JOURNAL OF
KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Lexington Oct. 22nd
1829
BY LAWS OF KY. ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1st. Each Session of the Conference shall be opened and closed with Divine Service.

2nd. Immediately after the opening of the Conference, the Sec'y. shall call the names of the members, and mark the absentees.

3rd. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Conference, during its session without leave.

4th. It shall be the Duty of the President to see that decorum be preserved in the Conference; to decide questions of order (subject however to an appeal to the Conference, which shall be decided without debate) to call to order any member, who in speaking shall wander from the subject under consideration, which if he fail to do may be done by any member of the Conference, and to report to the Conference as far as practicable from time to time, the business of the succeeding session.

5th. No business introduced by a member shall be considered as before the Conference until it shall have been moved and seconded and announced from the Chair; and while any matter thus introduced is under consideration, no other motion shall be admitted except for amendment, postponement or adjournment.

6th. Each speaker shall rise, and address the President, one only shall speak at a time, and no members shall question (except by way of explanation) nor more than 20 minutes at once, unless by leave of the Conference, nor shall any speaker be suffered to cast personal reflection.

7th. No motion for reconsideration shall be admitted, unless made by one of the majority.

8th. No charge shall be admitted in Conference against a brother, unless a written copy thereof shall have been previously given him, nor shall any complaint be admitted, unless the person against whom it is brought, shall have been previously notified thereof.
Lexington Kentucky October 22, 1829, Thursday morning, nine O’Clock, the Kentucky Annual Conference assembled and after Divine service proceeded to business.

Bishop McKendree in the Chair.

Conference appointed Wm. Adams, Secretary of the Conference.

The Conference determined to meet at half after 8 O’Clock A.M. & to adjourn at one P.M.

Bros. Wm. Adams & Richard Tidings were appointed a committee to superintend the congregation & appoint the preachers to preach.

Bros. Wm. M. McReynolds, George McNelly & Joseph Tomlinson were appointed Stewards of the Conference.

Brothers Jonathan Stamper, Wm. Holeman & H.H. Cavenaugh were appointed a committee to write the memoirs of the dead.

Brothers Martin Root, B. McHenry, Marcus Lindsey, G. C. Light & J. Tomlinson were appointed a committee to examine candidates for admission into full connection. (1828)

Bishop Roberts in the Chair.

The By laws of the last session were read and adopted for our present government.

Moved and seconded that a door keeper be appointed - Withdrawn by the mover.

Conference entered into the examination of our second question & Brother Wm. Landrum was examined, approved & continued.

Bro. John D. Carrick was examined, approved & at his own request discontinued.

Bros. Andrew Pease
    James Savage
    Hamilton C.
    & Kooper Evans

Bro. Leonard George was examined, approved & at his own request discontinued.

Bros. Thos. Wallace
    Saml. Julian &
    Rob. Y. McReynolds

Brother Israel Lewis was examined, approved & at his own request discontinued.

Brothers Richard Bird
    Absalom Wooliscroft
    Joseph Carter
    Thomas Warring
    George W. Brush
    & Joseph G. Ward

Bro. Charles Haff was examined, approved & at his own request discontinued.

Bro. Isaac Malone was examined & approved & continued.

Conference entered into the examination of the character of the deacons & Brother Littleton Fowler was examined & approved.

Brother John Redman was examined, approved & at his own request, continued in a supernumerary relation.

Bros. William Cundiff & Sam. Veech

Bros. Dan. H. Tevis
    John W. F. Tevis
    & James L. Greenup

Bro. David Tunnel was examined, approved, elected Elder & placed in a supernumerated relation.

Bros. Joseph L. Tomlinson
    John G. Benton
    Henry S. Duke

Were examined, approved &

Were examined, approved & elected to Elder’s Orders.

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Elected to Elders Orders.
Brother John Fisk was reported as having died in peace soon after his arrival on his Circuit.

It was moved and seconded that Brother Stamper be requested to preach the Funeral Sermon of Bro. J. Fisk at some suitable hour during the session of this Conference. Carried.

Brother William Brown was examined, approved & elected to Elders Orders & at his own request located.

Bros. James C Crow & Charles M Holiday were examined, approved and elected to Elders Orders.

Dr. G. Reece was examined & approved — and Conference adjourned.

Friday morning half after Eight O’Clock Conference met according to adjournment and after divine service proceeded to business. Bishop Roberts in the Chair.

The Conference fixed a bar & by vote gave the secretary the privilege to use the Book which we purchased for our tract Society as a Journal for this conference.

The Stewards of Conference were permitted to receive an account of the money collected by the preachers of this Conference as per Stewards Account.

It was moved and seconded that Fitch Esq. be appointed agent to receive the money appropriated by this conference to the children of Bro. Demint, deceased, & use the same for their benefit. Carried.

The Bishop informed the Conference that they are at liberty to draw on the chartered fund for ninety Dollars & on the Book fund for one hundred & fifty Dollars, — Which drafts were ordered to be made.

Conference resumed the examination of the character of the Deacons & Brother Nehemiah A. Cravens, having stated to the Conference that he had purchased certain slaves, Brothers Akers, Coleman, & Cruch were appointed a Committee to consider said case, his character was approved & he elected to Elders orders.

Conference entered into the examination of the characters of the Elders and Brothers William Adams & Richard Tidings. Approved.

Bro. Malton Jamison was examined approved & at his own request placed in a superannuated relation.

Brothers George G. Light & Isaac Collard were examined & approved.

Bro. A. Long was examined, approved & at his own request, located.

Brothers James Ward & Richard Corwine were examined & Approved.

Brother Abel Robinson was examined, approved & at his own request Located.

Brother William H. Askins case, was laid over.

Bros. Sam Hellums, George W. Taylor, Francis Landrum & Josiah Whitaker were examined & approved.

And Conference adjourned.

Saturday morning half after 8 O’Clock Conference assembled according to adjournment, and after divine service proceeded to business.

Bishop Roberts in the Chair.

And address from the general agent of the American Bible Society was presented & read. It was then moved and seconded that said address be referred to the consideration of a committee. Carried. & Bros. Rootermakres & Lindsey were appointed for that purpose.

Conference entered into the examination of those to be received into full connection and after questions and impressive addresses by Bishop McKendree Conference resolve to enter into the further examination of the graduates with closed doors.

Bro. Joseph Marsee was examined, approved & continued on trial.
Bros. John K. Lacy & Joseph Power were examined, approved & admitted & elected to Deacon's Orders.
Bros. Horace Brown was examined, approved, admitted & elected to Elders Orders.

Bros. Washington Flagg & J. N. Rolston were examined, approved, admitted & elected to Deacon's Orders.
Bro. Sam Kenyon was examined, approved & discontinued.
Bro. Thos. W. Chandler was examined, approved & elected to Deacon's Orders.
Bro. Simpson Duty was examined, approved & elected at his own request discontinued.

Bros. Greenup Kelly & Burr H. McCown, Moses Clampet & Hiram Baker were examined, approved, admitted & elected to Deacon's Orders.

Conference entered into election of Local Deacons to Elder's Orders & Brothers, James Cox, James Medley of the Ky. District, being duly recommended were elected to Elders Orders.

Brother Joseph G. Williams of Augusta District was also elected to Elders Orders.

Bro. Amhed Rucker of Kentucky District being recommended, his case was in Examination & Conference adjourned untill 3 O'Clock P.M.
Saturday evening at 3 O'Clock, Conference assembled according to adjournment, and after Divine service proceeded to business.

Bishop Roberts in the chair.
The case of Bro. Amhed Rucker who had been recommended for Elders Orders was resumed and after decision he was not elected.

A certificate of the restoration of Bro. James Blair to his official station in the church by the Quarterly meeting conference was read - Moved & seconded that said report be laid on the table untill Monday next. Carried.
Brothers Thomas Robertson of Rockcastle District & Wm. Young of Green River District being duly recommended were elected to Elders Orders & Conference adjourned.

Monday morning half after eight O'Clock Conference assembled & after Divine service entered on business.
Bishop Roberts in the Chair.
An address of our Book agents was read and sent to the care & consideration of Bro. Charles Holiday.
The consideration of the certificate of James Blair restoration to official standing was resumed. It was then moved & seconded that Bro. Corwine be permitted to withdraw a certificate. Voted. Lost. It was then moved and seconded that the report be laid on the table - Voted & lost.
It was then moved and seconded that brother Blair's certificates of ordination be given to him - Withdrawn by the mover. It was then again moved and seconded that Bro. Corwine be permitted to withdraw said certificate. Voted & carried.

Bros. McReynolds & Holman were appointed a committee to assist the Book & consider disputed accounts and report on said disputed accounts to this Conference.
Conference resumed the examination of the characters of the Elders & it having been stated that complaints have come to hand against Bro. William Atherton, said complaints were read. It was moved and seconded that Bro. W. Turner be permitted to withdraw his complaints & that Bro. Atherton's character pass. Voted & carried.

Moved and seconded that Bro. Atherton receive a superannuated relation - Carried.
Bros. William Holman, Marcus Lindsey & John Tevis were examined and approved.
William M. McReynolds
Brothers G. C. Light, E. Stevenson & B. T. Crouch were a committee to confer with Bro. John Tevis relative to the Shelbyville Female Academy & report to the Conference.

Bros. Edward Stevenson

John James
Peter Akers
William Gunn
John Durham
& George McNelly

Bro. Lewis Parker was examined, approved and at his own request obtained a location.

Bro. Clement L. Clifton was examined and approved. Bro. John Johnstons case was laid over.

Bro, John S. Barger
John Sinclair
Hubbard H. Cavenaugh
& Jonathan Stamper

And conference adjourned

Tuesday morning half after eight O'Clock Conference assembled & after divine service proceeded to business.

Bishop Roberts in the Chair.

The case of Brother John F. Strother was by vote of the Conference reconsidered.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the case of W. A. Cravens relative to the purchase of certain slaves, reported (see Report) & their report was accepted.

Dr. Root & before the conference a report of the trustees of the Augusta College which report was accepted.

Moved and seconded that Bro. James Savage be appointed Agent to solicit donations for the Augusta College during the ensuing year. Carried.

Moved and seconded that Bro. Milton Jamison be appointed agent for the same purpose. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the committee be appointed by the Chair to visit Augusta College & confer with the trustees of said college & report to our next conference. Voted and carried. The stationed preachers of Frankfort & Maysville were appointed for that purpose. Tevis

The committee appointed to confer with Brother John Lewis on the Shelbyville Female Academy reported. Moved and seconded that the report be amended by striking out so much thereof as related to the Augusta College - Carried. The report as amended was then adopted.

Moved and seconded that the secretary be directed to send a copy of said report with any other remarks which he may think proper for insertion in the Christian Advocate & Journal & Gospel Herald. Voted & carried.

Moved and seconded that certain sisters be permitted to take their seats in Lobby as spectators which was postponed indefinitely.

Conference resume the examination of the Elders & Bros. David Wright

Sam' Harrison were examined

& Rich. J. Dungan & approved

Bro. Benjamin Lakin was examined, approved & he placed in a superannuated relation.

Bros. Leroy Colle
Stephen Barber
Barnabas McHenry
John Ray
Henry McDan'l.
Tadock B Thackston
Absalom Hunt
Blachley C. Wood
Essau Simmons
& George Richardson

Were examined
Approved

& Continued in a superannuated relation to this Conference.
Bro. George W. Robbins was examined, approved & at his own request placed in an affective relation. Moved and seconded that Bro. Luke P. Allen be continued in a superannuated relation to this conference and that the Presiding Elder of Cumberland be requested to know of him whether he desires to continue in this conference. Carried.

Bro. E. T. Crouch was examined, approved & he continued in a superannuated relation.

The case of Bro. Wm. H. Askins was resumed, complaints having been presented by the trustees of the Washington meeting house against Askins. It was moved and seconded that he be requested to come to settlement within four weeks with said trustees & that the Presiding Elder of Augusta District be required to attend & see to such settlement & report to next conference. Withdrawn by the mover. It was then moved & seconded that Bro. Savage be appointed agent, for Bro. Askins to attend to the settlement of said complaints with said trustees. Bro. Askins' character then passed. Bro. Marsee's case was by vote of the conference reconsidered & Conference adjourned.

Wednesday morning half after 8 O'Clock Oct. 28, 1829 Conference assembled and after divine service proceeded to business. Bishop Roberts in the Chair.

Bishop McKendree addressed the conference on the subject of Sabbath schools, Bible societies, tract societies & missionary societies as also relative to the spirit & manner in which we should prosecute our general work as ministers of the Holy Gospel.

An address to one who susncribes himself an old methodist was also presented and read.

Moved and seconded that said address be filed among the papers of this conference & that a vote of thanks be given to the author for favoring us therewith. — Voted & carried.

The secretary was also authorises to give a copy of said address to such of our preachers as may require it.

The Comq appointed to take into consideration the Addresses of Mr. Thompson Agent of the American Bible Society, reported — and their report was accepted.

Moved and seconded that the publishers of the Christian Advocate & Journal and Gospel Herald with a copy of Mr. Thompson's Address and the Report for publication. Carried.

The Stewards of Conference reported which Report was amended (as Pr. Report and adopted.

Bro. Akers reported that he had collected for Augusta College; in United States paper forty dollars, in silver dollars and in paper of the Bank of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, one hundred and fifteen dollars which money was directed to be sent by Dr. Rooter to the Treasurer of said Institution.

The Comq appointed at our last Conference to take into consideration the propriety of publishing a periodical, reported; and Bro. Oliver B. Ross was invited to address the Conference on the subject. After which the report was adopted.

Moved and seconded that Bishop McKendree be requested to address the congregation on the morrow at 11 O'Clock on the same subjects on which he addresses the Confq this morning — carried. — And the Secretary was directed to make the request of the Confq known to the Bishop.

Bro. Samuel Veach requested that he might receive no appointment this year, which request was granted.

Bro. Veach, Holman, & Stevenson obtained leave of absence during the remaining part of this session.

Bro. T. Neely Ralston at his request obtained a location.

Moved and seconded that the case of Brother Joseph Carter be reconsidered, carried. His case was under discussion, and Conference adjourned until 3 P.M.
Thursday morning half after 8 O'Clock, Oct. 29 1829 Conference assembled and after divine service proceeded to business. Bishop Roberts in the Chair. And Bro. Joseph Mansfield was examined, approved, admitted & elected to Deacon's orders.

The Conf. appointed to write the memoirs of the dead reported, and their report was accepted.

Bro. David Wright at his own request obtained a location.

Bro. Dickison was permitted to address the Conf. on the subject of our Track Society.

The Conference enter into the examination of our first question — and

Bros. The Rice
Martin Eades
Thomas C Cropper of Ky. D.
Joel Grover
& Jesse Sutten
Wm. P McNight
Harrison Goslin of Augusta D.
& John F. Young

Bro. Michael Geoghegan of Augusta D. being recommended was not admitted.

Bros. John Williams
Hooper Crews
Buford Fares
& Thomas Gibbons

Bro. Enoch Martin of Cumberland District being recommended was not admitted.

The Conference authorize the Presiding Elder of that District to employ

Bro. Martin.

Bros. Wilson S McMurray
John Sandusky
Elijah Knox
William A H Spratt
& Thomas P Farmer
Theo. P Vance

Bluford Henry of Ohio District

Conference exonerate Bro. M. Jamison from serving as agent to make collections for Augusta College, at his request.

And Conference adjourned.

Thursday evening 3 O'Clock, Conference assembled and after divine service proceeded to business. Bishop Roberts in the Chair.

The following resolutions were adopted. Whereas the situation of the free people of colour, of our country, it necessarily connected with many difficulties, & disadvantages, social, civil, political & religious — and whereas we have always desired, most anxiously, to see the day that would present a consistent and practicable plan for the abbreviation of their relative suffering and national degradation — Therefore Resolved by the Kentucky Annual Conf.:

1. That we regard the American Colonization Society as an institution worthy of our liberal and industrious patronage.

2. That the existence of a State colonization society for this State, in the town of Frankfort, does in our opinion, present to a Community great facilities for aiding in the good work of transporting the blacks of this country to the land of their Fathers.

3. That we will so far as other duties shall permit exert our influence to bring about the formation of colonization societies, in the bounds of this conference, auxiliary to the State Colonization Society, and writ will do what we can, to induce the people, to whom we shall have access, to become members of such societies.
4. That a copy of this Document be forwarded to the Secretary of the State Society, to be laid before the board of Managers, and published if they shall see proper. Lexington Ky. Oct. 28th 1839.

The Com. on disputed Acc. reported 1st. That Bro. William Adams is entitled to a credit with the Book concern, of six dollars, for books burnt in the house of Benj. Durham — which item of the report was adopted.

2d. That Bro. Jonathan Stamper is entitled to a credit, with the Book Concern of one hundred and seventy one dollars on Abram Pauls contract. — Which Item of the report was admitted by the Conference.

3rd. That Bro. Stamper is entitled to a credit with the Book Concern of eighty nine dollars, occasioned by error in transfer to him from M. Lindsey.

Moved and seconded that this item of the report be refered to the next General Conference as an account that should be set to profit and loss. Voted and carried. By vote of Conference the 3rd. Item was reconsidered and laid over for the consideration of our next conference.

4th. That Bros Akers is entitled to a credit with the Book Concern for eleven dollars and 89/100 for books which he did not receive. — Which item was adopted.

Conference proceeded to take in the numbers in society as follows Viz.

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Moved and seconded that this item of the report be refered to the next General Conference as an account that should be set to profit and loss. Voted and carried. By vote of Conference the 3rd. Item was reconsidered and laid over for the consideration of our next conference.

4th. That Bros Akers is entitled to a credit with the Book Concern for eleven dollars and 89/100 for books which he did not receive. — Which item was adopted.

Conference proceeded to take in the numbers in society as follows Viz.
Moved and seconded that the editor of the Gospel Herald and the Advisory Com£ be permitted to take such extracts from our Journals as they may think proper for publication. Carried.

Resolved that the thanks of this Com£ be presented by Bro. *ydings to our friends in Lexington for the kindness with which they have entertained us, and to the different religious denominations who have opened their meeting houses for our use.

Resolved by the Kentucky Annual Conference that we appoint a committee to attend the Legislature of Kentucky in its next session - Praying that honorable Body to do something more for the protection of our popular meetings, and that in their wisdom and goodness, they be entreated to forbid under penalty No. 1, all manner of sales within a given distance of our Camp meetings only where the managers of the meetings see fit to give consent. 2, that it shall be a final offence to be found with ardent spirits ia a bottle or bottles or in anything else or in any other way within a given distance of a Camp meeting. 2 That the Presiding Elder of Ky. District and the stationed preacher of Frankfort be that committee.

After divine service and an address by Bishop Roberts the appointments were read. And Conference adjourned to meet again in Russelville October the fourteenth, eighteen hundred & thirty.

William Adams Seff

O.R. Roberts