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Shelbyville Sept 16th
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Kentucky Conference assembled at Shelbyville Sept. 16, 1835 at half past eight o'clock in the morning and after divine service proceeded to business. Bishop Andrew in the chair.

Bro. William Phillip was appointed Secretary. The conference determined to meet at half after eight o'clock and adjourn at 12, also to meet at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and adjourn at five.

Bros. I. Tevis, G.W. Brush and William Atherton were appointed a committee to superintend the congregations and appoint the persons to preach.

Bros. George McNally, Edward Stevenson and H.W. Chandler were appointed conference stewards.

Bros. I. Stamper, H.B. Bascom and H.H. Kavanaugh were appointed a committee to write the memoirs of the dead.

Bros. I. Mansoo, Janus Ward and Thomas Lastly were appointed a committee on suspicious cases.

Bros. M. Jamison, R. Corwin and W. B. Landrum were appointed a book committee.

Brother H.B. Bascom offered a resolution expressive of the regret of the conference for the loss sustained by the inroads of death among us during the present year, and requiring the conference to appoint some person to preach the funerals of those whom she has lost. (a resolution). Carried.

Bro. Corwin offered a resolution for the appointment of a committee to enquire whether the duty of the holding class meetings was properly attended to by the members of this conference, which, upon the vote being taken was lost.

Conference then entered upon the examination of character, of those who remain on trial, and

Bro. Ezekiel Mobley was examined, approved and discontinued on account of ill health.


It being represented that Brother John C. Niblick had utterly to perform his work, he was discontinued.

Bro. G.W. Merrett examined, approved and continued.

Bro. G. W. Simcoe was discontinued on account of his failure to attend to his work.

W.M. Grubbs George Switzer Albert Kelly N. B. Lewis M.N. Lastly were examined, approved and continued.

Conference then took up the deacons of this years standing, and Bros. L.D. Parker Richard During
F.H. Blades
Richard Holding
Gilby Kelly
John Nevins &
Thomas S. Davis
Bro. H. Stevens was examined, approved and obtained a superannuated relation.
Bro. J.H. Brooking was examined & approved. Conference then took up the examination of those who are eligible to elder's orders.
Brother Minor M. Cosby was reported as having died this year.
Bros. Lowell Campbell
Carlisle Babbitt
Wm Phillips
J.C. Harrison &
T. D. Barnett &
Thomas Hall
Brother Elijah Sutton, approved, elected to Elder's Orders, & obtained leave of absence. Bro. Jessee Sutton was approved and elected to Elder's orders, and Conference adjourned.

Wednesday evening 2 o'clock Conference met according to adjournment and after Divine Service proceeded to business, Bishop Andrew in the Chair. Conference then proceeded to examine and receive recommendations for admission, on trial, and by

Thomas Demoss
William M. Crawford and
George S. Savage
And T.H. Gibbins, being duly recommitted was duly recommended and his case postponed.
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And Alexander Kesinger, being duly recommended was admitted.
Conference then took up the examination of the characters of Elders.
And Bro. Wm. Adams name being called, it was announced that he had died in peace and triumph near the close of the year.
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T.W. Chandler
M.L. Eads
Bro. Stephen Harber was examined, approved and continued in a supernumerary relation.
Bros. Richard Tydings
J.S. Tomlinson
H.B. Bascom
H.S. Duke
A. Wooliscroft and
Josiah Whitaker
Bro. William Cundiff was examined and approved, and located at his own request.
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Bro. H. T. Evans was examined, approved & located at his own request.
Bros. Wm B. Landrum & Jonathan Stamper were examined, approved
Brother Sam Harrison was reported to have died in great peace, soon after the commencement of the labors of this year.
Brother Rich. J. Dungan was examined, approved and at his own request located.

Bros. Wm. B. Landrum & I. Were examined, approved
Bro. Francis Landrum died in great peace soon after last Conference.
Bro. Robt. G. McReynolds was examined and approved.
Bro. T.P. Farmer, approved and at his own request, located
Bro. J. Beatty, examined, and approved.
Conference then adjourned.

Thursday morning half past eight, Conference met, and after Divine Service proceeded to business - Bishop Andrew in the Chair.
Conference took up the question, Who are admitted into full connexion
And Bro. C. S. Southgates' name being called, he was at his own request, discontinued.

Bro. John W. Riggin was examined, approved, and admitted, and elected to Elder's Orders.

Bros. Thomas E. Thompson & E.B. Crane were examined, approved, and admitted
Bro. E.M. Bosley, A.L. Alderson & W.C. McMahon & elected to Deacon's Orders
Bro. J. Carr Harrison, was approved, but in consequence of being absent was continued on trial.
Conference then resumed the examination of Elders, and Bro. Wm Holeman was examined and approved.
Conference then attended to the call of Stewards for reports of Conference collections, and of the claims & receipts of numbers of Conference.
Conference then resolved to draw on the Book Concern for $800, and on the chartered fund for $90, - and then adjourned.
Thursday evening, 2 o'clock, Conference assembled according to adjournment, and after divine service proceeded to business. Bishop Andrew in the Chair.
Conference resumed the examination of Elders and Bros. Bradford Frazee was examined & approved.

Moved and seconded that it is the sense of this Conference, that no member of the M.E. Church should be deprived of his or her membership, without the privilege of a proper trial, and that a copy of this resolution be placed in the hands of the preacher in charge of New Castle Circuit. - Carried.

Bro. Jamison read a memorial from the secretary of the Kentucky Association for the moral and religious improvement of the colored race, praying the appointment of a member of this conference as agent for that society which was referred to a committee, composed of Bros. M. Jamison, J. Tomlinson and J. Tevis - to consider and report.

A communication from sundry members of the Church on Hartford Circuit praying for redress of certain grievances, was read and referred to a committee of 3, composed of Bros. Wm Gunn, Wm Holeman and A. Long
The following resolution was read and referred to a committee of seven.
Resolved by the Kentucky Conference of the M.E. Church, that in the
judgment of this Conf, it is expedient that a committee be appointed to
enquire into the propriety of an expression of opinion, by the Conference
on the subject of the controversy now agitated throughout the United States
between the advocates of immediate & indiscriminate emancipation on the one
hand, & the friends of gradual emancipation & colonization on the other,
in relation to the slaves of the United States.

And Bros. H.B. Bascom
Jos. Tomlinson were
J. Stamper appointed
H.H. Kavanaugh to consider
R. Corwine and report
T. Beatty and
John Littlejohn

The following resolution was offered by brother Littlejohn, and passed.
Whereas differences of opinion in relation to the meaning and import
of some parts of our discipline are known to exist among us, and whereas
these differences have been the occasion of a diversity of administration
which cannot be too deeply deplored by the friends and lovers of Methodism,
therefore, Resolved by the Kentucky Annual Conference to be holden in
Cincinnati in May 1836, the importance & expediency of appending to the
next edition of our most excellent Discipline, such explanatory notes and
annotations, as may, in the judgement of that body, tend the more effectually
to secure uniformity and consistency in the administration and that our dele-
gates to the approaching session of the General Conference, be, and are hereby
instructed to use their best efforts to promote the object contemplated in
this resolution.

John Littlejohn
H.B. Bascom

Conference then resumed the examination of elders, and Bro. Isaac
Collard was examined & approved. Bro. N. G. Berryman was examined and
approved and at his own request, located.

Bros. John Redman
Wm. Helm were
W.S. Evans examined
B. Harris &
A. Long
Bro. G.W. Taylor, examined, approved and placed in a superanuated
relation.

Bro. Blewford Henry was examined, approved and located at his own
request.

Thomas Lastly examined, approved, and placed in a supernumerary relation.
Bros. Silas Lee
James Ward were
John Durham examined
James King and
M. Jamison and
Richard Corwine

Bro. H. Evans, examined, approved and continued in a superanuated relation
Bro. John Johnson was examined & approved & it appearing that he had
removed out of the bounds of the Conference he was located.
It was then moved and seconded that Bro. Johnson be allowed his dividend
for the past year. — Carried.

Bro. C. L. Clifton was examined, approved and located.
The time of adjournment having come, it was resolved to continue the
session a few minutes longer, and the following resolution was then offered
and adopted.
Resolved, by the Conference that Bro. Bascom be, and he is hereby requested to perform the solemn and important service which is called for by the resolution which passed this Conference on yesterday, relative to our deceased brethren.

Conference then adjourned.

Friday morning half past eight o'clock, Conference assembled according to adjournment and after divine service proceeded to business. Bishop Andrew in the Chair.

Moved and seconded that a committee of five, be appointed to prepare an address to the members and friends of our church, on the subject of patronizing the W.C. Advocate with a view to extend the circulation of the periodical within the bounds of the Kentucky Conference.

Which resolution was carried, and Bros. W. Holeman, J. Tomlinson, S. Veach, J. Beatty & S. Lee committee were appointed that.

The examination of elder's was then resumed, and upon request deferred. Bro. B.C. Woods was examined, approved & located. Bro. Denj. Ogden was announced to have departed this life in full assurance of heaven.

Bro. T. Waring examined & approved.
Bros. John Littlejohn, Luke P. Allen were approved, and retained superannuated.
Bro. George Richardson, examined, approved & located at his own request.
Bros. Z.B. Thaxton, J. Beatty & S. Lee committee examined, approved & retained and E. Simmons in a superanuated relation.
Bro. W. Atherton, approved, & obtained a supernumerary relation.
Absalom Hunt, approved and continued in a superanuated relation.
The committee to which was referred the memoirs from the corresponding secretary of the Kentucky Union for the moral and religious improvement of the colored race, then reported, and their report was laid on the table.
The Committee appointed to visit Augusta College at its late examination & commencement reported, and the report was adopted, with a request that it be inserted in the W. Christian Advocate.
Bro. H.J. Perry was examined, approved, and placed in a supernumerary relation.

Conference then took up recommendations for Local Deacons and Bro. Elias Tuker & } of Lexington Dis.
Saml A. Hopkins } being duly recommended, were elected.
Also Bros. Wm. Smith & } {men of colour\} being duly recommended were elected.
Henry Lytle } being duly recommended were elected.
Bros. Simpson Duty & } of Augusta District
Francis A. Savage } being duly recommended were elected.
Also, Bro. Edward Brooks, a man of colour, was duly recommended & elected.
Bro. Asberry Lillard of Harrodsburg district being duly recommended was elected.

It was then moved and seconded, that Conference sit this evening with closed doors, except so far as our ministerial brethren are concerned. - Carried.

And Conference adjourned.
Friday evening, 2 o'clock, Conference met according to adjournment and after divine service proceeded to business. Bishop Andrew in the Chair. Conference then took up the consideration of recommending for Local Deacons to Elders orders, and - 

Bro. Stephen F. Ogden of Hopkinsville district, being duly recommended was elected.

Conference then resumed the question, who are admitted on trial? and Bro. James Reid, of Augusta District, was duly recommended but not admitted and - Bro. J.G. Leach from the same, was duly recommended and readmitted.

It was then moved and seconded, that a supernumerary relation be granted Bro. Leach, which motion was lost.

Bro. H. McDaniel's case was then called up again, and it being stated that there are rumors of a serious character against him, it was resolved that the Presiding Elder of Lexington District take measures to have the matter investigated in a regular manner as soon as possible.

Conference then resolved to resume the subject of attending to reports of Conference collections & to the claims & receipts of the members of this Conference.

It was then moved and seconded that we adjourn, which motion was carried, and Conference adjourned.

Saturday morning half past eight o'clock Conference met, and after Divine Service proceeded to business, Bishop Andrew in the Chair.

Bro. McDaniel's case was again called up, and he was continued in a superannuated relation.

Conference then resumed the consideration of recommendations for Local Elders and Bros. Wm Brown

Joseph Miller - of Louisville District
Jacob Bird - being duly Rec. were elected
Robert Reams - of Greensburg Dist. being duly rec. were elected.

It was then decided that the presiding elder - be privileged to employ Bro. Reams the ensuing year, if necessary =

A communication from the Book Agents at New York, was received and read.

The following resolutions were then offered and passed.

Resolved: That the Methodist Magazine and Quarterly Review is a periodical worthy of general patronage in our Church and we are sorry to see so few copies of it in the houses of our preachers, members & friends, generally.

Resolved, that it be, and is hereby recommended to all the preachers belonging to this Conference to procure and read the above work themselves and to recommend it to the patronage of our members & friends, generally also to act as agents in obtaining subscriptions, & collecting & forwarding moneys due for the same.

Preamble and resolutions were there offered by Bro. McNelly and seconded by Bro. Stephenson, concerning the building of parsonages and furnishing them with furniture, which passed, and

Bros. G. McNelly E. Stevenson J.L. Tomlinson Wm Philips & Wm Holeman Were appointed as committee to draft a circular on the subject, which if adopted by this conference shall be forwarded for publication in the Western Christian Advocate.
The committee to which was referred the communication from Hartford Circuit complaining of certain brethren reported and their report was adopted and it was ordered that a copy of the same be placed in the hands of the preacher in charge of that circuit.

Br. Bascom offered a resolution requiring of the conference continued efforts and increased exertions for the education of the uprising generations among us, which was seconded and carried.

A preamble and resolution were then offered calling for a committee to report to this conference whether it be proper for members or ministers of the M.E. Church to commune with a denomination that denies the existence of a Divinely Constituted ministry to preach the word and administer the ordinance, which was seconded, and upon the vote being taken, was lost.

It was then moved to have the above resolution expunged by the minister. Lost. Conference proceeded to take an account of the members in society and the members of Sabbath School, etc.

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Conference then resolved that the election of delegates to the general conference be attended to on Monday.

It was then moved and seconded that the members of this conference be restricted from holding two days meetings, and thereby neglecting their regular work, unless by the consent of the quarterly conferences, which motion was withdrawn by the mover, in favor of the following:

Resolved that the Presiding Elders do their duty, and if the preaching fail to do theirs, that they report them to the next conference. It was then moved, seconded and carried that this resolution be laid on the table.

Moved and seconded that we have no afternoon sessions, which, being carried, conference adjourned to meet again at half past eight o'clock on Monday morning.

Monday morning, half past eight past, conference met according to adjournment, and after divine service proceeded to business, bishop Andrew in the chair.

The secretary asked for an assistant and brother Richard D. Neale was appointed for that purpose.

Moved and seconded that brother Wollinscraft have the privilege of absence from his work the ensuing year, a sufficient length of time to visit his parents in England. Carried.

Bro. George McNelly's case was again taken up and he was continued in a superannuated relation.

A memorial was presented by Brother McNelly detailing the circumstances by which he has become responsible to the Methodist Book Concern for debts due by other persons, and praying that he be released from said responsibility. It was then moved, seconded and carried that it is the opinion of this conference that the book agents ought to release brother McNelly from said debts, and take the original debtors.

Conference then went into the election of six delegates to General Conference, to meet in Cincinnati on the first of May 1836, and the tickets being collected, Bros. I. Tevis, H.B. Bascom and I. Stamper were appointed a committee to count them and report the result.

Conference then determined to fix the place of holding the next conference which was determined in favor of Louisville.

It was moved and seconded that Bro. Lastly's case be reconsidered, which was done, and he was placed in an effective relation.

The committee to which was referred the document from brother Chipley...
presented to the last conference reported, and their report was adopted.

Moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to report concerning
our deceased brethren who were subscribers to the endowment fund of
Augusta College, which was carried, & Bros. Wm Green, H.S. Duke & Wm.
Holeman were appointed for said purpose.

The committee appointed to report the result of the election of
delegates to the Gen' conference reported, and

Bros. H.B. Bascom
B.T. Crouch
E. Stevenson &
I. Stamper

Conference then proceeded to ballot for two other delegates, and
Bro. H.H. Kavanaugh was elected upon the second ballot; and brother
Geo. W. Taylor upon the third.

It was then resolved to elect two reserved delegates, and Bro.
I. Whitaker and I.C. Harrison were elected.

Moved, seconded and carried that we dispense with the afternoon
session.

Moved, and seconded that the funeral services of our deceased breth­
ren be attended to on to-morrow at half past 10 o'clock, A.M., which
was carried, and then conference adjourned to meet at the usual hour on
Tuesday.

Tuesday morning half past eight o'clock conference met according to
adjournment, and after divine service proceeded to business. Bishop
Andrew in the chair.

The conference stewards gave information that they were ready to
report and their report was adopted after being amended.

Moved and seconded that this conference request the ensuing general
conference to rest on Mr. Wesley's original rule on the subject of ardent
spirits, which, upon the vote being taken—was carried 45 voting in the
affirmative, and one in the negative.

A motion was then carried for adjournment and conference adjourned.

Tuesday evening, two o'clock, conference assembled and after divine
service proceeded to business, Bishop Andrew in the chair.

The committee appointed to draft a circular upon the subject of
parsonages, reported and their report was adopted.

Brother Gunn presented a bundle of receipts taken by Brother Adams
in reference to the Gospel Herald, and it was ordered that they be filed
with the conference papers.

It was then suggested that Mr. Smith of Lexington, Ky. Progress, to
have claims against this conference in reference to the publication of the
Gospel Herald, and it was determined that a committee of five be
appointed to examine the matter and report to the next conference.

On motion, it was then resolved to reconsider the vote, and it was
finally concluded that the committee shall consist of three, and brothers
I. Stamper, E. Stevenson & W. Holeman were appointed accordingly.

On Motion, resolved that Silas Lee's case be reconsidered; and it
was then determined that he be left without an appointment. the ensuing
year in consequence of affliction and other circumstances.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of the
necessity of extending a more efficient patronage to the Western Christian
Advocate and their report was adopted.

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

On motion, it was resolved that a committee of five be appointed to
meet a like committee of the Ohio Conference for the investigation of
matters relative to Augusta College, and Bros. I. Stamper, T. T. Crouch, E. Stevenson, Wm Phillips, & H.H. Kavanaugh were appointed.

Leave was then given to bring in resolutions and the following presented and adopted.

Resolved that Bro. Bascom be, and he is hereby respectfully requested to write a biographical sketch of our beloved Bro. Wm Adams, died, and forward the same for publication in the Western Christian Advocate.

Resolved that the Friday before Christmas be set apart as a day of fasting and prayer for the peace and prosperity of Zion, and that the great head of the Church would send forth more laborers into his vineyard; and that the preachers are requested to publish this in all the circuits and stations so soon as possible, also, that it be published in the Western C. Advocate.

Resolved, that in the judgement of this Conf., it is not only advisable but important that in writing and publishing memoirs of deceased travelling preachers of the M.E. Church, the persons or committees appointed to perform this duty should avail themselves of all the information acceptable in every instance, and in a summary and comprehensive form present the more distinguishing traits of character, as well as incidents and details connected with the life and death of the individual subjects of the memoirs that the character & claims of graduated Methodist preachers may in this way be more fully presented to the notice of the living & the future historian of the Church.

Resolved that Bros. J. Stamper & J. Tevis, be and are hereby requested to propose for publication in the Methodist Magazine & Quarterly Review, a Memoir of the REV. Marcus Lindsey, died.

Resolved, that Bro. H.B. Bascom be, and he is hereby requested to prepare a memoir of Rev. Barnabas McHenry, for the publication in the W.C. Advocate, or the Magazine & Quarterly Review.

On motion, resolved, that the committee appointed by last Conference to draft a course of study for under-graduates, be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Conference then adjourned, to meet in the church, tomorrow morning at half past eight o'clock.

Wednesday morning half after eight o'clock, Conference met according to adjournment, and after divine service proceeded to business, Bishop Andrew in the Chair.

On motion resolved that the Treasurer of the Ky. Anl. Conference Missionary Society, be requested to furnish for publication, and also such other facts as he may deem necessary in reference to said society.
On motion resolved that Bro. Veach's case be reconsidered and he was placed in a supernumerary relation.

The Committee appointed to write the memoirs of the dead reported that they had not been able to complete their work owing to a lack of information on several points; and on motion it was then resolved that their report be accepted so far as it has gone, and that the memoirs be committed to Bro. Bascom to complete and forward them to our Book Agents at Cincinnati for publication.

The Committee to which was referred the relative claims of Abolition and colonization reported and their report was unanimously received.

On motion resolved that the report be forwarded for publication in the Western Christian Advocate. On motion resolved that the P.E. be privileged to employ Bro. Reid the ensuing year.

On motion Bro. Perry's case was reconsidered and he was placed in an effective relation.

On motion resolved that Bro. Crouch and Corwine be added to the committee for adjusting the claims of the Gospel Herald.

On motion resolved unanimously that a vote of thanks be presented, to the citizens, pastors, and the Churches of Shelbyville for their Hospitable entertainment and attention during the session of our conference.

It was then resolved that we complete so far as possible the subscription for the endowment fund of Augusta College.

On motion resolved that we will use our best endeavors to obtain students for Augusta College in all our circuits and stations.

The Conference then proceeded to appoint an examining committee, and Bros. J. Tomlinson, J. Tevis, R. Corwine & R. Tydings were appointed for that purpose.

And then after the performance of divine service, and the announcement of the appointments, Conference adjourned to meet in Louisville at the appointed time the ensuing year.

Shelbyville Ky. Sept. 23, 1835.

[Signature]

James O. Andrew