
recommended  
were elected

Benj. F. Arnold of Hopkinsville Dt. being recommended - his case was under consideration - and Conference adjourned to meet half after 2 o'clock. P.M. -

Saturday evening half after 2 o'clock Conference met according to adjournment, and after Divine Service proceeded to business. Bishop Roberts in the Chair.

Bro. William Adams was appointed Conference Treasurer of the Robert's Professorship of Mathematics of Augusta College.

Conference resume the unfinished business of the morning and Benj. F. Arnold was not elected.

Bros. Garland Moore of Hopkinsville Dt.

Elijah Covington of Augusta Dt.

Benj. Hill of Augusta Dt. and Stephen Rogers of Greensburg Dt. - Being duly recommended - were elected.

Conference proceeded to the election of Local Deacons to Elder's orders - and Bros. Geo. Stivers & of Harrodsburg Dt

John Brown

James Weaver } of Louisville Dt. &

Thos. Brooks of Greensburg Dt. } = Being duly recommended, were

admitted.

And Conference adjourned.

Monday morning 8 o'clock. Sept. 16th 1833 Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Roberts in the Chair.

Bro. John Tevis obtained leave of absence during the remaining part of the present session.

Moved and seconded that the Book Committee be instructed to settle with the Preachers for books according to the reduced prices published in the Christian Advocate and Journal - Carried.

Resolved, That Bro. Bascom be respectfully requested by Bros. James, Stegeson & MacKnight, to furnish the Conference with a Copy of the Sermon which he preached last night for publication.

Resolved - That this Conference before its adjournment, form itself into a Temperance Society.

Conference proceeded to fix the place of its next Session, and Mount Sterling was chosen. And the Bishop announced the 10th of Sept. as the time of the meetings.

Conference entered into the examination of the characters of the Elders.

Bro. William Gunn's case was called & some difficulties being suggested relative to a want of uniformity in the administration of Baptism by immersion. It was moved and seconded that a Committee of 3 be appointed by the chair to take this subject into consideration and report to our next session and G.C. Light, B.T. Crouch, & Wm Adams were appointed.

Bro. Gunn's character then passed with approbation.

- Bros. John James
- H.B. Bascom
- Samuel Veach
- H.H. Kavenaugh
- Geo. W. Brush
- Absolem Woolliscroft
- Josiah Whitaker
- James C. Crow
- Geo. C. Light
- Richard Tidings
- Martin L. Eads &
- Trancis Landrum

Were  
 examined  
 &

Approved

Bro. Richard Corwine was examined, approved and at his request obtained a superannuated relation.

Bro. Daniel H. Tevis being represented as not having taken his Circuit in time & ~~also~~ also as having departed after a few weeks from the work. It was moved and seconded that he be located. Carried.

Bro. Thomas Waring was examined & approved and at his request was placed in a superannuated relation.

- Bro. Richard Bird
  - Wm Cundiff
  - John Tevis
- were  
 examined &  
 approved

Bro. Edward Steveson was examined, approved, and at his request received a superannuated relation.

Bro. Bascom obtained leave of absence during the remainder of the session.

The Committee on necessitous cases reported and their report was adopted.

On motion Resolved - That the Indiana, Illinois & Missouri Conferences be respectfully requested to unite in the endowment of a Professorship in Augusta College upon the plan adopted by Ohio & Kentucky Conferences - and Conference adjourned until half after 2 o'clock. P.M.

Monday evening half after 2 o'clock Conference met according to adjournment and after Divine Service proceeded to business. Bishop Roberts in the Chair.

On motion Resolved - That Brother Geo. C. Light be requested to preach the funeral of our deceased brethren Barnabas M'Henry, Marcus Lindsey, & John B. Power on to-morrow at 2 o'clk. P.M.

The Committee appointed to draft a financial system reported - and their report was adopted. (See Report) And directed to be printed under the superintendance of the Committee who drafted it.

Moved and seconded - That any Preachers having the charge of any circuit or Station failing to make a Conference collection according to Discipline shall pay five dollars to be put into the funds of this Conference, Carried.

The Stewards of the Conference Reported.

It was moved and seconded that the appropriation to Bro. Samuel Helm be withdrawn and placed in the hands of the Committee on Necessitous cases.

Moved and seconded that Bro. Samuel Helm be located - Withdrawn by the mover.

The Committee appointed to request a copy of Bascom's Sermon of last night, reported. (See report)



Bros. Joseph S. Tomlinson  
 Richard J. Dungan  
 Burr H. McCown  
 Chas. M. Holliday  
 William Adams  
 Henry S. Duke

Were  
 examined  
 &  
 approved

Bro. Milton Jamison was examined and approved, and at his own request placed in a superannuated relation.

Bro. Benj. T. Crouch was examined & approved.

Bro. Samuel Harrison was examined, approved and at his own request obtained a superannuated relation.

Bros. Isaac Collard, Jonathan Stamper, and Robt. Y. McReynolds were examined and approved.

Bro. Stephen Harbour was examined, approved and placed in a supernumerary relation.

Bro. Joseph Marsee was examined & approved.

Bro. John Johnson was examined, approved and at his own request placed in a superannuated relation.

Bro. Moses Clampit was examined, approved and at his own request obtained a location.

And Conference adjourned.

Tuesday morning 8 o'clock, Sept. 17th 1833, Conference assembled and after divine service proceeded to business. Bishop Roberts in the Chair.

Bros. Lastly, Crews & Taylor were appointed a Committee to draft a constitution for a Temperance society and report on to-morrow morning.

The Committee appointed to write the memoirs of the dead reported - (See Minuted) and their report was adopted.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the interrogations of the Book Agents at New York relative to the publication of a weekly paper at Cincinnati reported - "In answer to the interrogatories proposed by the Agents at New York, respecting the publication of a weekly religious Paper, kindred in character with the Christian Advocate & Journal, to be issued at the Book Room, Cincinnati - Your Committee gives it, as their opinion briefly - 1st That the establishment of such a paper, is not only expedient, but important to the interests of the Church, in the West. 2nd. That the Agents & Book Committee at New York have the undoubted and constitutional right to establish such a paper, - and 3rdly That the ~~power~~ power to appoint the Editor belongs to the Agents & Book Committee, and grows naturally out of the right to establish a Paper. - But 4thly - it is the opinion of your committee that in making the appointment of Editor the Agents will be expected to consult the Western Conferences most interested in the Paper proposed.

Which report was adopted, and directed to be communicated to the Book Agents at New York by the Secretary.

Bros. Joseph G. Ward  
 Henry J. Evans &  
 Thos. W. Chandler

Were  
 examined  
 and approved.

Bro. Daniel S. Capell was examined, approved, and placed in a supernumerary relation.

Bro. N G. Berryman  
 Isaac Malone  
 Wm. B. Landrum  
 Abram Long

were examined and approved.

Bro. Geo. McNelly was examined, approved and continued in a super-annuated relation.

Bros. Geo. W. Taylor  
Washington Gagg  
Silas Lee &  
Hooper Evans

} were examined and approved.

Bro. Thomas Lastly was examined and approved and continued in a super-annuated relation.

Bro. William McReynolds was examined, approved and at his own request received a location.

Bro. James Ward was examined & approved.

Bro. John Littlejohn was examined, approved and continued in a super-annuated relation.

Bro. John Denham was examined, approved and placed in an effective \* relation.

Bro. Clement L. Clifton was examined, approved and continued in a superannuated relation.

Bros. George Richardson  
John Ray  
Zadoc B. Thackston  
Henry McDaniel  
Esau Simmons  
Blachley C. Wood  
Luke P. Allen  
Wm. Atherton  
Benj. Ogden

} Were examined approved, and continued in a superannuated relation.

It was moved and seconded that Bro. Samuel Hellums receive a location, Voted and carried.

Bro. Absalom Hunt was examined, approved and continued in a super-annuated relation.

Bro. Robt. F. Turner obtained a location.

A communication from Mr. H.W. Rogers & John Saunders relative to publishing a Newspaper was read (see letter) On motion Resolved - That the writers of this communication be informed by Bro. Kavenaugh, that in the opinion of this Conference, it is inexpedient to attempt the establishment of a paper, as contemplated by said communication.

An address from certain brethren of Logan Cirt. was read. Moved and seconded that we thankfully receive said communications and promise seriously to lay th heart their advice - Withdrawn by the mover.

Moved and seconded that the Documents from Logan Ct. lie on the table- Carried.

An address from certain brethren of Greenville Circuit on the subject of dress was read - Moved and seconded that said address lie on the table. And Conference adjourned until half after 3 o'clock P.M.

Tuesday evening, Conference assembled and after divine service proceeded to business. Bishop Roberts in the Chair.

The motion of the morning session to lay the letter from Greenville Cirt. on the table was called up, and withdrawn by the mover, and the further consideration of this subject was laid over until the sitting of our next Conference.

The following resolution was adopted, - We, the members of the Ky. Conference being convinced of the propriety of uniformity in dress Resolved - That we will endeavor to return to old Methodism on this subject.

Bro. Thomas Wallace was readmitted into the travelling Connection.

The Presiding Elders were appointed a Missionary Committee.

Conference commenced taking in the Nos and adjourned.

Wednesday evening 8 o'clock, Conference assembled and after Divine Service proceeded to business - Bishop Roberts in the Chair.

A donation from the citizens of Greensburg amounting to \$6 was placed in the hands of the Missionary Society for Missionary purposes.

Conference finished taking in the numbers - (See List)

<u>Lexington Dt.</u>	Whites	Col
Lexington City.	306	420
Lexington Circuit	692	454
Frankfort	115	133
Cynthiana	115	100
Cynthiana Circuit	983	555
Burlington	469	12
Port William Circuit	449	65
Newport & Covington	143	15
Falmouth Circuit	600	46
<u>Augusta Dt.</u>	<u>3872</u>	<u>1800</u>
Maysville City	150	41
Germantown Ct.	920	129
Fleming	764	86
Hinckstone	706	234
Lewis Ct.	769	45
Little Sandy Ct.	714	58
Big Sandy Ct.	421	32
	<u>4394</u>	<u>625</u>
<u>Harrodsburg Dt.</u>		
Mount Sterling	200	48
Mount Sterling Ct.	602	60
Madison Ct.	439	55
Danville & Harrodsburg	211	114
Mount Vernon	317	7
Cumberland	471	37
Winchester Ct.	541	198
Danville Ct.	800	520
	<u>3581</u>	<u>1039</u>
<u>Louisville Dt.</u>		
Shelby Ct.	678	135
Shelbyville & B. Chapel	204	115
Taylorville Ct.	346	20
Jefferson	481	143
Louisville	489	228
Breckenridge	589	126
Hartford	491	50
New Castle	755	130
	<u>3933</u>	<u>947</u>
<u>Hopkinsville Dt.</u>		
Bowling Green	95	41
Bowling Green Ct.	725	47
Russellville	194	84
Logan Ct.	476	110
Hopkinsville	100	45
Christian Ct.	782	169
Greenville Ct.	391	70
Livingston	464	37
Henderson	700	37
	<u>3927</u>	<u>641</u>

<u>Greensburg Dt.</u>	Whites	Col
Glasgow Ct.	634	29
Elizabeth	708	27
Bardstown & Elizabeth	60	40
Salt River	790	217
Lebanon	730	125
Green River	843	106
Wayne	517	37
Somerset	627	33
	<u>4909</u>	<u>614</u>

The Com<sup>e</sup> on Documents from Book Agents at New York reported (see report) and their report was adopted.

Moved and seconded and carried that a Com<sup>e</sup> of 5 be appointed by the Chair to examine the graduates of Next year, and Bros. J. Stamper, J. Tevis, G.C. Light, J.S. Tomlinson and E.T. Crouch were appointed for that purpose.

The Com<sup>e</sup> on Temperance reported - see report - and their report was recommitted.

Resolutions favourable to the American Colonization society were adopted (see report) Resolved by the Kentucky Annual Conf<sup>e</sup> that the thanks of this conference be tendered to the citizens of Greensburg and its vicinity for the polite and hospitable entertainment furnished them during the present session and that the same be tendered them from the pulpit as soon as practicable by preacher in charge of Greensburg Cir<sup>c</sup> as also to our Presbyterian brethren for the use of their meeting house.

Resolved by the KenY AnL Conf<sup>e</sup> that we will in our several fields of labour do what we can to promote the temperance enterprize now going forward in our Country-And after prayer and the reading of the appointments Conf<sup>e</sup> adjourned to meet at Mt Sterling Sept. 10th 1834

*William Adams Sec*

*B. B. Roberts*

Total No.	this Year	Whites	Col <sup>d</sup>
		24,616 =	5666
	Last Year	<u>21,403 =</u>	<u>4604</u>
		3,213 =	1062
		<u>1,062</u>	
Whole No.		4,275	