

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. G. 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,
	and 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 & Aids, Societies \$965.74
	Paid H. S. Payns \$633.21
	" J. P. Brand 62.25
	" for fixing stove pipe 14.00
	" " painting coal shed at Parsonage 3.00
	" " work on hay shed " 1.00
	" Church assessment dues 6.24
	" Interest on Parsonage 16.00
	" for envelopes 2.5
	" " lamp chimney 70
	" " coal 7.15
	" " fixing leaking pipes 17.50
	Sent to Cong. Union 6.55
	" " A. M. A. Soc. 33.70
	" " W. M. A. 7.00
	" " A. Bible Soc. 7.70
	" " New W. Ch. 13.00
	" " O. B. C. F. M. 12.00
	Am't. collected by Ladies H. T. F. Miss. Soc. 32.77
	Sent to Miss. League 2.40
	" " " Knight 10.00
	Ballance on hand by F. M. Soc. 2.74
	Sent to Miss. League by Small Classes of S. S. 6.18
	Am't. rec'd. by S. S. during the year 43.23
	Pd. to J. C. Platt (State S. S. Sup't.) 10.00
	" for S. S. supplies 16.12
	" " Quarters 15.60
	" to County Association 1.50



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	Am't. collected by Y. P. S. S. C. E.	\$17.00
	Sent to H. M. Soc.	\$2.46
	" " G. B. S. F. M.	3.45
	" " Y. M. C. C.	3.17
	" " work in Soudan	2.90
	" " Rab. Pat. + Riley Co. Union	1.00
	Pd. for topic cards	1.25
	Balance on hand in Y. P. S. 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. mod.	
	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. mod. John + Corrow Clerk. H. M. Brady Chs.	
	G. S. Burt sr. Trustee. W. Corrow Deacon, Mary E. Mayes W. Com.	
	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 presided.	
	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	
	M. H. H. Blunkam and Hattie E. Blunkam were granted letters of dismission to the Presbyterian Church in Hemphre Co.	
	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. 24 persons were present (on account of bad roads) that it was thought best that action on the matter be postponed for two weeks. voted that Mr. Payne be requested to continue his relations with us as pastor until further action shall be taken. Jno. P. Conrow Clerk

April 7th

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. Conrow 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.

May 31st Charles F. Hattman, and Mrs. Lottie McCutchan were publicly rec'd. into Church fellowship. Attest Jno. P. Conrow Clerk

June 12th

A letter was read to the Church from Rev. Edward Allen of Stacyville Iowa, stating that he could be with us June 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. Conrow 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. Conrow 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.
 June 24th Jno. F. Cogrow Clerk

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
 July 2nd attest Jno. F. Cogrow Clerk

After the preparatory lecture the following named persons were on motion accepted as members, and were to be publicly rec'd July 6th
 Rev. E. Richards, Alice Richards, Annelis Richards and Walter Richards from Goodland, Cong. Church, and also Wife Clara Vandrey from the M.E. Mich. Conference
 Traverse City Mich. L. M. Benedict
 Clerk Protem

July 12th
 The following named persons were publicly rec'd as members of this Church
 Rev. E. Richards, Alice Richards, Annelis Richards, Walter Richards and Clara Vandrey
 attest Jno. F. Cogrow Clerk

Oct. 23rd
 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 prefatory 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 rec'd 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.

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

G. C. E. Blunkart 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. Willard " " Deacon

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

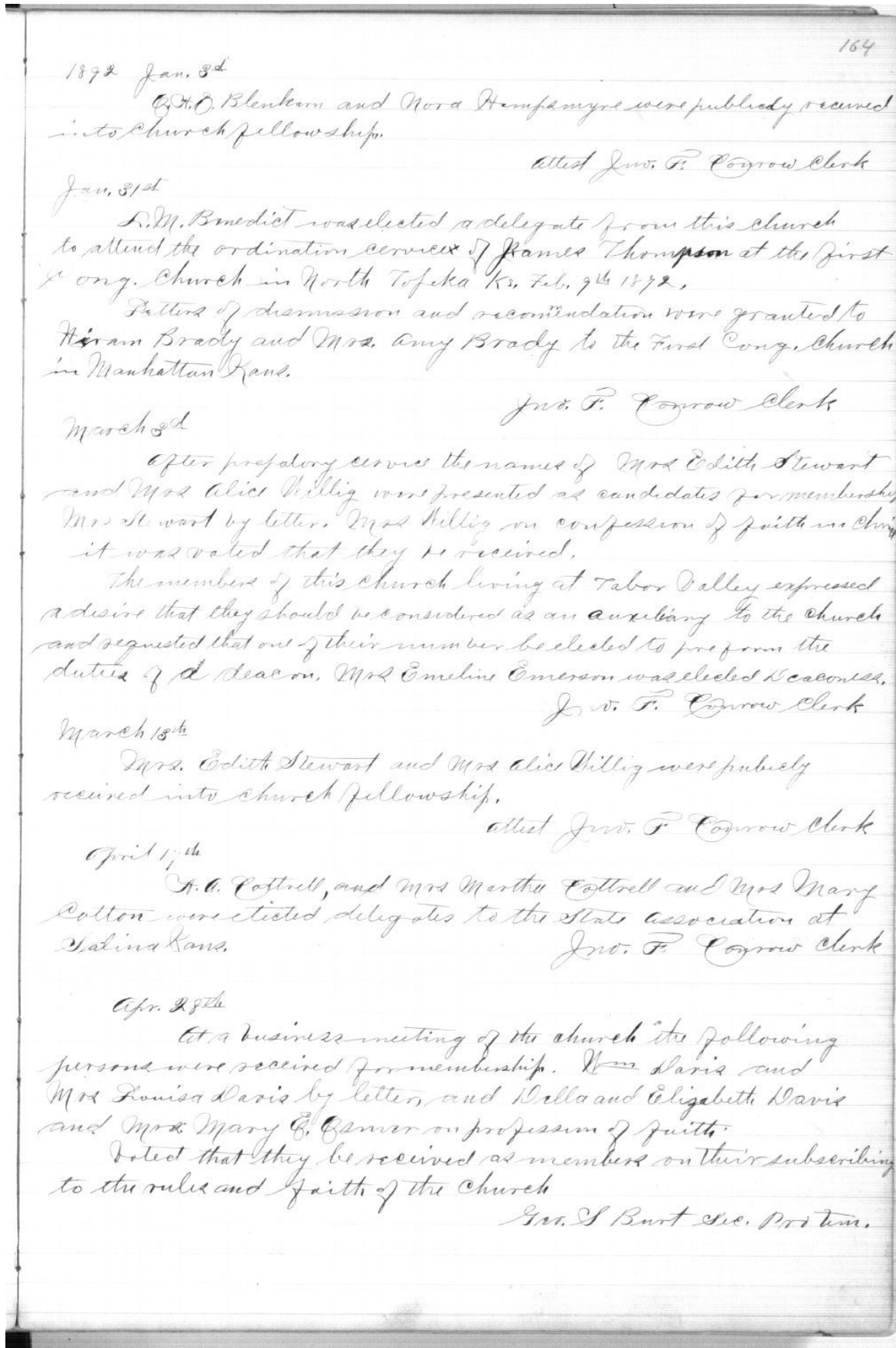
Motion made and carried, that that officers of the Sunday School be elected at the annual meeting instead of in April.

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.

Mrs. J. F. Willard
Clerk & Pro Tem.

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1892 Jan. 3^d
 C. D. O. Blenkins and Nora Humphreys were publicly received
 into Church fellowship.
 Attest Jno. P. Cogrow Clerk

Jan. 31st
 L. 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. 7th 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. Cogrow Clerk

March 3^d
 After preliminary services the names of Mrs. Edith Stewart
 and Mrs. Alice M. M. were presented as candidates for membership.
 Mrs. Stewart was received into the Church on 7th of faith in Christ.
 it was voted
 The members
 a desire that the
 and requested the
 duties of a
 March 13th
 Mrs. C. O.
 received into
 April 1st
 A. O.
 Cotton covered
 Salina Kans.
 Apr. 28th
 At a
 persons were
 Mrs. Louisa
 and Mrs. M.
 Detect the
 to the rules and faith of the Church

By-Laws
 Resolutions passed Jan. 2. 1890.
 I The Trustees shall furnish the
 Treasurers 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 Benevolent Societies
 standing before shall report to the
 Clerk of the Church at least two weeks
 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 Dec.
 of each year so that the Treasurer shall be able to
 make a full report at the Annual Meeting.
 All members on their subscribing
 to the rules and faith of the Church

Mr. Cogrow expressed
 being to the Church
 to prepare the
 as elected Deacons.
 J. P. Cogrow Clerk
 were publicly
 J. P. Cogrow Clerk
 and Mrs. Mary
 association at
 J. P. Cogrow Clerk
 the following
 Davis and
 Elizabeth Davis
 faith.

Geo. S. Burt Sec. Pro tem.

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1892 May 1st
Willie and Elizabeth Davis and Mrs. Mary E. Gomer were
publicly received as members of this church.
attest Jno. F. Conrow clerk

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

July 3d
Frank J. Burt, Mrs. Jessie C. Burt, Mrs. Davis and Louise 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. Conrow clerk

July 10th
Miss. Annie Richards and Sherman A. Willard were
publicly received into church fellowship
attest Jno. F. Conrow 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 - to call, and inviting this
church to be present by pastor and delegate. L. M. Benedict was
elected delegate
Jno. F. Conrow 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. 3d
attest Jno. F. Conrow clerk

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

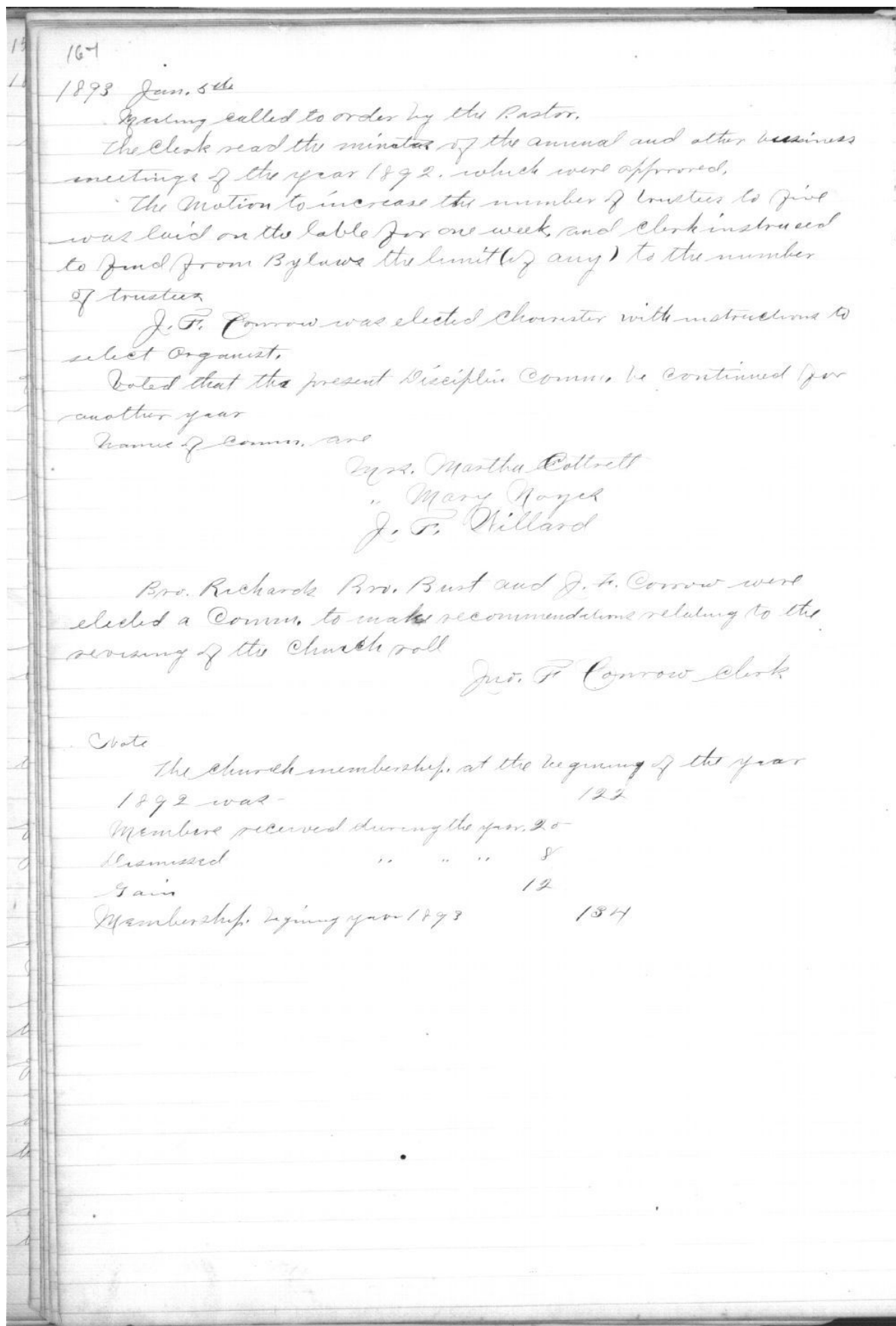
Oct. 23rd
 A letter of dismission was granted to Mrs. Ellen Fielding
 to the First Cong. Church in Manhattan Ks.
 Jno. F. Conrow Clerk

Nov. 3rd
 A business meeting of the church Rev. J. M. Lingfelter
 was reinstated by vote of the church at his own request, not
 having taken his letter from the church
 E. 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. 27th
 Annual business meeting of the church called to order
 by Rev. Richards,
 The clerk being absent H. B. Tull was elected Clerk Pro tem.
 The Pastor made his annual report.
 H. S. Burt Jr. gave Trustees report.
 T. S. A. made his annual report which was adopted.
 The following officers were elected
 L. M. Benedict elected Deacon
 Edward E. Enlow " Trustee
 Rev. 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 3rd 1893
 H. B. Tull Clerk Pro tem.

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1898 Jan. 12th Adj. Annual meeting
On motion the following named persons were dropped
from the Church roll. E. 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. A. Fredricks.
Hera Fredricks, Hera Fredricks, 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. L. 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

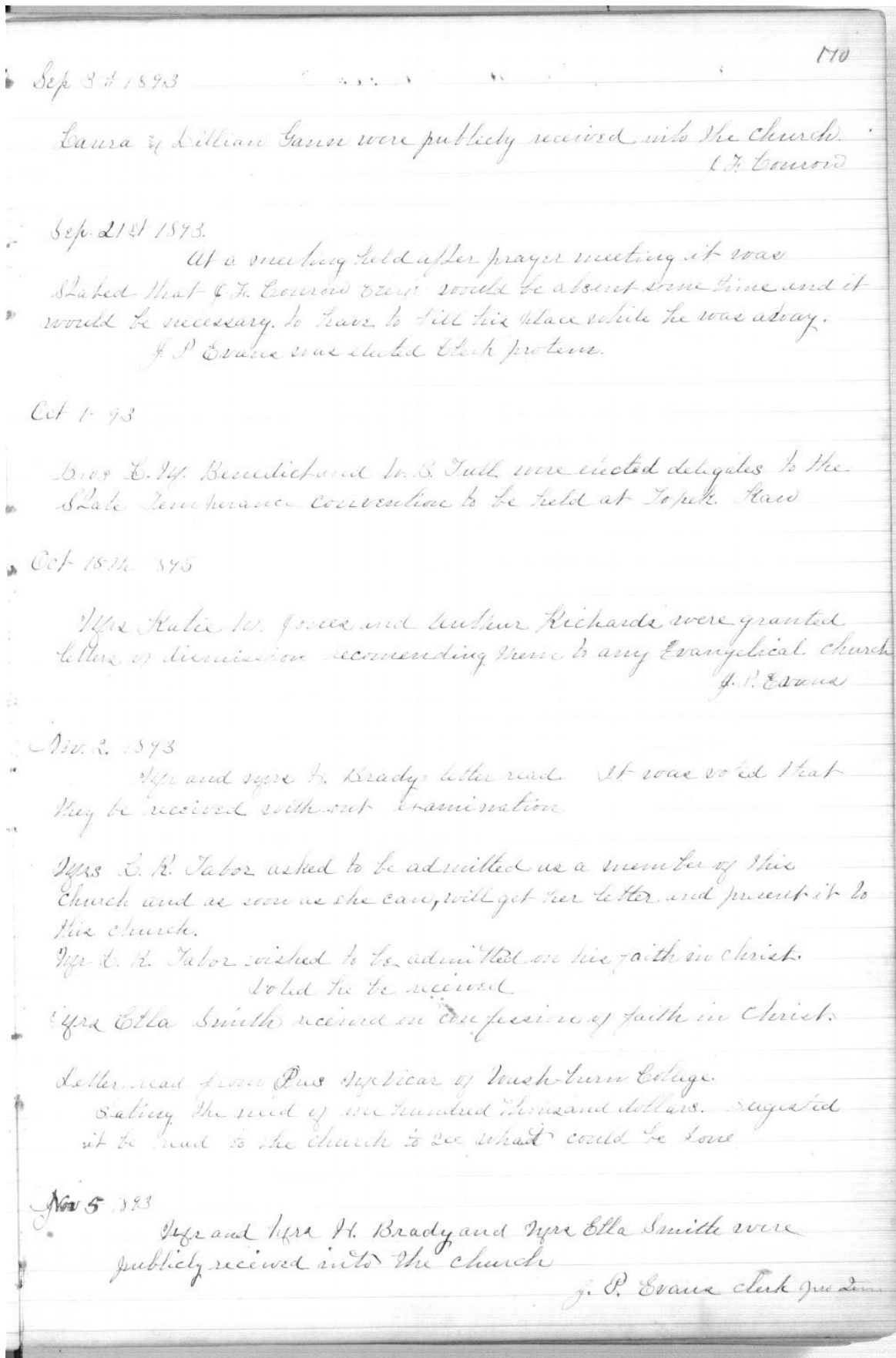
May 21st 1893
Nora Hallie, former was granted a letter of dismission to the First Congregational Church in Alona Kansas.
J. J. Courson clerk

At the regular weekly prayer meeting of the Congregational Church at Wabaunsee the following was presented and adopted Aug 10 1893

Whereas brother Charles Holzman 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 hereby 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 membership on confession of their faith in Christ.
Voted they be received
J. J. Courson

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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. Trustees report called for, they
had none to make Treas made the following report.

Total amount collected \$690.89

Am't paid as follows.

To Rev E. Richards	\$552.64
" " R. Boss	27.00
" J. P. Evans, sec	57.31
For Coal	12.40
" Oil & incidentals	12.22
" Church Association dues	6.32
" Suburban fare 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. Burston.

W. S. Weaver & Mrs Fred Earl were nominated for clerk.

Mrs Fred Earl elected as clerk.

Voted the rules be suspended & G. S. Burston 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 Embrow 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. *Ad* *Adjourned*
J. P. Evans clerk Balm

Jan 7th 1894
Sunday
Feb 4th 94
Arthur L. Noyes & Sophia Enlow were publicly received into the church. S. L. Earl clerk

Mrs. Katie Thompson was granted a letter of dismission & recommendation to the Elliot Cong Church at Wyandotte Kansas, by vote of the church. S. L. Earl clerk

Sunday
Feb 18th 94
Mr & Mrs. Alberto Stiles were granted letters of dismission to any evangelical church, they might wish to belong. By vote of the church S. L. Earl 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 Waukegan in April. S. L. Earl clerk

Thursday
March 27th 94
A letter was read from Mr & 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 Earl, & Mrs Mary Mitchell were committee appointed. S. L. Earl 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 set shade trees and fix walk. Spraying was put on parsonage. S. L. E. Clerk

Thurs
April 26th 94
after the devotional exercises the committee of three were called on to make their report which was as follows.
Wabaunsee Nov April 26. 94
In reference to the application of J. C. 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, & when 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 East
Mary Mitchell

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

Thurs
May 10th 94
The name of Miss Mamie Davis was proposed for membership in 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. G. L. E. Clerk

Thurs
May 13th 94
Mrs E. Bellomy, Mrs L. R. Tabor, Mr L. R. Tabor and Miss Mamie Davis were publicly received into church fellowship. S. L. E. Clerk



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Sunday
May 27/94

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Letters of dismission were granted to J. P. Evans, Mrs C. C. Evans, J. C. Lingfelter, Mrs. Myraie Lingfelter, & Georgiana Lingfelter to the East Los Angeles Cong. Church of Los Angeles Cal. By vote of the Church S. L. E. Clerk.

Sund
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 Riesberg and ascertain if they have good reasons why their names should remain on the roll. Mrs Mary Colton 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 Rosolug & Miss Nora Humphreys 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 Alis Cutler to the First Cong Church of Manhattan Kans S. L. E. Clerk.

Sund
June 25/94

Letters of dismission were voted by the Church to [redacted] & Mrs Charles Shles 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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Sundays
July 1st 94
Ope John Anderson, Mrs. Susanna Anderson, &
Miss Jennie Smith, Rev. William St. John & Mrs. W. St. 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.
Angelabury 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, Brownsville 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 16th
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.
Rev 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 Nora Hempfemeyer.
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-sev to take charge of the sexton work. for two
weeks. provided the rest were willing to do so to cut down



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expresses. Rev. E. Richards donated the sum of \$5.00 to the Church.
S. L. & Clark

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

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. & Clark

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

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

Sep 16th Miss L. Burt took charge of sexton work for two weeks.

Sep 23/94
Miss Lena Connor was publicly received by the church.
Voted by the church that Bro Willard go as a delegate with the pastor Rev. E. Richards, to attend the ordination of Rev Sidney Gould & board at Wichita Kan in October.
Voted.

Miss L. M. Benedict go as our delegate to Olney Kan to the Association to be held the 26th & 27th of Sept
Voted.

We invite Rev L. P. Broad sup of Miss & W. C. Veasey, 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. & Clark

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

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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 Gann took charge of Sexton
 work for two weeks.

Oct 7th The Trustee 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 Rev E. 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. S.

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 Villard. 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 Seston 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 Seston work for two weeks.
S. L. E.

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

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

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

Dec 6/94 Brother John Kiel 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 resolutions
S. L. E.

Dec 14/94
The Ladies of the Cong church met at the home
of Mrs George Burt 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 Gen. State Board. Committee were appointed to help and receive any thing that would be given.
Susan L. Earl

Dec. 31, 94
The officers of the C. S. were elected. G. S. Burt. sr
Superintendent. G. S. Burt. sr
Asst. " Edd Enlow.
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 seven ⁵/₁₀ less.

No received in the year 1894

by letter	6	
profession	11	
Total	17	23

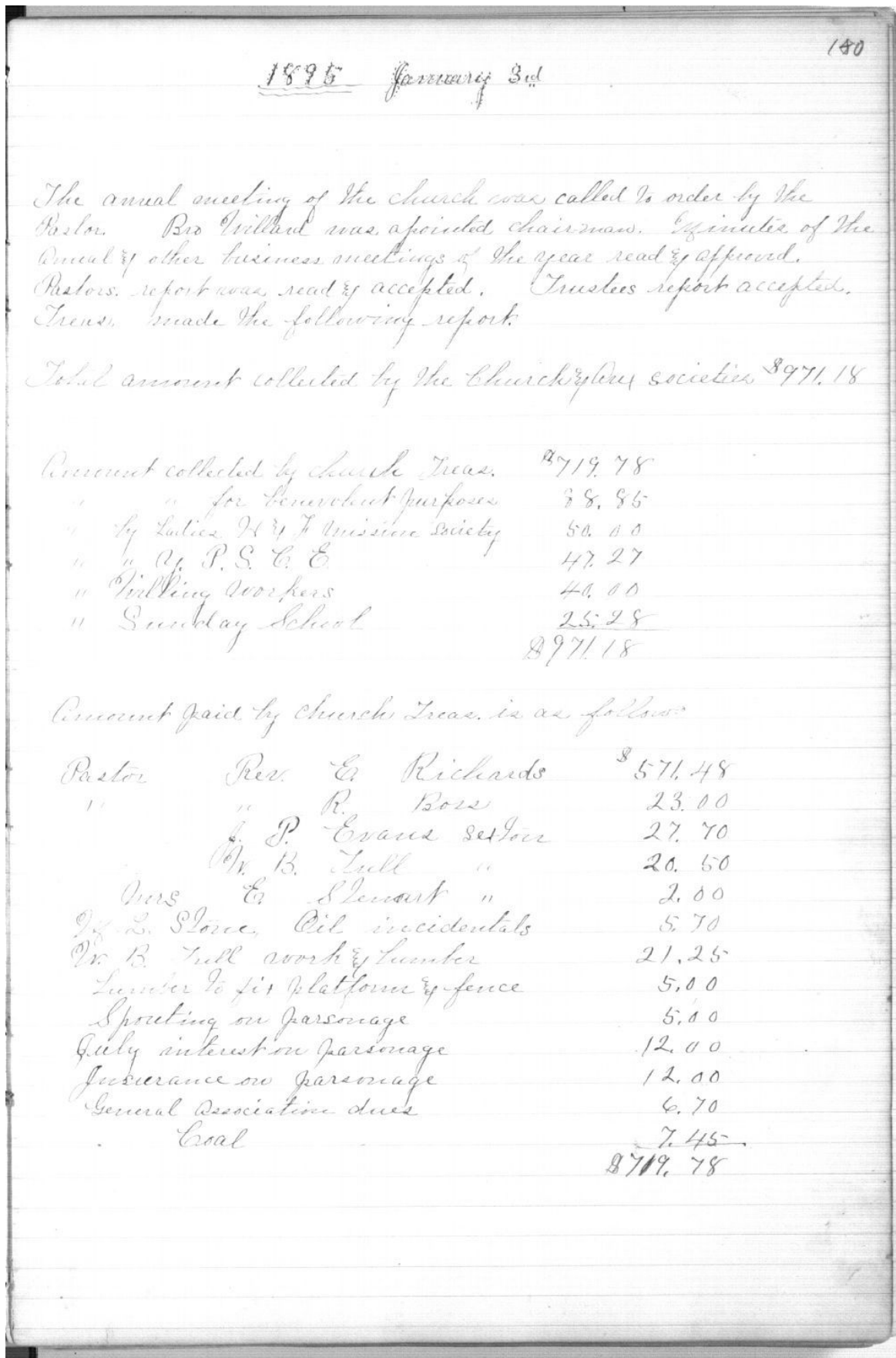
No dismissed by Letter	14	Lossy	6
" Death	2		
dropped	7		
Total	23		

Church membership Jan 1st 1895

Male	51
Females	84
Total	135 persons

Susan Earl

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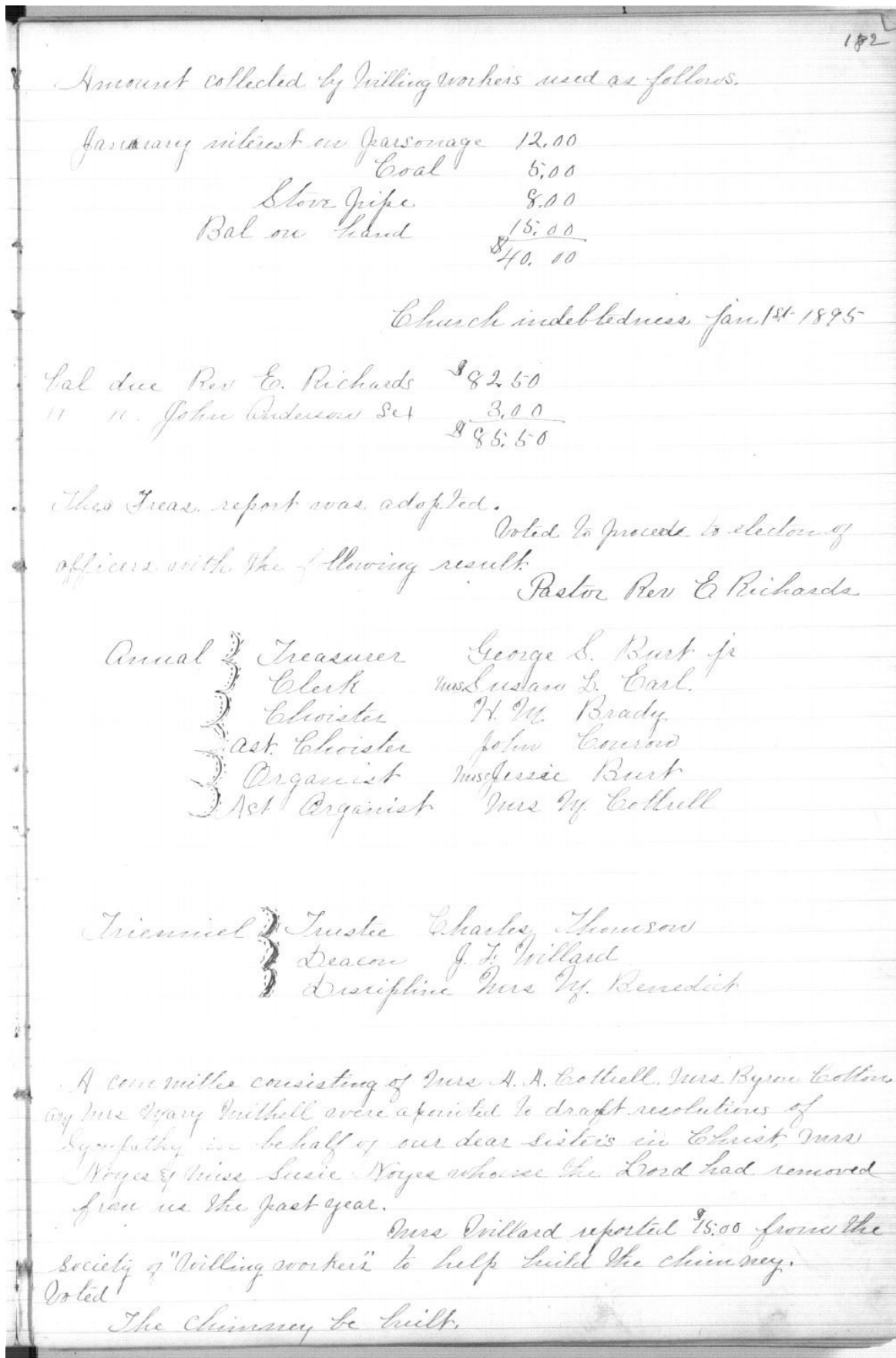




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1861	Amount collected for benevolent purposes paid as follows.	
	Cong Home Missionary Society	\$52.10
	A. M. A.	18.00
	American Bible Society	4.50
	Cong Building Society	9.25
	A. B. C. F. M.	6.00
	Total	\$88.85
	Amount collected by A. P. S. C. E. used as follows	
	Home expenses	\$4.25
	Church Lamp	6.00
	Home Missions	12.00
	Foreign "	5.00
	State C. E. work.	6.00
	8th District work	2.50
	Bal on hand	2.52
	Total	\$47.27
	Amount collected by S. S. used as follows.	
	Boys & Girls H. M. 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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Jan. 1895

Noted
The building of the Chimney be left with the Trustees

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

Noted
That the name of Miss Nora Hempfesser be dropped from the roll & Miss Bertha Rowley 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. Thompson, John Teel, Mrs Kate Teel, Mary Picolett, Charlie Burt, Sheram Burt, Charles Wilkinson, Ralph Wilkinson, W. W. Gamis, Howard Smith, Hans Peterson, Andy Martizar, Will Stewart.

Susan Earl ck

Jan 6th
George Thompson, Mrs G. Thompson, John Teel, Mrs Kate Teel, Miss Mary Picolett, Charlie Burt, Sheram Burt, Charles Wilkinson, W. W. Gamis, Howard Smith, Hans Peterson, Andy Martizar, & 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 Noyes were held in the church

Susan Earl

Jan 27/1895
Mrs Sarah Colwell Wright requested a letter to the Cong Church at Genning 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 donations.
 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 Earle 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.
 Adj 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 Pastor's salary. Mrs Wilkinsons name was dropped from the roll. The clerk was instructed to write Miss Bertha Cowley Debing, 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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opportunity to get A Pastorage before the three month
expire, we relinquish our claim with one weeks notice.
Self
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 Rosely, Debring
stating she did not wish a letter at present as she did not
care to connect herself with the present church at Halliford.
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 Rev Gibson a call.
Voted
The clerk be instructed to answer all correspondence 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 Rev Henry Whitley 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 Cottrell & Mrs S. St John were
elected to go as delegates to the convention at Council Grove,
Susan East clerk

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April 7 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. Weaver to the First Cong church at Alma Kansas.

April 14 1895
Easter exercises were conducted by the L. S. taking up the preaching service hour. Committees 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 Y. 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 so were elected as the delegates to represent this church at the state ass held at Topeka in May. Bro Willard presented the Grapple Creek Church building for a 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
 Our & Mrs Henry Perry Miss Mary Perry & Mrs Perry
 were publicly received into the church. The pastor
 baptized by sprinkling, Mary & Mrs Perry. The Trustees
 called a business meeting for Thurs May 5th
 Susan Earl, clerk.

May 12-1895
 Bro Benedict read a letter from Bro Beal recommending
 Bro Woodhull of Wabaunsee as a suitable candidate for our
 church. Voted our invite Bro L. H. Woodhull to preach
 here May 19 with a view of giving him a call if the church
 so desired. Bro Richards preached his farewell 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 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 98 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 87 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
 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,