

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Electoral Conference of Laymen

OF THE

HOLSTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

HELD AT

Greeneville, Tenn., October 13, 1871.

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GREENEVILLE, TENN., October 13, 1871.

The Holston Conference of Lay Delegates of the Methodist Episcopal Church, met in this city at 8½ o'clock this morning.

Hon. N. G. Taylor was called to the chair, (temporary,) and T. F. Stewart appointed temporary Secretary.

Jos. R. Burchfield opened with prayer.

On motion, all Delegates present came forward and registered their names—37 in attendance.

It was moved that Alternates be recognized as Delegates.

Hon. N. G. Taylor was elected Permanent Chairman, and T. F. Stewart Permanent Secretary.

On motion, P. Henry, Sr., Joseph R. Burchfield and S. P. Angel were appointed a Committee on Credentials.

On motion, Hon. R. R. Butler, Hon. N. G. Taylor and Col. J. W. Ramsey were appointed a Committee on Fraternal Greeting.

On motion, Butler, Burchfield and Ramsey were appointed a Committee on Resolutions.

On motion, the Conference resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the manner of holding the election for Delegates to General Conference, Hon. R. R. Butler, Chairman of said Committee, who, upon the rising of Committee, made the following report to the Conference:

That the election should be held by ballot, each member being permitted to write the names of two candidates on his ticket. If any one or two candidates receive a majority of all votes cast, one or both to be declared elected.

That in the same manner Alternates shall be elected.

That in case no candidate receive a majority on first ballot, balloting to continue until there is an election.

The report of the Committee was adopted.

On motion, the election was postponed until to-morrow, and Conference adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church at 2, P.M.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at 2, P.M., Hon. N. G. Taylor presiding. Opened with prayer—39 in attendance.

On motion, the enrollment of the morning was accepted.

On motion, the vote postponing the election was reconsidered, and Conference proceeded to an election.

Hon. N. G. Taylor and Col. J. W. Ramsey were elected Delegates, and J. J. Yeager and Judge N. A. Patterson, Alternates.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to hand the minutes of this Conference over to the Secretary of the Annual Conference.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 8½ o'clock to-morrow morning.

## SECOND DAY—SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1871.

Conference met at 9, A.M., Hon. N. G. Taylor presiding. Opened with prayer. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Forty in attendance.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows :

WHEREAS, There may be questions before the next General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church looking to changes in the Episcopacy ; therefore be it

*Resolved by the Holston Electoral Conference of Laymen,* That it is the judgment of this Conference that the existing order of tenure and visitation is the best for our whole people at the present time, and that we request our delegates to resist any radical change in the Episcopacy.

*Resolved,* That we pledge ourselves, to the extent of our ability, to strengthen the cords of fraternal union and co-operation between the ministers and laymen, and to draw them closer together in the great work of advancing the kingdom of our Lord and the upbuilding of our beloved Methodism in the Holston Conference.

*Resolved,* That the Chairman and Secretary of this Conference be instructed to see that proper certificates of election be prepared and delivered to the delegates.

*Resolved,* That the thanks of this Conference are tendered to the people of Greeneville and vicinity for their kind and hospitable entertainment of this Conference during our session.

*Resolved,* That we return to the Young Men's Christian Association, and the minister and members of the Presbyterian Church of this city, our thanks for the use of their rooms and church in which our sessions have been held.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to hand over to the Secretary of the Annual Conference all funds collected to defray the expense of publishing the minutes—\$16.

On motion, Conference adjourned *sine die*.

N. G. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

T. F. STEWART, *Secretary.*

## Electoral Conference of Laymen.

### ROLL OF DELEGATES.

The following list embraces the names of the delegates composing the Electoral Conference of Laymen of the Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the several charges represented by them :

S. P. Angel, . . . . .	Knoxville.
M. L. Baily, . . . . .	St. Clair Circuit.
P. M. Bewley, . . . . .	Parrottsville.
W. C. Brandon, . . . . .	North Knoxville.
J. R. Burchfield, . . . . .	Sevierville Circuit.
R. R. Butler, . . . . .	Taylorsville “
J. G. Buttram, . . . . .	Washington “
C. Dalton, . . . . .	Thorn Hill “
J. Easterly, . . . . .	Greeneville “
S. Fitzgerald, . . . . .	Waynesville “
W. A. Gardner, . . . . .	Kingston “
G. Garland, . . . . .	Burnsville “
L. T. Gillespie, . . . . .	Webster and Franklin.
L. Godfrey, . . . . .	Greeneville.
J. C. Greer, . . . . .	Jamestown Circuit.
A. M. Gudger, . . . . .	Sulphur Springs.
P. Henry, Sr., . . . . .	Little River Circuit.
G. M. Hicks, . . . . .	Sneedville Circuit.
M. W. Huffaker, . . . . .	Strawberry Plains Circuit.
E. J. Hyatt, . . . . .	Rogersville and Russellville.
H. B. Jones, . . . . .	Winters' Gap.
J. H. Lowery, . . . . .	Athens Circuit.
A. Q. Moore, . . . . .	Transylvania and Henderson.
M. V. Nash, . . . . .	Speedwell.
Joel Parker, . . . . .	Cleveland Circuit.
S. K. N. Patton, . . . . .	Fall Branch “
H. Presnell, . . . . .	Jonesboro'.
J. W. Ramsey, . . . . .	Cleveland.
P. M. Reeves, . . . . .	Jonesboro' Circuit.
J. A. Ruble, Sr., . . . . .	Campbell's Station.
Jacob Sharp, . . . . .	Dandridge and New Market.
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T. F. Stewart,	. . .	Chattanooga.
C. C. Stranahan,	. . .	Pikeville.
John C. Tate,	. . .	Morristown.
N. G. Taylor,	. . .	Elizabethton.
W. R. Trull,	. . .	Asheville.
D. B. Webster,	. . .	Kingsport.



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The attention of the members and friends of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Holston Conference, and all others in any way interested, is called to the various advertisements in these Minutes. They relate to matters of general interest and utility. The undersigned is either personally acquainted, or has had business relations with almost every firm represented, and takes pleasure in soliciting for them the patronage of our friends.

J. J. MANKER, *Secretary.*