

Records of the First Church of Christ in Wabaunsee

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The official name of this church is The First Church of Christ in Wabaunsee but it is also known as the Beecher Bible and Rifle Church. It is located in Wabaunsee, Kansas. This volume includes minutes of church meetings from its founding on May 31, 1857, through 1917. The church was organized by members of the Connecticut Kansas Colony from New Haven, Connecticut. They had arrived in the Wabaunsee area in 1856. The information for the years 1857 through 1869 was copied from a different volume, as noted on the first page. Page 4 and part of page 5 describe the political context for settlers coming to Kansas, using terms such as "Friends of Freedom" or "slavery propagandists." This introduction provides a summary of attempts to organize the church. The volume contains a statement of religious beliefs, standing rules for the church, and the names of first members accepted. The information contained in the minutes of church meetings varies over the years but includes the activities of the church and the involvement of members as officers, on committees, etc. The volume was loaned to the Kansas Historical Society for copying by the First Church of Christ in Wabaunsee through Donald Whitten. Pages 21, 22, 154, 155, and 205 are missing from the volume. Pages 8, 9, 50 and 280 are blank. Some pages are not legible.

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1891 Annual meeting Jan. 15

The Pastor presiding The trustees made their annual report
 The Y. P. S. C. E. reported their work for the year.
 Bro Bunt reported the S. S. work.
 The Clerk made his annual report.
 The Pastor reported his work for the year.

All the above reports were accepted and adopted, and
 the Pastors reported to be placed on file.

The Treas. made his annual report, which was accepted,
 adopted, and ordered placed on record and is as follows

treasurers report for the year ending Dec. 31 1890

Total amt. collected during the year by church & auct. societies \$965.74

Paid H. S. Payne	\$633.25
" J. P. Board	62.75
" for fixing stove pipe	14.00
" " painting & calked at parsonage	3.00
" " work on hay shed	1.00
" Church assessment dues	6.24
" Interest on Parsonage	16.00
" for envelopes	25
" " lamp chimney	70
" " coal	7.15
" " fixing kitchen posts	17.50
Sent to Cong Union	6.55
" " ^{H. M.} U. M. Soc.	33.70
" " U. M. A.	7.00
" " A. Bible Soc.	7.75
" " New W. Sch.	13.00
" " U. B. C. F. M.	12.00
Am't. collected by Ladies H. T. F. Miss. Soc.	32.77
Sent to Miss. Leater	2.00
" " " Knight	10.00
Balances on hand by F. M. Soc.	2.74
Sent to Miss. Pastor by small classes of S. S.	6.18
Am't. rec'd. by S. S. during the year	43.23
Pd. to J. E. Platt (Wate S. S. sup.)	10.00
" for S. S. supplies	16.12
" " Quarters	15.60
" to county association	1.50



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1871 Treasurers report continued

Am't. collected by Y. P. S. C. E.	\$17.00
Sent to H. M. Soc.	2.46
" " G. B. S. F. M.	3.85
" " Y. M. C. C.	3.17
" " work in Soudan	2.90
" " Rab. Pats. + Relief Co. Union	1.00
Pd. for topic cards	1.25
B. allance on hand in Y. P. S. C. E.	4.37

Am't. used for church expenses	761.87
" sent by church to aid different soc.	102.00

G. S. Burt pres. & ca.

The clerk read minutes of last annual and adj. annual meetings also the other meetings of the year which were approved.

Voted to proceed to election of officers with the following result.

G. S. Burt pres. Treas. John + Corrow Clerk. H. M. Brady Chs.

G. S. Burt et. Trustees. W. Corrow Deacon, Mary + Marys W. Coms.

Voted that the Treas. write to each member whose subscription is not paid in full, requesting an early payment of same.

The Pastor called attention to his resignation of the pastorate and withdrew, Bro. Hillard then preached, by unanimous vote action on the resignation was postponed for three months from the time it was recd., hoping in the meantime the Pastors health would so improve that he would see his way clear to withdraw his resignation by that time

L. B. Rauld clerk
Feb 14

Mr. and Mrs John B. Cotton were granted letters of dismission to the Cong. Church in Joplin Mo.

March 12th

attest Jno. F. Corrow Clerk

W. H. H. Blunkam and Hattie E. Blunkam were granted letters of dismission to the Presbyterian Church in Hemopo. Ks.

and Mrs Clara C. Perkins was granted a letter of dismission to any evangelical church with which she may wish to unite

attest Jno. F. Corrow Clerk

March 15th

Henry F. Burt was publicly received into the church

attest Jno. F. Corrow Clerk



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1891 March 26th

Adj. meeting to take action on the Pastors resignation. as few were present (on account of bad roads) that it was thought best that action on the matter be postponed for two weeks. voted that Rev. Payne be requested to continue his relations with us as pastor until further action shall be taken
Jno. P. Conroy Clerk

April 9th

Adj. meeting, L. M. Benedict elected chairman, Minutes of Annual and adj. meetings read and approved
It was voted that our Pastor be requested to withdraw his resignation, and that the trustees be authorized to employ him for such a length of time (not to exceed one year) as they may think best, with salary at rate heretofore paid,
Jno. P. Conroy Clerk

Note April 12th Mr Payne withdrew his resignation and consented to continue his work with us, if his health permitted
May 3rd on account of poor health Mr Payne again tendered his resignation to the church, which was accepted
Charles F. Holtzman, and Mrs Lottie McCutchan were publicly recd. into Church fellowship
Attest Jno. P. Conroy Clerk

May 31st

A letter was read to the Church from Rev. Edward Allen of Stacyville Iowa, stating that he could be with us just 21st 1891
By motion of the Church Bro Bust was instructed to write to Mr Allen inviting him to come and preach to us on that date
Jno. P. Conroy Clerk

June 12th

Called meeting, L. M. Benedict elected Chairman
Our Pastors resignation was accepted, and by vote of the Church Bro Benedict was appointed a Comm. of one to draft resolutions expressing our appreciation of his work with us
Voted that we extend an invitation to Rev. E. Richards of Goodland Ks. to be with us and preach Sunday June 21st 1891
invitation given with a view to giving him a call to the pastorate. Adj. to meet Sunday June 21st at close of morning service
Jno. P. Conroy Clerk



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1871 June 21st
 After the morning service conducted by Mr. Richards the meeting was called to order by the chairman.
 The subject of calling a Pastor was taken up, and it was voted that we invite Mr. Richards to accept the pastorate for one year
 Jno. F. Cogrow Clerk
 June 24th
 Comm. on resolutions in regard to Mr. Payns work with his reported resolutions read and adopted
 Jno. F. Cogrow Clerk
 Note Rev. E. Richards accepted the call to pastorate July 1st compensation \$600.00 per year
 attest Jno. F. Cogrow Clerk
 July 2nd
 After the preparatory lecture the following named persons were on motion accepted as members, and were to be publicly recd July 5th
 Rev. E. Richards, Alice Richards, Lancelis Richards and Walter Richards from Goodland, Cong. Church, and also Wife Clara Vandrey from the M. E. Mich. Conference
 Traverse City Mich.
 R. M. Benedict
 Clerk Position
 July 12th
 The following named persons were publicly recd. as members of this church
 Rev. E. Richards, Alice Richards, Lancelis Richards, Walter Richards and Clara Vandrey
 attest Jno. F. Cogrow Clerk
 Oct. 13th
 Letters of dismission were granted to Henry S. Payne and Eliza Payne to the Cong. Church in Newton, Ks.
 attest Jno. F. Cogrow Clerk
 Oct. 27th
 After preparatory service the name of Lucy M. Catbrell was presented to the church asking ~~for~~ to be received as a member it was voted that she be admitted
 Jno. F. Cogrow Clerk
 Nov. 1st
 Lucy M. Catbrell was publicly recd. into church fellowship
 attest Jno. F. Cogrow Clerk

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1891 Dec. 31st Annual meeting

Meeting opened with Rev. Richards in the chair, but on account of ill health. Mr. Benedict was elected moderator.

Minutes of last annual meeting read and adopted.
Pastor's report read and adopted.
Trustee's report given by S. S. Burt Sr.
Treas. report read and adopted.

Miss Annie Richards voted in as a member, and to be publicly received at the first communion after her return to Wabaunsee.

G. W. & B. Burkam received by letter from Cong. Church in Strong City Kans.

Miss Nora Hampson was received on profession of faith.

H. R. Miller requested a letter of dismission from this church to the Cong. Church in Manhattan Kans., which was granted.

Election of Officers
By vote rules were suspended.

S. S. Burt Jr. was elected Treasurer

J. F. Corrow " " Clerk
H. M. Brady " " Chorister
J. F. Corrow " " Assistant "
J. F. Heil " " Trustee
J. F. Hillard " " Deacon

Motion made and carried, that the Discipline Committee remain the same.

Motion made and carried, that that officers of the Sunday School be elected at the annual meeting instead of in April.

The motion, that in case either the Pastor or people wish to sever the relations, three months notice be given by the party wishing to sever the relations carried.

Motion made and carried to adjourn.

Wm. J. F. Hillard
Clerk pro tem.

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1872 Jan. 3^d

W. O. Blenkins and Nora Humphreys were publicly received into church fellowship.

attest Jno. F. Conrow Clerk

Jan. 31st

R. M. Benedict was elected a delegate from this church to attend the ordination service of James Thompson at the first Cong. Church in North Topeka Ks. Feb. 9th 1872.

Letters of dismission and recommendation were granted to Hiram Brady and Mrs. Amy Brady to the First Cong. Church in Manhattan Kans.

Jno. F. Conrow Clerk

March 3^d

After preliminary services the names of Mrs. Edith Stewart and Mrs. Alice Hillig were presented as candidates for membership. Mrs. Stewart by letter. Mrs. Hillig on confession of faith in Christ. It was voted that they be received.

The members of this church living at Tabor Valley expressed a desire that they should be considered as an auxiliary to the church and requested that one of their number be elected to perform the duties of a deacon. Mrs. Emeline Emerson was elected deaconess.

Jno. F. Conrow Clerk

March 15th

Mrs. Edith Stewart and Mrs. Alice Hillig were publicly received into church fellowship.

attest Jno. F. Conrow Clerk

April 1st

A. G. Cottrell, and Mrs. Martha Cottrell and Mrs. Mary Cotton were elected delegates to the state association at Salina Kans.

Jno. F. Conrow Clerk

Apr. 28th

At a business meeting of the church the following persons were received for membership. Mrs. Loris and Mrs. Louisa Loris by letter, and Della and Elizabeth Davis and Mrs. Mary C. Gerner on profession of faith.

Voted that they be received as members on their subscribing to the rules and faith of the church.

Geo. S. Burt Sec. Pro Tem.



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1892 Jan. 3^d

C. H. O. Blenkins and Nora Humphreys were publicly received into Church fellowship.

Attest Jno. P. Congrow Clerk

Jan. 31st

D. M. Benedict was elected a delegate from this Church to attend the ordination services of James Thompson at the First Cong. Church in North Topeka Ks. Feb. 9th 1892.

Letters of dismission and recommendation were granted to Hiram Brady and Mrs. Amy Brady to the First Cong. Church in Manhattan Kans.

Jno. P. Congrow Clerk

March 3^d

After preliminary services the names of Mrs. Edith Stewart and Mrs. Alice M. [unclear] were presented as candidates for membership.

Mrs. Stewart [unclear] profession of faith in Christ it was voted [unclear]

The members [unclear] a desire that the [unclear] and requested the [unclear] duties of [unclear]

March 13th

Mrs. [unclear] were publicly received into [unclear]

April 17th

A. G. [unclear] and Mrs. Mary [unclear] association at [unclear]

Salina Kans.

Apr. 28th

At a [unclear] the following persons were [unclear] Eliza and Elizabeth Davis

Mrs. Louisa [unclear] and Mrs. [unclear] faith.

Detest the [unclear] on their subscribing to the rules and faith of the Church

Geo. S. Burt Sec. Pro tem.

By-Laws
Resolutions passed Jan. 2, 1890.

I The Trustees shall furnish the Treasurer with a copy of the Subscription List before the end of the first quarter and report to him any additions to the same from time to time.

II The Trustees and the Treasurers of the different Branches and Societies standing under the Church shall report to the Clerk of the Church at each Conference before the Annual Meeting and all Bills against the Church shall be presented by that time.

III The Treasurer's Report shall show not only the amounts received and disbursed but also the amount of unpaid Subscriptions and the indebtedness of the Church at the close of the year.

IV Public notice of these Resolutions shall be given on the first Sunday in December of each year so that the Treasurer shall be able to detect the same and report at the Annual Meeting.

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1892 May 1st
Silla and Elizabeth Davis and Mrs. Mary C. Gamis were
publicly received as members of this church.
attest Jno. F. Corrow clerk

May 15th
Mrs. Winnie Glin was granted a certificate of membership and letter
of recommendation to any Christian organization with which she might
wish to unite
Jno. F. Corrow clerk

June 30th
At a business meeting held after preparatory services, the following
named persons were received for membership. Frank J. Burt,
Mrs. Jessie C. Burt, Mrs. Katie S. Thomson, Frank R. Richards, and
Arthur Richards by letter, and Sherman A. Willard, Sherman
B. Newell and Arthur P. Fielding on confession of their faith in Christ.
A vacation of two weeks was requested by our pastor
It was voted that it be granted
Jno. F. Corrow clerk

July 3^d
Frank J. Burt, Mrs. Jessie C. Burt, Mrs. Davis Mrs. Louisa Davis
Mrs. Katie S. Thomson, Frank Richards, Arthur Richards,
Sherman B. Newell, and Arthur P. Fielding, were publicly received
into the church
attest Jno. F. Corrow clerk

July 10th
Miss. Annis Richards and Sherman A. Willard were
publicly received into church fellowship
attest Jno. F. Corrow clerk

Aug. 28th
A letter mission was read from the Cong. Church in
Clay Center Ks. calling a Council to meet at that place Sep. 1st 1892
to examine and, if qualified ordain - St. Clair, and inviting this
Church to be present by pastor and delegate. L. M. Benedict was
elected delegate
Jno. F. Corrow clerk

Aug 31st
It was voted to receive Charles M. Thompson on his
profession of faith in Christ. Mrs. Thompson was publicly
received into this Church Sunday Sep. 3^d
attest Jno. F. Corrow clerk



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1892 Sep. 25th
 G. H. E. Blunkam requested a letter of dismission and recommended
 to the First Cong. Church in Topeka Kans. voted that it be granted
 Jno. F. Conrow Clerk

Oct. 23^d
 A letter of dismission was granted to Mrs. Ellen Fielding
 to the First Cong. Church in Manhattan Ks.
 Jno. F. Conrow Clerk

Nov. 3^d
 A business meeting of the church Bro. J. M. Lingpeltter
 was reinstated by vote of the church at his own request, not
 having taken his letter from the church
 G. Richards Clerk Pro tem.

Nov. 27th
 Letters of dismission were granted to Mrs. Juliette
 Ansign and Mrs. Fannie Langdon to any evangelical Church
 Jno. F. Conrow Clerk

Dec. 29th
 Annual business meeting of the church called to order
 by Rev. Richards,
 The clerk being absent W. B. Tull was elected Clerk Pro tem.
 The Pastor made his annual report.
 W. S. Burt Sr. gave Trustees report.
 T. S. D. made his annual report which was adopted.
 The following officers were elected
 L. M. Benedict elected Deacon
 Edward E. Enlow " Trustee
 W. S. Burt Jr. " Trustee
 J. F. Conrow " Clerk
 It was thought best that the number of trustees be
 increased to five and the number to be composed of at
 least two ladies. Also thought advisable that a Committee
 be elected to revise church roll. action postponed.
 Adj. to meet at 2.30 O'clock P.M. Jan 5th 1893
 W. B. Tull Clerk Pro tem.



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1893 Jan. 5th

Meeting called to order by the Pastor.
The Clerk read the minutes of the annual and other business meetings of the year 1892, which were approved.

The motion to increase the number of trustees to five was laid on the table for one week, and Clerk instructed to find from Bylaws the limit (if any) to the number of trustees.

J. F. Corrow was elected Chorister with instructions to select Organist.

Voted that the present Discipline Comm. be continued for another year.

Names of Comm. are
Mrs. Martha Cottrell
" Mary Hayes
J. F. Hillard

Bro. Richards Bro. Bust and J. F. Corrow were elected a Comm. to make recommendations relating to the revising of the Church roll.

J. F. Corrow Clerk

Note
The church membership, at the beginning of the year 1892 was - 125
Members received during the year 20
Dismissed " " " 8
Gain " " " 12
Membership, beginning year 1893 137



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1898 Jan. 12th Adj. Annual meeting
 On motion the following named persons were dropped
 from the Church roll. G. W. Ensign, Martha Elliott,
 D. P. Weaver, and the name of Sarah Mc Nair be substituted
 in place of David Mc Nair. whose name was dropped from
 roll some time ago.
 Motion made and carried, that the number of trustees be
 five instead of three. Mrs. Laura E. Newell and Mrs. Mary
 Cotton were elected,
 Motion carried that the July collections be given to the
 Stockton Academy as it was in our district and needed help.
 G. S. Burt Sec. Pro tem.

Feb. 23rd
 A letter of dismissal to the Auburn Place Cong. Church
 St Louis Mo. was granted to Arthur L. Meyer
 attest Jno. F. Conrow Clerk

March 2nd
 Business meeting of the church,
 The following named persons were received for membership,
 Mrs. Clara Weaver, by letter, and Maggie Davis, H. G. Fredrick,
 Nora Fredrick, Nora Fredrick, John H. Pratt, Georgianna Lingfelter,
 Mary Teel and Grace H. Norman on confession of their faith
 in Christ
 G. S. Burt Sec. Pro tem.

March 5th
 All of the persons received for membership, March 2nd except
 Maggie Davis. were publicly received into Church fellowship
 attest Jno. F. Conrow Clerk

March 12th
 Maggie Davis was publicly received into this Church
 attest Jno. F. Conrow Clerk



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1893 March 14th Copied by Mrs. J. Earl

The pastor requested a vacation of three months to begin about the 15th of May to visit relatives and friends in England.
Voted that it be granted.

Arrangements for supplying the pulpit during the pastors absence was left to him.
J. J. Courson Clerk

May 4th 93.
After preparatory service a short business meeting was held. R. E. Johnsons name was introduced for membership on confession of faith in Christ.
Voted he be received.

May 7th 1893
R. E. Johnson was publicly received into Church fellowship.
J. J. Courson

May 21st 1893
Nephe Walter, forces was granted a letter of dismission to the First Congregational Church in Alona Kansas.
J. J. Courson Clerk

At the regular weekly prayer meeting of the Congregational Church at Wabaunsee the following was presented and adopted Aug 10 1893
Whereas brother Charles Holtzman having personally requested that his name be dropped from the roll of the Congregational Church at Wabaunsee and furthermore has presented himself to the W. E. Church at Wabaunsee and has received no probation by said Church. Therefore the request is here by granted by the vote of the church.
J. J. Courson

Aug 30 1893.
After preparatory service the names of Laura & Lillian Ganes were received for memberships on confession of their faith in Christ.
Voted they be received.
J. J. Courson



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Sep 3rd 1893

Laura & William Gann were publicly received into the church.
J. P. Evans

Sep 21st 1893.

At a meeting held after prayer meeting it was
stated that G. J. Conrad would be absent some time and it
would be necessary to have to fill his place while he was away.
J. P. Evans was elected clerk pro tem.

Oct 1st 93

Bro. E. W. Benedict and Bro. B. Tull were elected delegates to the
State Temperance convention to be held at Topeka, Kas

Oct 18th 1893

Mrs Katie W. Jones and Arthur Richards were granted
letters of dismission recommending them to any Evangelical church.
J. P. Evans

Nov 2nd 1893

Mrs and Mrs H. Brady letter read. It was voted that
they be received without examination.

Mrs E. R. Tabor asked to be admitted as a member of this
Church and as soon as she can, will get her letter, and present it to
this church.

Mrs E. R. Tabor wished to be admitted on his faith in Christ.
to be received.

Mrs Ella Smith received on confession of faith in Christ.

Letter read from Pres. Supt. of Wash-Turn College.
stating the need of one hundred thousand dollars. suggested
it be sent to the church to see what could be done.

Nov 5th 1893

Mrs and Mrs H. Brady and Mrs Ella Smith were
publicly received into the church.
J. P. Evans clerk pro tem.



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Jan 4th 1894

Annual meeting of the Church called to order by Pastor
Minutes of the annual & other business meetings of the year read
and approved Mrs L. R. Tabor's letter from Cory Church
in Holland Vt read & it was voted she be received.
Pastor's report read & accepted. Trustee's report called for, they
had none to make Treas made the following report.

Total amount collected \$690.89

Amt paid as follows.

To Rev E. Richards	\$552.64
" " R. Boss	27.00
" J. P. Evans, set	57.31
for Coal	12.40
" Oil & incidentals	12.22
" Church Association dues	6.32
" subscription for Jan 93	14.16
	\$690.89

Treas. report adopted.

D. V. Connor elected deacon for three years

Voted the rules be suspended and W. B. Tull be elected
Trustee by acclamation in place of G. S. Best sr.

W. S. Weaver & Mrs Fred Carl were nominated for Clerk.

Mrs Fred Carl elected as Clerk.

Voted the rules be suspended & G. S. Best jr be declared Treas
by acclamation.

Voted
H. W. Brady be elected Chorister for the year.

Voted
The rules be suspended & the old discipline committee be
elected by acclamation.

Miss Sophia Embow requested to be admitted in the
church on confession of her faith in Christ

Voted
she be admitted at the next communion.



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Arthur L. Noyes presented a letter from Aubert Place Cong. Church at St Louis, Mo. commending him to the fellowship of this Church. Voted he be received into the church without examination. Circular read from "American Educational Society" also one from the "American Missionary Society" asking for our aid to carry on their work. Bro. G. L. Burt suggested the subject be laid over for the present. *Adjourned*

J. P. Evans clerk Wabaunsee

Jan 7th 1894

Arthur L. Noyes & Sophia Coulter were publicly received into the church. S. L. Carl clerk

Sunday
Feb 4th 94

Mrs. Katie Thomson was granted a letter of dismission & recommendation to the Elliot Cong Church at Maple Hill Kansas, by vote of the church. S. L. Carl clerk

Sunday
Feb 18th 94

Mrs & Mrs. Alberto Stiles were granted letters of dismission to any evangelical church, they might wish to belong. By vote of the church S. L. Carl clerk

Thursday
March 1st 94

The names of Charles Alfred Dye Buchanan & Lewis B. Burt were presented to this church on confession of their faith in Christ. Voted they be received. B. L. E. clerk

Sunday
March 4th 94

Charles A. Dye Buchanan & Lewis B. Burt were received in this church on confession of faith. Both were baptized by the Pastor.

Sunday
March 25th 94

Bro. J. T. Willard was elected our delegate to represent us at the annual convention to be held at Des Moines Iowa in April. S. L. Carl clerk

Thursday
March 29th 94

A letter was read from Mrs & Mrs J. Doyle of Emporia Kan requesting letters to the first Cong Church of Emporia. A committee of three persons were appointed to make inquiry as to their standing to the church, and report in two weeks. G. L. Burt Sr, Mrs Fred Carl & Mrs Mary Mitchell were committee appointed. S. L. Carl clerk



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Sunday
April 8th 94

Bro Richards read a card from the pastor at Emporia, asking that the names of delegates be sent from the Church and Missionary Society to attend the State Association to be held at Emporia in May. Mrs A. Richards was elected by the church as a delegate
S. L. E. Clerk

Thurs
April 13th 94

The ladies met at church to clean the church. The men to get shade trees and fix walk. Spraying was put on parsonage
S. L. E. Clerk

Thurs
April 26/94

after the devotional exercises the committee of three were called on to make their report: which was as follows.
Wabaunsee Nov 14 April 26. 1944

In reference to the application of J. G. Doyle for a letter from this church to the Cong Church of Emporia, your committee after duly considering the matter would make the following report: That his course while at Wabaunsee was such as to bring discredit on the cause of Christ, & show reproved instead of acknowledging his faults, evinced a spirit of resentment. Therefore we deem it not advisable, nor can we conscientiously recommend him to a sister church, as a member in good and regular standing.

G. L. Brist
Susan Earl
Mary Mitchell

The report was accepted by the church and the letter not granted by vote of the church. Voted J. G. Doyle name be dropped.

Thurs
May 10/94

The name of Miss Mamie Davis was proposed for membership on her faith in Christ. Mrs Elizabeth Bellomy presented a letter from the W. E. Church at Leandale Kan. Voted they be received at the first communion.

Voted, The church roll be revised and names of persons be stricken off that have ceased to be members.
S. L. E. Clerk

Thurs
May 13/94

Mrs E. Bellomy, Mrs L. R. Tabor, Mrs L. R. Tabor and Mrs. Mamie Davis were publicly received into church fellowship
S. L. E. Clerk



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Monday
May 27/94
Letters of dismission were granted to J. P. Evans, Mrs C. G. Evans, J. W. Lingfelter, Mrs. Myra Mae Lingfelter, & George Georgiana Lingfelter to the East Los Angeles Cong. Church of Los Angeles Cal. By vote of the Church S. L. E. Clerk.

Tues
May 31/94
Business transacted at the regular midweek prayer-meeting. Action taken in regard to names brought up for consideration in revising the Church roll is as follows. The names of James Beck & James Hubbard were dropped from the roll. The Pastor was instructed to see Mrs. Mrs. John Bisbey and ascertain if they have good reasons why their names should remain on the roll. Mrs. Mary Cotton was to learn by visiting to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Earl why they had not requested letters from the Church. The request made by Mrs. Sarah W. Nair that her connection with this Church might be continued was granted. Bro. Benedict was instructed to write to Miss Bertha Rosolby & Miss Nora Thompson and ascertain if they have satisfactory reasons for continuing their connection with us. Satisfactory reasons were given for keeping Alice P. St. John's name on the roll. Miss Anna Bertrand having requested a letter no action was taken in regard to her name. J. H. Conrad Clerk Bro.

Sund
June 17/94
A letter of dismission was granted to Alice Cutler to the First Cong Church of Manhattan Kans S. L. E. Clerk.

Sund
June 28/94
Letters of dismission were voted by the Church to [redacted] & Mrs Charles Slater to Cong Church of San Diego Cal. S. L. E.

Sund
June 29/94
The names of John Dearborn Anderson, Mrs Susanna Anderson & Miss Jennie Smith were presented to the Church on confession of faith. Voted they be received at the next regular communion. Our & Mrs William St John presented letters from the Plymouth Cong Church of Lawrence Kans Voted they be received without further examination S. L. Earl Clerk.



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^{Sund}
 July 1st 94
 One John Anderson, Mrs. Susannah Anderson, &
 Miss Jennie Smith, Rev. William S. John & Mrs. W. S. John
 were received in full connection in to the Church.
 Voted the July 8th collection to taken for home missions
 S. L. Clerk

^{Thurs}
 July 12th 1894
 A letter of dismission was granted to Mrs Anna Bertrand
 to any Cong Church of Topeka Kansas.
 S. L. Clerk

^{Sun}
 Aug 2nd 1894
 The names of Mr. John Martisan, Mrs.
 Engelstury Martisan, & Miss Frederikka Anderson, were
 recommended to the Church on their faith in the Lord.
 Voted they be received at the next communion.
 Mrs Lena Corson presented a letter from "Belmont
 Circuit, Brownville District Tenn." Voted she be received.
 S. L. & Clerk

^{Sun}
 Aug. 6th 94
 At the Sunday morning service, the Trustees
 requested the Church to meet with them Thursday Aug 16^a
 to make arrangements to meet the Church debt.
 S. L. & Clerk

^{Thurs}
 Aug 18th 94
 After the regular midweek prayer-meeting, Business
 Meeting was called with Bro. Benedict in the chair. to
 transact the business that should come before the meeting.
 Treas. reported the Church behind some \$200.00, part of
 which must be paid collected the following week.
 Voted there be a Committee appointed in each neighborhood
 to help the Treas collect this amount.
 Bro. E. Richards reported on the names of persons he was
 to see which was accepted. The name of Mrs. James
 was dropped from the roll. Report of Mrs. Mary Cotton
 on the names of Mr & Mrs Henry Carl was accepted.
 Brother Benedict had not been able to get any reply
 from Mrs. Bertha Rowley or Miss Now Hempfmeier.
 Committee was discharged. Pledges were received to the
 amount of \$46.50 to be paid by Monday. Bro. Benedict
 proposed on account of close times, he would be one of
 20 twenty-six to take charge of the veston work. for two
 weeks. provided the rest were willing to do so to cut down



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expenses. Rev. C. Richards donated the sum of \$5.00 to the Church. S. L. & Clerk

Aug 19-1894
 Brother Benedict by request reported to the Church what was done at last Thursdays meeting.
 Organists will give up the keys of Church to Bro. L. S. Burt.
 Miss Nellie Cotton will take charge of sexton work for two weeks. S. L. & Clerk

Aug 26/94
 Rev. Richards requested of the church a leave of absence of a few weeks, to take a trip to Nebraska. Voted the request be granted. S. L. & Clerk

Sep. 1st
 Mrs. John Martison, Miss Inglesbury Martison & Miss Fredericka Anderson were publicly received in the church on confession of faith in Christ. S. L. & Clerk

Sep. 2nd 1894
 Miss Becca Spelman took charge of sexton work for two weeks.

Sep 14
 Miss L. Burt took charge of sexton work for two weeks.

Sep 2, 3/94
 Mrs. Lena Connor was publicly received by the church. Voted by the church that Bro. Willard go as a delegate with the pastor Rev. C. Richards, to attend the ordination of Rev. Sidney Gould & Ward at Wichita Kan in October. Voted

Mrs. L. V. Benedict go as our delegate to Almas Kan to the association to be held the 26th & 27th of Sept. Voted

We invite Rev. L. P. Broad sup of Miss & W. C. Veasy, Miss Evany to be with us thurs. Sep 27/94. Voted.

We invite the Temperance Singers, "The Ill Trio" to be with us in the near future. S. L. & Clerk

Sep 27/94
 Rev. L. P. Broad and W. C. Veasy gave a talk on the need of missionary work in West and North-West Kansas. S. L. & Clerk



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 Sep 30. 94 The Ills trio of two brothers and a sister, were with us and it was voted they be invited to take the Sunday School hour to sing & talk Temperance which all enjoyed very much.

Oct. 1st 1894 Miss Lillie Gamm took charge of Sexton work for two weeks.

Oct 7th The Trustees called a special meeting of the church to meet with them Thurs. Oct 18th To transact church business Treasurer gave report up to date. A letter of dismission was granted to Henry A. Burt to the Central Cong ch of Topeka.

Oct 14/94 Bro C. Richards handed in his resignation to take effect Dec 30th 94 which was read by the clerk, He also stated it would be impossible for him to attend the ordinations of Bros Gould & Ward at Wichita Kan
 Oct 17th & 18th 1894 S. L. B.

Oct 14/94 Bro Benedict took charge of Sexton work for two weeks.

Oct 18th The special meeting called by the Trustees was very well attended. L. W. Benedict was elected chairman, George Burt jr Sec. pro tem. Two Trustees made reports which was accepted. The Pastor by request explained why he had resigned. Motion made and sec. that the resignation be accepted. Motion lost by vote of six for and (27) twenty-seven against. Motion made and sec that Bro Richards be asked to reconsider his resignation. Motion carried by vote of (26) twenty-six for & (2) two against. Voted a committee of three (3) to be appointed to inform Bro. Richards of the action of the church. Committee appointed were, J. I. Burt Charles Thomson, & Sherard Willard. Committee reported Bro. Richards ask one week to consider the request. Bro. Tabor was elected as a delegate to represent the Tabor valley class & was instructed in favor of retaining Bro Richards as pastor. George Burt jr clerk pro tem.



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Nov 3rd 1894
Mrs Edith Stewart took charge of sexton work
for two weeks. S. L. E.

Nov 6th/94
The Ladies of the Church gave a dinner and supper
from which they cleared the sum of \$7.77 S. L. E.

Nov 11-94
A letter was read by Frank J Burt, written by
Bro Richards in which he withdrew his resignation
which was accepted and committee discharged. S. L. E.

Nov 17/94
Bro Willard paid for sexton work for two weeks.
S. L. E.

Nov 25th Voted we give up our mid-week prayer-meeting
and join with the W. E. people in their service
S. L. E.

Nov. 29, 894
Union Thanksgiving services were held at the
W. E. Church. Rev W. L. Morris conducted the service
S. L. E.

Dec 2nd 94
Voted we meet with the W. E. people Thurs Dec 6
and help carry on the work of Christ. S. L. E.

Dec 6/94 Brother John Hill handed in his resignation
as Trustee. Voted it be laid over until Annual meeting
S. L. E.

Dec 9th
By request of Bro Richards the church was asked
to give a standing vote, their disapproval of resubmissions
S. L. E.

Dec 14/94
The Ladies of the Cong Church met at the home
of Mrs George Burt so to organize a society to help
in Church work. The society is to be known as the
"Willing Workers". The following officers were elected for
16) six month President Mrs. J. L. Willard
Vice " " Byron Cotton
Sec " " Robert Enlow
Treas. " " Edith Stewart.



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 Dec 23rd 1894
 Voted the church make an effort to send a box or barrel of clothing to the needy in the western part of the state in reply to an appeal from there to the Prof. State Board. Committees were appointed to help and receive any thing that would be given.
 Susan L. Carl

Dec. 31, 194
 The officers of the C. S. were elected. G. S. Burt. sr
 Superintendent. G. S. Burt. sr
 Asst. " Edd Eulas.
 Treasurer Bert. Smith.
 Librarian Nellie Cotton.

Jan 1st/1895 There was sent three barrels and five sacks of clothing to Lord Kansas also \$7.00 ^{for} ^{the} ^{same} ^{thing}

No received in the year 1894

by letter	6	
profession	11	
	17	23
		17
No dismissed by letter	14	Lossy 6
" Death	2	
Droped	7	
Total	23	

Church membership Jan 7th 1895

Male	51
Females	84
Total	135 persons

Susan Carl



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1895 January 3rd

The annual meeting of the church was called to order by the Pastor. Bro Willard was appointed chairman. Minutes of the Annual & other business meetings of the year read & approved. Pastors report was read & accepted. Trustees report accepted. Treas. made the following report:

Total amount collected by the Church & other societies \$971.18

Amount collected by Church Treas.	\$719.78
" " for benevolent purposes	28.85
" by Ladies H & F Mission Society	50.00
" " W. P. S. C. E.	47.27
" Willing Workers	40.00
" Sunday School	25.28
	\$971.18

Amount paid by Church Treas. is as follows:

Pastor	Rev. E. Richards	\$ 571.48
"	" R. Boss	23.00
	J. P. Evans set-off	27.70
	W. B. Tull "	20.50
Wm	E. Stewart "	2.00
Wm L. Stone,	Oil incidentals	5.70
Wm B. Tull	work & lumber	21.25
	Lumber to fix platform & fence	5.00
	Spouting on parsonage	5.00
	July interest on parsonage	12.00
	Insurance on parsonage	12.00
	General Association dues	6.70
	Coal	7.45
		\$719.78

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Amount collected for benevolent purposes paid as follows.

Cong Home Missionary Society	\$52.10
A. M. A.	18.00
American Bible Society	4.50
Cong Building Society	9.25
A. B. C. F. M.	6.00
Total	\$88.85

Amount collected by J. S. C. E. used as follows

Home expenses	\$4.25
Church Lamp	6.00
Home Missions	12.00
Foreign "	5.00
State C. E. work.	6.00
8 th District work	2.50
Bal on hand	9.52
Total	\$47.27

Amount collected by S. S. used as follows.

Boys & Girls W. Y. A.	\$3.30
County S. S. work	3.00
Cong Publishing Society	8.00
Record book.	1.00
Childrens Day exercises	1.50
Bal on hand	8.48
Total	\$26.28

Amount collected by Womens Missionary Society used as follows.

Home Missions	\$25.75
Foreign Missions	21.25
Bal on hand	3.06
Total	\$50.06



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Amount collected by willing workers used as follows.

January interest on parsonage	12.00
Coal	5.00
Stove pipe	8.00
Bal on hand	15.00
	<u>\$40.00</u>

Church indebtedness Jan 1st 1895

Pal due Rev E. Richards	\$82.50
" " John Anderson Set	3.00
	<u>\$85.50</u>

This Treas. report was adopted.

Voted to proceed to election of officers with the following result:

Pastor Rev E. Richards

Annual	}	Treasurer	George S. Burt jr
		Clerk	Mrs Susan L. Carl.
		Choister	H. W. Brady
		Asst. Choister	John Courson
		Organist	Mrs Jessie Burt
		Asst Organist	Mrs W. Cottrell

Triennial	}	Trustee	Charles Thomson
		Deacon	J. J. Willard
		Discipline	Mrs W. Benedict

A committee consisting of Mrs A. A. Cottrell, Mrs Byron Cotton, and Mrs Mary Withell were appointed to draft resolutions of sympathy in behalf of our dear sisters in Christ, Mrs Joyce & Miss Lucie Joyce whose the Lord had removed from us the past year.

Mrs Willard reported \$5.00 from the society of "willing workers" to help build the chimney.

Voted

The chimney be built.



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Noted
The building of the Chimney be left with the Trustees

Bro Fred Connor asked for a letter to the Presbyterian Church of Caldwell ~~Mo.~~ Kan. Voted it be granted.

Noted
That the name of Miss Nora Hempferey be dropped from the roll & Miss Bertha Rowley's be retained

Business meeting adjourned after which the devotional exercises were taken up. The following names were presented to the church for consideration. Mrs Frank Richards by letter. Voted she be received at the first communion service and to present her letter when received.

The following names were voted on as a whole in confession of faith. George Thompson, Mrs G. Thomson, John Teel, Mrs Kate Teel, Mary Picolett, Charlie Burt, Sheram Burt, Charles Wilkinson, Ralph Wilkinson, W. W. Gann, Howard Smith, Hans Peterson, Andy Partisan, Will Stewart.
Susan Earl ck

Jan 6th
George Thomson, Mrs G. Thomson, John Teel, Mrs Kate Teel, Miss Mary Picolett, Charlie Burt, Sheram Burt, Charles Wilkinson, W. W. Gann, Howard Smith, Hans Peterson, Andy Partisan, & Wm Stewart were publicly received in church fellowship in confession.
Susan Earl ck.

Jan 20th 1895
Mrs Frank Richards presented her letter from the Oakland Presbyterian church of Topeka Kan. The Trustees made their report as to the cost of the chimney. Ralph Wilkinson was publicly received in the church.
Susan Earl

Jan 22nd 1895
The funeral services of Miss Ella Joyce were held in the church
Susan Earl

Jan 27/1895
Mrs Sarah Colwell Wright requested a letter to the Cong Church at Genney La. Voted the letter be granted.
Susan Earl

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Jan 27th 1895
 Bro Richards read a letter from Mrs J. Lloyd of Ind
 Kansas, in response to the barrels, sacks, & money sent them from
 the church the first of the year, thanking the donors & wishing
 them God speed in all good work. He reported 18 families helped
 from the donation.
 Susan Earl

Feb. 3rd 1895
 The Trustees called a meeting of the church for Thursday
 the 14th. A full attendance is desired.
 Susan Earl

Feb. 14th 1895
 Business meeting called to order with Bro Benedict
 as chairman. Bro Earls chairman of Trustees reported the
 Church short by \$185.00 to run church till end of the year.
 Voted.
 Trustees reports adopted.

Voted.
 The collection of Feb 17th be taken for the publishing of
 the minutes of the state association. The 5th per number.
 Dr Tull presented the bill of \$18.00 for having the church insured
 for three years to be due the 1st of March. He also gave an
 itemized account of the building of the chimney. Voted.
 it be accepted.
 Bro Richards again resigned to take effect
 in three months.
 Adp to meet in one week
 Susan Earl

Feb 21st 1895
 The adjourned meeting called to order with Bro Benedict
 in the chair. Clerk read minutes of last meeting, with some
 correction they were approved. Trustees reported enough
 money collected to meet the present need excepting the Pastors
 salary. Mrs Wilkinsons name was dropped from the roll
 the clerk was instructed to write Miss Bertha Cowley
 Lehigh, and ask her to take a letter from the church.
 Voted.
 we accept Bro Richards resignation by a vote of 15 for
 and 5 against Voted.
 In case Bro Richards has an

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S opportunity to get a pastorage before the three month
expire, we relinquish our claims with one weeks notice.
Welf
Susan L. East.

Feb 24-1895
A letter of dismission was granted to Charles Norman
to the Cong. Church of White City Kansas.

Feb. 24 The funeral services of Sister E. Emerson were
held at her home at Tabor Valley.

March 16th Rev Gibson of Wheaton Kansas occupied the pulpit.

March 20th
The funeral services of Mrs Blanch Jennings, Norman
of White City were held in the church.

March 21st 1895
After the regular mid week prayer meeting the
business meeting was taken up with Bro Benedict
in the chair. A letter was read from Mrs Bertha Rowley, Deering
stating she did not wish a letter at present, as she did not
care to connect herself with the present church at Hallifort
Voted Her name be retained on the church roll.
The ~~prayer~~ at Tabor Valley wish to have L. R. Tabor as Deacon to
take the place of Sister Emerson Voted it be granted.
Voted
We do not give Bro Gibson a call.
Voted
The clerk be instructed to answer all correspondents of candidates
Voted
We do not close the church, but try and have some one
ready to take up the work when Bro Richards leaves us.
Voted
The clerk be instructed to write Bro Henry Whitty of Emporia
asking when his time expires, and stating the church had
voted to give some one a call to act as our pastor at the
expiration of Bro Richards time. Susan East clerk

April 4-1895
Mrs Martha Cottrel & Mrs S. St John were
elected to go as delegates to the convention at Council Grove,
Susan East clerk



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April 27 1895
Letters of dismission were granted to Mr & Mrs Hiram
Brady to any evangelical church to which they might wish
to connect themselves.
Susan Earl

April 11th
Letters of dismission were granted to Mr & Mrs W. J.
Creaver to the First Cong church at Alma Kansas.

April 14 1895
Easter exercises were conducted by the S. S. taking
up the preaching service hour. Committes were appointed to
see to the setting of shade trees in the church yard as only
one tree was living from last years setting.

April 18 1895
The society of W. W. gave an entertainment and
ice cream social at the school house from which ten dollars
(\$10.00) was realized.

April 21 1895
Mrs G. F. Willard & Bro G. L. Burt sr were elected
as the delegates to represent this church at the state conv
held at Topeka in May. Bro
Willard presented the Cripple Creek Church building for an
collection which was taken. Bro Markham of
White City occupied the pulpit in it with Bro Richards.
Susan Earl

May 2 1895
The names of Henry A. Perry, Mrs Eliza Perry, Mary A
Perry & Ira L. Perry were presented to the church for membership
in their faith in the Lord.
Voted
They be received at the first regular communion.
Voted
The clerk be instructed to issue letters to Bro Richards
and wife and Miss Amelia Richards when called for.
Voted
The Pastors family be allowed to remain in the
parsonage, until otherwise required
J. F. Willard chairman



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May 5-1895
 Mrs & Miss Henry Perry Miss Mary Perry & Miss Perry
 were publicly received into the church. The pastor
 baptized by sprinkling, Mary & Ira Perry. The Trustees
 called a business meeting for Thurs May 5th
 Susan Earl, clerk.

May 12-1895
 Bro Benedict read a letter from Bro Broad recommending
 Bro Woodhull of Missouri as a suitable candidate for our
 church. Voted our invite Bro E. H. Woodhull to preach
 here May 19th with a view of giving him a call if the church
 so desired. Bro Richards preached his fare well sermon
 to a crowded house.

May 16-1895
 After the regular devotional services Bro Benedict
 was elected chairman of the business meeting. Treas
 gave his report and reported the church in debt to pastor
 \$160.47. due Sept 3.00 Voted Treas report to be accepted.
 Voted
 The Trustees take such steps as seem best to
 collect the amount due the Pastor as soon as possible.
 Bro Rand presented a paper signed by 78th seventy three
 persons who are members of this church who were in
 favor of inviting Bro Richards to remain with us
 another year as our pastor.
 Voted second & second that it is the sentiment of this
 meeting that the Trustees make arrangement with
 Bro Richards to act as our pastor for another year.
 Voted 57 for and 14 against.
 Voted
 we adj to meet in one week at 2.30, to transact
 any business that should be brought before the meeting.
 Susan Earl Clerk.

May 23-95
 Business meeting called to order with Bro Benedict
 as chairman. Bro Benedict read a letter from Bro Richards
 not finally stating they did not think it best for the good of the
 church that they should remain for another year, which was
 accepted by the church. The Trustees gave their report and,