

JOURNAL

OF THE

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church

IN THE

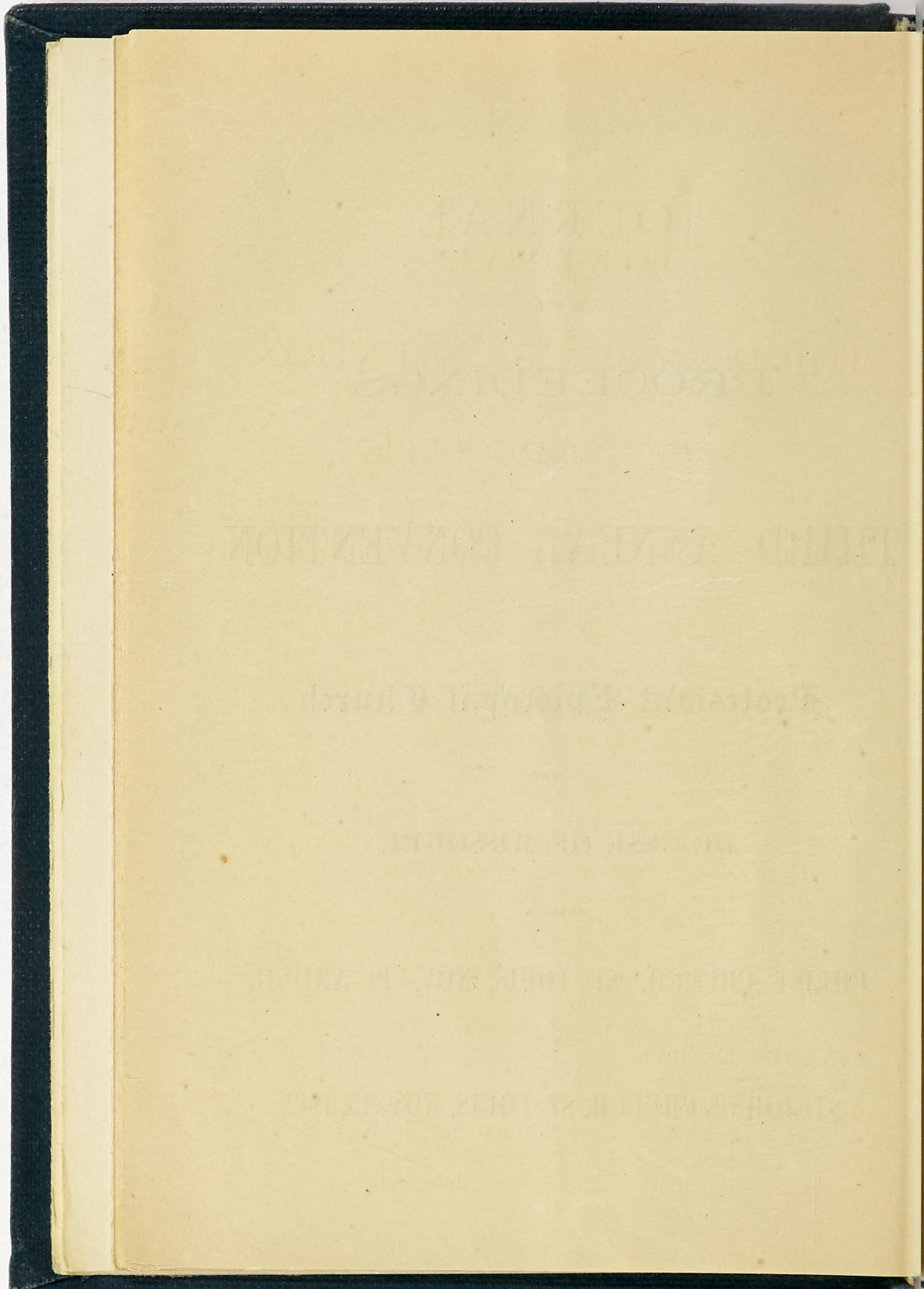
DIOCESE OF MISSOURI,

HELD IN

CHRIST CHURCH, ST. LOUIS, NOV. 10 AND 11,

AND IN

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ST. LOUIS, NOV. 15, 1842.



T  
  
The  
in Ch  
day a  
Mo  
the R  
Rev.  
Ser  
Bisho  
P. R.  
Secre  
A l  
read  
Re  
Re  
Re  
Re  
Re  
Re  
Re  
Re  
Re  
Re  
Re



JOURNAL  
OF THE  
THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION  
OF THE  
DIOCESE OF MISSOURI.

---

The third annual Convention of the Diocese of Missouri assembled in Christ Church, St. Louis, on the 10th day of Nov. 1842, being the day appointed by the Constitution.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. W. Hommann, assisted by the Rev. A. D. Corbyn, the Absolution and Benediction by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Kemper.

Service being concluded, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop. The Secretary, Rev. F. F. Peake being absent, on motion, P. R. Minard, Rector of St. Paul's Church, St. Louis, was appointed Secretary *pro tempore*.

A list of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention was then read by the Secretary as follows:

- Rev. E. Carter Hutchinson, President of Kemper College.
- Rev. Henry Caswall, Professor in Kemper College.
- Rev. A. D. Corbyn, Professor in Kemper College.
- Rev. Chaplin S. Hedges, Chaplain at Jefferson Barracks.
- Rev. Peter R. Minard, Rector of St. Paul's Church, St. Louis.
- Rev. Whiting Griswold, Rector of St. John's Church, St. Louis.
- Rev. Wm. Hommann, Rector of Grace Church, Jefferson City.
- Rev. David Griffith, residing near Boonville, Mo.
- Rev. John G. Hull, Deacon.
- Rev. James D. Mead, M. D.
- Rev. Thomas E. Paine, residing at Palmyra, Mo.
- Rev. Augustus Fitch, residing at Tompkinsville, N. Y.
- Rev. F. F. Peake, residing at Pensacola, Florida.
- Rev. Benjamin Eaton, residing at Galveston, Texas.



The following gentlemen answered to their names, and took their seats in the Convention, viz :

Rev. Messrs. Minard, Hutchinson, Hommann and Corbyn.

On motion, the Rev. Messrs. Hommann and Corbyn were appointed a Committee to receive and examine testimonials of the Lay Delegates. The following gentlemen were reported as entitled to seats according to the Canon, viz :

Edward Tracy, H. L. Hoffman, Asa Wilgus, and Alexander Hamilton of Christ Church, St. Louis, R. F. Cunningham, F. B. Arnold, D. H. Armstrong, and A. Knox, of St. Paul's Church, St. Louis.

On motion, the Rev. A. D. Corbyn and A. Hamilton, Esq., were appointed a Committee to report rules of order.

On motion of A. Hamilton, Esq.,

*Resolved*, That all Clergymen now in the City, and in attendance upon this Convention be invited to take seats therein.

The Convention proceeded to ballot for a Secretary, whereupon Alexander Hamilton, Esq., was elected but declined serving.

On motion, the Rev. E. C. Hutchinson, and H. L. Hoffman, Esq., were appointed a Committee to examine the Certificate presented by a delegation from the Parish of St. John's Church, St. Louis, praying to be admitted into union with this Convention, whereupon the said Committee reported in favor of receiving the same, and their report was accordingly accepted and said Parish admitted into union with this Convention.

On motion of A. Hamilton, Esq.,

*Resolved*, That in addition to his other duties, it is hereby declared to be the duty of the Secretary, to keep in charge, a number, not less than thirty, of the printed Journals of the Convention.

The Committee upon Lay Delegates reported, that according to the Canon, Messrs. Joseph Garnier, J. M. Ayres, Wm. P. Harrison, and Francis M. Southack, from St. John's Church, St. Louis, are entitled to seats in this Convention.

On motion, the Rev. A. D. Corbyn was chosen Secretary of this Convention.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Kemper then delivered his annual address, after which the Convention adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock P. M.

(Signed)

P. R. MINARD,

*Secretary pro tem.*



## AFTERNOON SESSION, 3 O'CLOCK.

The Convention assembled according to adjournment and the roll was called.

The Committee on rules of order respectfully reported for the government of the House, the rules adopted by the Convention of 1840, with a single amendment in the 8th rule of "majority" for "affirmative." The report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

The report of the Committee on a Permanent Fund for the support of the Episcopate was presented by A. Hamilton, Esq., and accepted.

The Committee appointed by a resolution of the Convention of 1840, to report a plan for the establishment of a Permanent Fund for the maintenance of the Episcopate of this Diocese beg leave to report, that they have taken the subject into consideration, and in view of the present inauspicious aspect of the times, are enabled to lay before the Convention only the following suggestions as the result of their deliberations.

For the establishment of a Permanent Fund, your Committee are of the opinion that we shall have to depend under Providence upon the slow operations of time. Such measures only therefore are here recommended, as may serve to secure to the future the consummation of that desirable object, looking to the gradual increase of the Church in the Diocese, the systematic and persevering efforts of the Clergy and Laity, and the liberality of their fellow Churchmen throughout the Union.

The most feasible and promising plan would seem to be, that it be recommended to the Clergy, Canonically resident in the Diocese, and in charge of Parishes, that they bring the subject at stated periods before their respective Congregations, that beyond this, they be requested, whenever absent from the Diocese, to present the subject to the Congregations of Churchmen and to influential individuals in the Church, and endeavor to excite their liberality to such bequests, contributions and gifts as may serve the end in view. That a representation of the state of the Diocese, its capabilities, its wants, and its present means, urging the importance of the object contemplated in circular form be drawn up by the Secretary of this Convention, and be published and circulated as well throughout the Diocese as in such other prominent quarters as he may deem advisable, through such channels of Communications, in addition to the Journal of the Convention as may be most practicable.

Your Committee are not of opinion, that any direct contribution in the way of money, should be called for from the Parishes within the Diocese, although they feel it their duty to suggest, that when it may be thought expedient by the Rector and Vestry of any particular Church, a small tax might be collected from Communicants in aid of the Fund.



Nothing as yet having been received by the Treasurer who was appointed in 1840, and there being but little probability of such an accumulation of Funds or property in his hands intermediate the present and the next annual Convention, as to require the organization of measures at present for the control and regulation of that department, your Committee have therefore omitted to notice that subject, leaving it to be adjusted by a future Convention, when resources shall have so developed as to make action upon the subject necessary and proper.

All which is submitted.

A. HAMILTON, *Chairman.*

November 10, 1842.

On motion of A. Knox, Esq., it was

*Resolved*, That it be the duty of the Secretary to take suitable measures as early as practicable to carry out the designs set forth in the report of the Committee on a Permanent Episcopal Fund.

On motion of A. Hamilton, Esq., it was

*Resolved*, That the subject of Mission is entitled to the hearty support and patronage of Churchmen, and especially those of this Diocese.

On motion of Rev. P. R. Minard, it was

*Resolved*, That we proceed to the election of a Standing Committee, and thereupon were chosen by ballot, Rev. Messrs. Minard, Hutchinson, and Hedges; J. P. Doan and J. Spalding, Esqs.

On motion of Rev. P. R. Minard, it was

*Resolved*, That the Convention proceed to the election of Delegates to the next General Convention, and thereupon were chosen by ballot, Rev. Messrs. Minard, Hutchinson, Hommann, Hedges; Laymen, Messrs. H. L. Hoffman, J. Spalding, A. Hamilton, and F. W. Southack.

On motion of A. Hamilton, Esq., Rev. Messrs. Hutchinson, Corbyn, and Minard were appointed a Committee to revise the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese.

The reports of the Clergy were then read. The Treasurer then presented his report, to-wit:

The Treasurer of this Convention respectfully reports, that no receipts or disbursements have been made by him since his appointment to the office.

F. W. SOUTHACK, *Treasurer.*



On motion of Rev. P. R. Minard, Mr. F. W. Southack was appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year.

On motion of Rev. W. Hommann, it was

*Resolved*, That the next annual Convention of this Diocese, be held in Grace Church, in Jefferson City, on the third Thursday in September, 1843, at 10 o'clock.

On motion of Rev. Wm. Hommann, it was

*Resolved*, That collections be made in the several Parishes, which shall be equal to 25 cents for each Communicant for defraying the expenses of publishing the Journals of this and the last Convention; and that the Secretary cause to be printed 250 copies of the aforesaid Journals.

On motion of Rev. P. R. Minard, it was

*Resolved*, That it be made the especial duty of the Clergy and Church Wardens of the respective Churches of this Diocese, to cause the collections for the defraying of expenses in printing to be made and paid over to the Treasurer.

On motion of Rev. P. R. Minard, it was

*Resolved*, That the Secretary have authority to purchase a book in which he shall cause to be recorded the Journals of Proceedings of Convention in regular order.

On motion of A. Hamilton, Esq., it was

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed, who with the Secretary shall superintend the printing and publication of the Journals of this Convention.

The Chair appointed R. F. Cunningham and Alexander Hamilton, Esqs.

On motion of Mr. Southack, it was

*Resolved*, That on the evening of the first day of every Annual Convention, a Missionary Sermon be preached and a collection made, the proceeds of which shall be transmitted to the Domestic Committee of the Board of Missions.

The Convention then adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock A. M.



FRIDAY MORNING, NOV. 11th.

Convention assembled. Morning prayer read by the Bishop.

The Rev. C. S. Hedges appeared and took his seat.

The Bishop stated that he had appointed Rev. E. C. Hutchinson to preach the Sermon at the opening of the Convention of Sept. 1843, and the Rev. H. Caswall as his substitute. The Missionary Sermon to be preached by Rev. P. R. Minard and Rev. C. S. Hedges his substitute.

The Rev. C. S. Hedges presented the articles of association of St. Andrew's Church, Carondelet Township, St. Louis County, and requested that it be received into union with the Diocese.

On motion of A. Hamilton, Esq., they were referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. Wm. Hommann and J. B. Arnold, Esq. The Committee reported that they had found the Articles consistent with the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese, and therefore recommended that said Parish be admitted into union with the Convention, which was adopted.

On motion of Alexander Hamilton, Esq.,

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to report to this Convention whether or not this Diocese be at present Canonically entitled to elect a Bishop: Messrs. Hedges, Hommann, Hamilton, and Harrison.

On motion of D. H. Armstrong, Esq.,

*Resolved*, That the Convention reconsider the resolution instructing the Secretary to purchase a book and record the proceedings therein.

On motion of D. H. Armstrong, Esq.,

*Resolved*, That a Committee of two be appointed who, in conjunction with the Secretary shall cause the back minutes and those of this present Convention to be recorded in a proper manner in a suitable book which shall be purchased by them for this purpose at the expense of the Convention. Messrs. D. H. Armstrong and W. P. Harrison were appointed.

On motion of F. W. Southack, Esq.,

*Resolved*, That it be the duty of the Secretary to cause a notice of the meetings of each annual Convention to be published in one or more newspapers in this Diocese, at least two weeks previous to said meetings.

On motion the Convention then adjourned to meet at 3 P. M.



FRIDAY, 3 O'CLOCK.

The Convention reassembled.

The Committee upon the subject of electing a Bishop made the following report, which was adopted :

The Committee appointed by the Convention to ascertain and report whether or not this Diocese be Canonically entitled to elect a Bishop, respectfully report, that from the tenor of the resolution specifying the duty assigned them, the question submitted to your Committee is one of fact and law; to the proper and just determination of which, resort must necessarily be had as well to those portions of the General Canons applicable to the subject, as to the facts of the case, involving an inquiry into the past growth and present condition of the Diocese.

In the opinion of your Committee the several pre-requisites prescribed by the 3d and 4th Sections of Canon I, on the subject of the election of Bishops, may be thus briefly stated; it would appear that to entitle a Diocese to the choice of a Bishop, there should be at least six officiating Presbyters within it, who shall have been engaged permanently by any Parish according to the rules of the Diocese, or for any term not less than one year, and who shall be qualified to vote for a Bishop; and that there shall have been during the year previous thereto, the same number of qualified Presbyters, and also that there be six or more Parishes represented in the Convention electing.

A tabular statement annexed hereto, will show most satisfactorily that, in the present and past circumstances of this Diocese for the year previous, these conditions are fully met. Your Committee therefore, are clearly of opinion that as a Diocese, we are entitled to elect a Bishop, the expediency of which measure however, as well as the incidental questions as to our present preparation as a Convention to resort to it, not being within the range of duties prescribed therein, are studiously avoided by your Committee.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

A. HAMILTON,  
C. S. HEDGES,  
WM. HOMMANN,  
W. P. HARRISON.

November 11, 1842.

STATEMENT.

NUMBER OF PARISHES PRESENT.

CHRIST CHURCH.....	Boonville.
GRACE CHURCH.....	Jefferson.
TRINITY CHURCH.....	St. Charles.
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.....	Palmyra.
ST. PETER'S CHURCH.....	Kemper College.
ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.....	Carondelet Township.
CHRIST CHURCH.....	St. Louis.
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.....	"
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.....	"

In all 9.



## IN CONVENTION.

CHRIST'S,  
GRACE,  
In all 6.

ST. PAUL'S,  
ST. ANDREW'S,

ST. JOHN'S,  
TRINITY.

## PRESBYTERS AT PRESENT.

Messrs. Hommann, Payne, Minard, Griswold, Hedges, Hutchinson, Caswall, Peake, Corbyn.—In all 9.

## IN 1841 OR YEAR PREVIOUS.

Messrs. Minard, Hommann, Payne, Peake, Hedges, and Caswall.—In all 6.

Mr. Benjamin Orrick appeared and took his seat as delegate of Trinity Church, St. Charles.

The Committee to procure a Record book reported that they had purchased one at a cost of \$7.00, and their report was accepted.

The Convention then adjourned to meet on Tuesday at 7 o'clock, P. M., in St. John's Church.

TUESDAY, NOV. 15th, 7 P. M.

The Convention assembled in St. John's Church.

Prayers were read by the Bishop.

On motion of Rev. P. R. Minard,

*Resolved*, That the Publishing Committee have power to draw on the Treasurer for the defraying of the expenses of publishing the Journal.

On motion of Rev. P. R. Minard,

*Resolved*, That Manchester, St. Charles, and vicinity, Marion County, Pike County, Fayette and Boonville be considered by this Convention Missionary Stations, and that one or more of them be assigned to each officiating Clergyman, to be visited by him as circumstances permit, at least once a year.

Pursuant to the above resolution, Marion County, St. Charles and Manchester, were assigned to Rev. Mr. Minard; Marion County to Rev. Mr. Hedges; Pike County to Rev. Mr. Hutchinson; Fayette and Boonville to Rev. Mr. Hommann; Boonville and Manchester to Rev. Mr. Corbyn; St. Charles and Manchester to Rev. Mr. Griswold.

On motion of A. Hamilton, Esq.,

*Resolved*, That Article II, be so amended in the Second Section, that instead of the words "entitled to seats" there be inserted "Canonically and actually resident within the Diocese," and also



after the words "Canonically" in the last line be inserted before the word "resident" the word "and actually," causing the clause to read "Canonically and actually resident in the Diocese."

On motion of D. H. Armstrong,

*Resolved*, That gentlemen voting in the negative on the question touching the election of a Bishop, be allowed to insert their names on the minutes; which names were D. H. Armstrong and J. W. Ayers.

*Resolved*, That a Committee consisting of members of the Primary Convention be appointed to prepare a connected copy of the Journals of that Convention, to be entered in the volume of Manuscript Journals.

Rev. P. R. Minard and Mr. D. H. Armstrong were appointed.

The Convention then adjourned *sine die* after singing the 27th Hymn and receiving the Benediction by the Bishop.

(Signed)

A. D. CORBYN, *Secretary*.