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SAINT LOUIS, Nov. 16, 1840.

Agreeably to a resolution of the Convocation held in this city in March last, the Clergy, with several gentlemen of the Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Missouri met this day in Christ Church, St. Louis.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. C. S. Hedges, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Paine, and a sermon preached by the Rev. P. R. Minard, Rector of St. Paul's Church in this city.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Kemper then took the Chair, and stated the objects for which the Convention had been called; pointed out several preliminary measures as necessary to be taken in order to facilitate their accomplishment, and named, as being, in the judgment of the Chair, entitled to seats in this Convention, the following Rev. Gentlemen of the Clergy, viz:

The Rev. Silas A. Crane, President of Kemper College.

The Rev. Chaplin S. Hedges, Chaplain of Jefferson Barracks.

The Rev. Wm. Hommann, Rector of Grace Church, Jefferson City.

The Rev. James D. Mead, Rector Christ Church, Boonville.

The Rev. Peter R. Minard, Rector St. Paul's Church, St. Louis.

The Rev. Thos. E. Paine, Rector St. Paul's Church, Palmyra.

The Rev. Fred F. Peake, Rector Christ Church, St. Louis.

The Rev. Isaac Smith, Rector Trinity Church, St. Charles.

On motion, the Rev. F. F. Peake was appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

The following resolution was then offered by the Rev. Mr. Hedges:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair, to examine and report upon the credentials of Lay delegates.

The Rev. Messrs. Hedges and Smith, and A. Hamilton, Esq., were named as said committee.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned to meet in the same place at three o'clock, P. M.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Kemper called the meeting to order, and the committee on credentials made the following report :

The committee appointed to examine the credentials of Lay Delegates, respectfully report, that the following gentlemen have presented certificates of their election properly signed, and are, therefore, in the judgment of the committee, entitled to seats in the Convention, viz :

Christ Church, St. Louis.—Wilson P. Hunt, H. L. Hoffman, Edward Tracy, Robert Wash, J. Parker Doan, J. Spalding, A. Hamilton, and J. B. McDowell.

St. Paul's Church, St. Louis.—A. Knox, R. R. Williams, C. Merri-man, and C. Jabine.

St. Paul's Church, Palmyra.—J. B. Lambert, F. W. Southack, and Dr. H. Peake.

St. Paul's Church, St. Charles.—A. T. Douglass.

Whereupon, on motion, the report was accepted, and those present of the above named gentlemen took seats accordingly, as members of the Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Paine,

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to report rules of order.

The Rev. Messrs. Paine and Mead, were appointed, and shortly after reported the following :

RULES OF ORDER.

- 1st. The business of every day shall be introduced with prayer.
- 2d. The minutes of the journal for the day preceding, shall be read every morning at the opening of the Convention.
- 3d. The president shall appoint the several committees, unless the Convention shall otherwise order.
- 4th. When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.
- 5th. No member shall absent himself from the service of the House, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.
- 6th. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the House, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

7th. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave from the House.

8th. When a question has been once determined, it shall stand as the judgment of the House, and shall not again be drawn into debate, except on motion for reconsideration, which must be made by a member who had previously voted in the affirmative.

9th. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, or postpone it; but, a motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided before the original motion.

10th. Every member who shall be in the House when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the decision.

11th. No motion shall be considered as before the House unless it be *seconded*, and, when required, reduced to writing.

12th. All questions of order shall be decided in the first instance by the Chair without debate; an appeal, however, may be made from his decision to the Convention, by any member of the same.

13th. The President shall, in his discretion, select within the limits of those pews allotted for the use of the members, pews for the accommodation of visiting Clergymen and students of Theology, who may be invited to the same by the President, without any special application to the Convention.

14th. None of the rules of order shall be suspended without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

THOS. E. PAINE,
J. D. MEAD.

On motion the report was accepted.

A. Hamilton, Esq., then submitted the following preamble and resolution, which were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Clergy and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, living in Missouri, and deeming it expedient to unite themselves into a Diocese, to be in union with the General Convention of said Church, be it therefore

Resolved, By the Clergy and Laity aforesaid, that they be, and are hereby united and formed into a Diocese to be styled and known as the Diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Missouri, and to be in union with the General Convention of said Church.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Minard,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report a Constitution and Canons for the government of the Church in the Diocese of Missouri.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Messrs. Minard, Hedges and Paine, Gen. Knox, and A. Hamilton, Esq.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Smith,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report a plan for the organization of parishes.

The Rev. Messrs. Hommann and Mead, and Dr. H. Peake, were appointed said committee.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Hommann,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report a plan for the establishment of a permanent fund for the maintenance of the Episcopate in the Diocese of Missouri.

The Chair nominated on said committee, Messrs. Hamilton, Southack, and Douglass; the Rev. Mr. Minard, and R. P. Williams, were subsequently added thereto.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to wait upon the Rev. Mr. Minard, and request a copy of his Convention Sermon for publication.

The Chair named accordingly, Messrs. Williams and Hamilton.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the order of proceedings for to-morrow, be, 1st, Communications from the Bishop; 2d, Reports from the Clergy; and 3d, Reports from the several committees, beginning with a committee on the Constitution and Canons.

On motion,

Resolved, That when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet at this place to-morrow, at half past ten, A. M.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned.

TUESDAY, NOV. 17, 1840.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Smith of St. Charles. Present, all the Clergy, and of the Laity, Messrs. Hoffman, Doan, Knox, Southack, Lambert, Williams, Merriman, Peake, Douglass, and Dr. J. B. McDowell.

The minutes of the proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Kemper, made a brief, but highly interesting address, pointing out the leading features of the polity of the Pro-

testant Episcopal Church in the United States, the importance of the position occupied by the Convention, and the necessity of acting in reference to the future extension of sound Catholic principles in the great valley of the Mississippi.

On motion, it was

Resolved unanimously, That the Bishop be requested to furnish a copy of his address, to be entered upon the journal of the Convention.*

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the call upon the Clergy for their several reports, be indefinitely postponed.

The next business in order being the reports of the various committees, the Rev. Mr. Minard, from the committee on a Constitution and Canons, reported that the committee had discharged the duties imposed upon them, and were ready to submit the results of their labors to the action of the Convention.

Whereupon, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the proposed Constitution and Canons be taken up, considered and passed upon, article by article.

After some progress, on motion, the Convention adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

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The consideration of the proposed Constitution and Canons was again resumed, which after various alterations and amendments, were finally adopted as "the Constitution and Canons, for the government of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Missouri."

The committee appointed to report a plan for the organization of parishes in the Diocese of Missouri, being the next in order, the Rev. Mr. Hommann, as chairman of said committee presented a plan, which on motion, was adopted by the Convention, and recommended to be used in the Diocese wherever new parishes are formed.

* The urgency of Episcopal, and various other duties, prevented the Bishop from complying with this request, and the address is therefore omitted.

Mr. Hamilton, from the committee appointed concerning the Episcopal Fund, submitted the following report:

The Committee appointed to report a plan for the establishment of a Permanent Fund for the maintenance of the Episcopate in the Diocese of Missouri, report progress, and beg leave to be continued.

Your committee would respectfully advise the appointment by this Body of some suitable person to act in the meantime as Receiver and Treasurer of the Fund.

All which is submitted, etc.,

A. HAMILTON, *Chairman.*

Whereupon, it was moved and carried, that the Chair be requested to appoint some person, under the report of the committee, on the Permanent Episcopal Fund, as Receiver and Treasurer, whose duty it shall be to receive the moneys, gifts, donations, or legacies, for the maintenance and support of the Episcopate in this Diocese, and keep an account with the said Fund, and generally, whose duties shall, in all things, as nearly as may be, conform to those usually performed by such officer, until further provision therefor shall have been made for that purpose, and who shall hold his office until his successor shall have been duly chosen.

In accordance with the above resolution, the Chair appointed J. Parker Doan as Receiver and Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to the election, by ballot, of a Secretary for the ensuing year.

The ballots having been counted, the Rev. F. F. Peake was declared to be duly chosen.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Minard,

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to the election of a Standing Committee.

Upon counting the ballots, it was found that the Rev. Messrs. Minard, Peake, and Crane, and Messrs. Hoffman and Doan, were elected.

The Rt. Rev. Chairman announced that the Standing Committee, be also a committee to prepare and report on the state of the Churches in this Diocese, to be forwarded to the next General Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That this body now proceed to the election of delegates to the next General Convention.

The following gentlemen were found to have been duly appointed, viz: the Rev. Messrs. F. F. Peake, J. D. Mead, C. S. Hedges, and T. E. Paine, of the Clergy, and of the Laity, Messrs. A. Hamilton, J. P. Doan, Dr. H. Peake, and H. L. Hoffman.

On motion,

Resolved, That the delegates from this, to the General Convention, be instructed to apply for the admission of this Diocese into union with the Church in the United States, at present, only on the ground of being permitted to enjoy the services of the Missionary Bishop as heretofore.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to the appointment of its Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Whereupon, on counting the ballots, F. W. Southack was declared to be duly chosen.

On motion of the Rev. President Crane,

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to prepare and cause to be published, the Journal of this Convention, and that a collection be made in each congregation in the Diocese to defray the expense of such publication

Resolved, That two hundred and fifty copies of the Journal be printed with the Constitution, Canons, etc., appended.

Resolved, That the next Convention of this Diocese meet on the second Thursday in Nov. 1841, and that it be held in Christ Church, St. Louis.

On motion, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

(Attest)

F. F. PEAKE, *Secretary*.