

Woman's Christian Temperance Union district books

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These bound volumes contain the records of the third, fifth, sixth, and seventh districts of the Kansas Woman's Christian Temperance Union. The third district included Chautauqua, Cherokee, Cowley, Crawford, Elk, Labette, Montgomery, Neosho, and Wilson County. Jennie M. Kemp was president of the third district (1891-1898) and kept a detailed record of cities within this region that had their own local unions, organizational history, and leadership. Secretaries Ada A. Robinson, Lelia C. Kerwig, Mollie E. Smith, Dora E. Cogdal, and Mary Evelyn Dobbs (later president) recorded the proceedings of the third district from 1895-1908. The fifth district included Clay, Cloud, Davis (now Geary), Dickinson, Marshall, Ottawa, Republic, Riley, Saline, and Washington County. The books for the fifth district include detailed minutes of convention proceedings beginning with the first on March 19, 1885 in Concordia and continuing until 1915. The sixth district included Cheyenne, Decatur, Ellis, Ellsworth, Gove, Graham, Jewell, Lincoln, Logan, Mitchell, Norton, Osborne, Phillips, Rawlins, Rooks, Russell, Sheridan, Sherman, Smith, Thomas, Trego, and Wallace County. The sixth district was organized in Downs on February 24, 1886 under President Eugenia F. St. John. Convention proceedings for the sixth district are recorded in four bound volumes from 1886-1916. The seventh district records, including photographs of State President Mrs. E. P. Hutchinson, District President Anna M. Taylor, and other officers, cover Barber, Barton, Clark, Edwards, Ford, Gray, Harper, Harvey, Hodgeman, Kingman, Kiowa, McPherson, Meade, Ness, Pawnee, Pratt, Reno, Rice, Rush, Sedgwick, Seward, Stafford, Sumner, and Stevens County. There are several other groups of official Kansas WCTU records on Kansas Memory. They can be found by selecting Collections - Manuscript - KWCTU/Mary Evelyn Dobbs.

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Miss Gady said, find the line of work they like and give it to them. Rev Collins said. Don't make yourselves sour, remember the old adage. Vinegar never catches flies. again make your meetings interesting. (3.) Is Our Messenger of real use to our members? Certainly as letters from our friends are to us. so this the letter from our work is to us and each other members.

(4.) Is Social purity as essential to young men as to young women
Ans. Certainly.

(5.) Is the W. C. T. U. as strong as ever? Yes Stronger.

By request of President, Secretary ceased to note down questions and answers.

On motion Convention adjourned.

Clay Center, M. E. Church.

7.30. P. M.

Church filled with an expectant and attentive audience
President (Miss Gady) and Mrs Kerr, occupied the platform.

Mrs Kerr read the Scripture lesson and offered prayer.
after which the President was introduced and informed the audience that the expected speaker had not arrived she would entertain them as best she could by reading a paper which she had prepared. after reading of paper excellent music was rendered by Professor Evans and choir. Being called for

President invited Rev Truitt forward and he gave us
A very interesting account of his recent trip through Nebraska showing the wonderful contrast between A prohibition and high license state, and we felt our joy increase, that we do live in Kansas.

Rev Collins also responded to call and gave us
A word picture of his trip in Colorado also A high license state. More excellent music. Baskets were then passed and the amount of collection \$6.00

after which Benediction pronounced and we were adjourned

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W. S. Church Clay Center.

August-29, 1890

7.30. A.M. Convention called to Order by President- and who called Mrs Anthony to chair as leader of the devotional exercise.

Hymn No. 1 was announced and sang by Convention and our leader ~~not~~ Psalm 37. after which Mrs M. A. Tappin led in prayer. Mrs Anthony then directed our thought to psalm 37. its wonderful promises being the chief theme. Mrs Evans spoke of the sweetness and value of trusting in the Rock. after singing No. 171. Miss Gady lead in prayer. quite an interesting talk followed on the value of kind words and deeds. Several ladies testifying giving their experience and the effect kind words had made on their minds in childhood also in times of loneliness.

Time being passed

10.30. President- came forward and thus closed A very helpful and happy hour. Ministers were invited forward and introduced receiving by request of President- the challenge salute. Rev Estimer- Reformed Presbyterian Church. Rev White. Rev Blair, United Presbyterian each of these showed by their words that they were with us, in this conflict.

Time having arrived for election of Officers, Convention proceeded to business, and Mrs Dora Evans was duly elected President. and Mrs M. A. Tappin re-elected recording Secretary. By motion election of remaining officers deferred until afternoon. Address of Welcome to delegates from Clay Center Union, was beautifully given by Mrs Dora Evans. Wornide prayer observed and we adjourned until after-noon.

2.30. — After noon. W. S. Church

Convention called to order and by urgent-persuasion our retiring President- prevailed on the incoming one to occupy the chair, Mrs Ben-Emerson. Manhattan conducted the devotional exercise Mrs G. Henry Supit of music presiding at the organ. being thus strengthened and rested the business of Convention was resumed. Mrs. F. Brumhead. was chosen Cor-Secretary and Mrs Sarah Ken Salina Treasurer.

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Reports of Superintendents in Order

Mrs. Emma Strickler, Scientific Temperance instruction, reports the law in force in the Counties of Clay, Dickinson, Republic, other Counties are in line but do not report.

Flower Mission, (Miss Mattie Brown Idana) Sup't reports work being done and reported by Unions in 3 Counties, Ottawa, Riley, and Clay in which Bognets were furnished for sick and funerals. Thank giving and other services, also to Military Prison (Fort Leavenworth, (Clay) Music department. Mrs G. Henry reports 1 County reporting 3 well organized temperance choirs who sing at Mass meetings, and Conventions.

Mrs. Julia A. Barton, Sup't parlor meeting, reported one local Union holding Mothers meeting.

Time called, and other reports deferred. question for discussion.

Resolved that the decision of the Supreme Court regarding "Original packages" was a benefit rather than a detriment to the people of Kansas.

Rev. Carnahan, Stevenson Blair and Collins, also Mrs Kent of Salina took part.

Report of Resolution Committee read and received.

By Motion A Committee "on Signs of the times" was appointed with instructions to report at next Convention. Members of committee are Mesdames Story, of Clay Center, Stevenson, Idana, W. E. Brown, Idana.

Van-Ever, Manhattan.

Committee appointed for publication. Mrs Van-Ever, Manhattan.

President gave notice that executive committee would meet immediately after Convention adjourned.

An invitation from Salina to hold our next Convention in that place was unanimously accepted. Minutes read and approved.

By Motion Convention adjourned.

Mrs W. A. Tiffin.

Recording Secretary.

Resolutions having been put in hands of publication Committee are not recorded here.

Recording Secretary.

5th District W. C. T. U.

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W. S. Church. Clay Center.

Post-Executive Committee.

August 29-1890.

Met As per call of President-immediately
after close of Convention. Members present are

Mrs. D. A. Evans President

Mr. A. Tappin Recording-Secretary

J. E. Burnsted Cor-Secretary.

Vice President, Mrs. Susanna Saline Co. Edith Kerr. Treasurer.

Mrs. Van Euren. Riley Co

Treasurer reported all bills paid, and a few cents in treasury
proceeded to appoint Superintendents of departments.

Young Woman's work. Miss Clara Strickler. Solomon City.

Juvenile Miss McQuirk Saline Co.

Work among colored. Mrs. Goddy Washington Co.

Temperance in Sabbath Schools. Miss W. Southworth Jameson. Cloud Co.

Evangelists, and Social purity. Mrs. Edith Kerr. Saline.

Scientific Temperance Instruction. Mrs. Emma Strickler. Solomon City.

Work among Soldiers. Mrs. Riddle. Washington Co.

Parlor Work. Mrs. Julia A. Barton. Tesco. Ottawa Co.

Flower Mission. Miss Mattie Brown. Idana. Clay Co.

Legislative. Tranchise. Mrs. J. P. Otis Clay Center, . . .

Organization. Mrs. J. Burnsted

Work among Foreigners. Mrs. Susanna Saline. Saline Co.

Health and Heridity. Mrs. Dr. Reynolds. Clay Center.

Literature. Mrs. Healy. Concordia. Cloud Co.

Press work. Mrs. Hooker. Republic Co.

Prisoners

Sabbath observance. Mrs. A. M. Stevenson. Idana. Kansas.

State and County fairs Mrs. J. P. Otis Clay Center. Clay Co.

Musio. Mrs. C. Henry. Idana. . . .

Non-Alcoholic Medication Mrs. Reynolds. Clay Center. Clay Co.

President instructed Recording Secretary to notify Super

of their appointments after which Committee adjourned

Mr. A. Tappin.

Recording Secretary

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Belleville, March 19, 1891.

Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of 5th District, met in Semi Annual Convention as per call, and was called to Order by Our President, Mrs. Dora Evans, who led us in consecration service singing first No. 173. in hymn. afterwards reading the beautiful words contained in first 10 verses of 16th chapter of John. we then knelt and as the Spirit moved us had ^{we} poured out our supplications to God, that He would graciously meet with us and bless this Convention, and we felt this promise: "before ye call I will answer" was made good to us.

Our President gave us an interesting talk on the work in our District and State, after which minutes of executive were read and approved. Minutes of last Convention were read for the pleasure of members not present at that session. President appointed Committees as follows (Mrs. McCall, Wells, and Bumsted for Resolutions and Courtesy. Mrs. McCall, Belleville.

Credentialed. (Mrs. J. Bumsted, Miss Fannie Southworth, Secretary, Mrs. Smead, and Mrs. Barlow. Plan of Work { Mrs. McCall, Belleville, Mrs. Barlow, Blue Rapids, Mrs. W. A. Tappin, Labor.

Reporters

(Saline Co. Miss McQuirk
Clay, Mrs. J. Bumsted.
Gould, Miss R. Southworth.
Republic, Mrs. McCall.

By motion, after giving satisfactory reason for not having credentialed, Mrs. Dickerson of Junction City received as member of several Ministers being present were introduced as follows, (by our President) Rev. Hunt, who said, "You are engaged in a noble work, you are doing a noble work in elevating yourselves to woman's proper place. Should like to impress upon you the value of work among children. I want you to take my boy and other boys organize a Boyal, Temperance, Legion and teach them the terrible effects of alcohol on the human body."

Rev. Mr. Thompson said "Glad to hear you have my heart and hand in this work. I have read the reports of your work and am pleased



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W. C. Church. March 18. 1891

S. P. W. Convention called to order by President after which
Mrs Hunt led devotional exercises ^{announced} No. 178. after singing
read St John 1st chapter. Rev. ——— leading us in prayer
after President resumed the chair, minutes of previous meeting
read and approved. Partial report of credential Committee gave the
following as delegates to this Convention, from Local Unions.

Pay Center. Mrs. F. Bumsted.

James town. Miss B. Southworth, and Mrs. M. Hall and Fink binder.
Waterville. Miss Mattie Sprout.

Mag motie. Miss Sophia Mc Quirk

Bellville. Mrs L. A. Hunt. and Mrs Doyle.

Junction City. Mrs. Nickelson

Report accepted and Committee continued.

Address of President was now given and at close by motion
was accepted and referred to plan of work Committee.

Report from Gen-Secretary (read in person) gives 316 paying members:
142. honorary. increase of members from last year 73. newly
organized ones 84. No. copies Our Messenger taken 77. Union Signal. 110.
this does not give a full report but only as I received. many
unions sending no reports.

Treasurer Report, received and placed in hands of auditing Committee
Motion carried. that Mrs Balow. Mrs M. A. Tippet and Mrs Gussell
be our auditing Committee.

Reports of Counties by their Presidents next on program.

Clay Co. M. A. Tippet. Reported 6 local unions
reporting, and in working order. the 7th having failed to report is not
included. Have 66 paying and 44 ^{honorary} members.

Held County Convention in February giving special attention
to instruction in 3 departments of work. Held one County
Temperance picnic. held monthly mass meetings in
3 unions, 1 other holding them in summer.

Republic. Mrs M. C. Ball, President reports 36 paying members
with dues paid for 6 months. 13 pledged workers and 14 honorary
members. have taken up 6 departments of work.

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and appointed Suppl. These work. Hypocrite, Scientific
 Temperance Instructions have received special attention
 Mrs. E. J. Linscatter asked for a little more time to prepare report. request granted
 These reports accepted after culling out some items that belonged
 properly to department work.

Supd. of "Our Messenger" reported. 17. Copies taken.
 Motion carried to accept Superintendent's report.

On motion question drawer was ordered
 Additional report of Credential Committee received and names
 of delegates added to roll. from Chapman, J.

Miss Linnity and
 Miss Clara Strickler, Mauden, W. Mrs. Park.

District Organizer Mrs. F. Bennett reported. Marshall, Co. re-organized
 also 2 new W's and 1 young Woman's Union organized since last
 Convention. As the questions were being gathered Convention sang.
 "all the way my Saviour leads me" after which our President took charge
 of question drawer.

Question

- (1) How should credentials be written.
- (2) Why does not the W. C. T. U. do more in the department of mercy.
- (3) Why do Job-Bible receive ^{no} attention from the White-ribboners
 and Job-Heaven works so much.

Secretary excused from writing queries and answers by request
 after close of queries. President refreshed the convention
 by singing A song entitled "pepping away" the sentiment being very
 appropriate. after which President announced A meeting of
 executive committee immediately after close of Convention.

Convention adjourned with prayer. To meet in M. E. Church
 7.30. P. M. for platform meeting as per program.

Executive Committee met as per call of President
 and program for evening meeting arranged for. after which
 Committee rose

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7. 30. P. M. the exercises of evening were opened by congregational singing, and invocation.

Address of welcome was given in a very pleasant and unique manner by Mrs W. H. Wells of Bellville. Mrs Barlow of Blue-rapids giving the response in kind and fitting words.

The prepared program was taken after a beautiful Temperance song rendered by the choir.

Our President arose and announced that only 10 minutes would be allowed each speaker. Pastor of the Baptist Church spoke true earnest words, and was followed by the Pastors of other Churches and your secretary is sorry that all the encouraging words spoken by them cannot be recorded here, but in our hearts who heard, they will not soon be forgotten, aside from the excellent music rendered by the choir. was song: four a Cantata, rendered by Miss Mattie Spruill of Haverhill, and Mrs Evans, our President, which appeared to leave our audience spell bound. more music by the choir. Our President gave a talk which was so interesting that we scarcely believed 5 minutes long, when the bell gave notice that time was up. after 10 minutes speeches by others and a liberal collection, the large and attentive audience was dismissed and we retired feeling that it was good to have been there,

Secretary

Bellville, W. C. Church, March 20. 1891

P. A. M. This morning, devotional services were led by Miss Sophia M. Gribb, after which our work according to program was taken up. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved also minutes of executive session accepted. Reports of Counties by Presidents being order of day. President called for Saline Co. by Mrs E. J. Gussader, reports. No of Union 3, paying members 42. Honorary members 6. Pledged workers 6. Conventions held 3. Departments of work taken up (17) seventeen. Cloud, Co. President being absent. A motion carried that Mrs Barton of James Town report for that County, which she did as follows One Convention held. 4. Union, James Town having 20 paying members.

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County reports continued.

Dickinson Mrs. Emma Strickler. reports 4. Unions and one Y.
organized at Chapman of which they are justly proud.

Riley President moved away and no report sent.
Marshall Mrs. Barlow.

Reports Marshall re-organized for work with
3 W. and 1 Y. One Convention held which was instructing & interesting.

Reports of District-Superintendents taken up and read as follows:
Work among colored. Mrs. Gooding. reports "no work done."

Scientific Temperance Instruction. Mrs. Emma Strickler. reported subject
pretty thoroughly taught received reports from Ottawa and Clay Cos.

is taught- Orally, by physiology, maps, and manikin. This
interesting subject was thoroughly discussed, in its many phases,
as the Teacher side, the parents, and School boards duties, and
why there should be failure.

Mrs. Woodward of Nebraska and our ^{assistant-} National Sup^t
of Work among Rail-road employees was introduced and gave
some instructive remarks on this and other department-work.
Temperance in Sabbath School. Miss N. Southworth. has written
for reports to every County. received reports from.

President inquired what instructions or what the Sup^t expected
local Sup^s to do. Ans. at least see that the quarterly Temperance
lesson was taught in Sabbath School.

Evangelistic Mrs. Edith Kerr reports nothing reported to her
has done some personal ^{work} Query what things should be reported.
Ans. President. prayer meeting? should be reported to Evangelistic
Superintendent. Superintendents Our Messenger

Respectfully submits following reports not as
full list as reported to her. Cloud Co. Total number taken, 10
Marshall, 13. Republic, 6. Dickinson, 3. Ottawa, 6
Saline 11. Clay Co, 20. Riley, 6.

Total number reported 79.

noon hour having arrived adjourned after minute
prayer.

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March 20. afternoon Session.

Devotional services were opened by singing "all the way my Saviour leads me." Leader reading Rev first verse of 8 chapter.

after which Mrs Wilcox led us in prayer. after which we resumed our routine work. at this point A kind hearted sister placed two beautiful handsome fragrant Bouquets at President's place. for which we felt Work among Foreigners by Mrs Gussader. reported receiving no reports but has done some personal work; distributing tracts and other literature

Sabbath Observance. (Mrs. Stevenson, Helton, Minion) no report. but Convention held interesting conference in which the Ministers present-participated. The President read our Sabbath pledge. and as each paragraph was ended Convention pledged with uplifted hand.

Social purity Mrs Edith Kerr.

Work among Soldiers. Work done but not reported

We rejoiced that no Canteen Saloon existed in Fort Riley. Mrs Woodward told us of the direful effects of this Canteen system among our Soldiers.

Tarbor Work. Mrs Barton reported. One Union in Ottawa Co. holding parlor meetings with success. also Magnolia Union (Saline Co.) 3 meetings. Press Work Mrs Hooker. said that by mistake in P.O. she was not aware that she was Superintendent-until too late to do anything.

J. H. C. V. M. Miss. Nettie Hill. L. Y. unions reported.

Flower Mission Miss Leonhardt.

Superintendent reports having written to Co Presidents asking that they have Co Supts report. Republic Co has done some work by way of sending out bouquets with scripture text attached. also Waterville Y. sent report of bouquets given to individual also at Y. social Ottawa Co reports. Desob having given out 24 bouquets and 4 wreaths. Riley Co. reports Manhattan Union as donating 114 bouquets with scripture cards attached. also presenting to each guest at Social given was presented with bouquet. An aged and honored Gussader was remembered Christmas day with A beautiful bouquet.

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By request Mrs Woodward gave us
instructive talk on work among railroad employees. Endeavor to reach the
Section men. for each one is A power. also show the work of Caboose and
Bag-car. Supply with wall pockets filled with Temperance literature through the
train Agent. (after this) Mrs Woodward also gave us parliamentary drill.
By motion paper on "Signs of Times" by Committee appointed at Annual Con-
was read by Mrs Burnsted Corresponding Secretary. Message of State Super-
also ^{intendent} of
One Nurse-p^a Report of Super of Franchise work; read by Corresponding Secretary.

By motion all reports of Superintendants: accepted.
 Credential Committee: final report read received and Committee discharged.
 Plan of work Committee: report read and accepted and Committee relieved.
 Resolution Committee report: read and accepted and Committee relieved.
 Moved and Carried that we receive with thanks an invitation to hold our
 next Convention at Whitesville.

By Motion the selection of place for our next meeting was left to a Committee who will receive other invitations, as Waterville is very near the places of our last³ Conventions. This Committee to consist of the general officers. Auditing Committee gave partial report; final report to be given to Post-expenture Committee. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Motion to adjourn (carried) to meet in Baptist Church, 7 So. P. M.

The form occupied by Mrs Woodward of speaker for the evening.
 Miss Clara Strickler, and our President. Exercises were opened with prayer
 Rev Thompson leading. Scriptural lesson impressively read by Miss Strickler
 after which the choir sang some beautiful music. Mrs Woodward was
 then introduced and gave us a very instructive lecture on The Esther of today.
 foundation of lecture subject - being found in Book of Esther. From which she
 drew a striking simile. King Ashurbanipal. Our Government.
 The wicked Haman, the Signor or rum power. Queen Esther, the Woman
 Christian Temperance Union. we trust this lecture touched the heart
 of the audience, and if we may judge by their attention which appeared to
 be given to the speaker entirely it certainly was well received.
 after the lecture the choir rendered some good music.

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A request was made that our President sing "Tipping away."
Rev Thompson rising and saying that he had 25¢ for that song and asked
how many in the audience would give a quarter. Mrs Evans came forward and
in her own charming way sang it perfectly, to the delight of the large audience,
after which collection was taken which amounted to six dollars.

We then sang "God be with you till we meet again!" at the close of this
exercise Mrs Evans announced that a good Brother had put into her hand for the
use of the W. C. T. U. a fine dollar bill. this kindness touched our hearts wonderfully
and more than one silent petition went up to the Father for a blessing on
Rev Brother Ryan. after music we adjourned with prayer. and thus
closed the most profitable and happy Convention your Secretary ever attended
in the district. that it may be the begining of many such is our sincere prayer.

Mrs. W. A. Tiffin.

Recording Sec. 5th District.

Minutes of executive meeting held during Convention, held
Bellville. Republic Co., (March 17. & 20. 1877).

Park Central House, March 18. 8. P. M.

Committee met as per call. and session was opened
with prayer. after which president stated object of meeting. Secretary called roll
which showed present following members.

General Officers
Mrs. Evans. President.
Mrs. J. Bumstot. Co-Secretary
Mrs. W. A. Tiffin Recording Sec.
absent. Treasurer.

Vice Presidents
Marshall Co. Mrs. Barlow.
Republic... Mrs. E. E. McCall.
Saline. Mrs. E. J. Linsadder.
Clay Mrs. W. A. Tiffin.
Davis. Mrs. Rockolom.

That our work might be advanced a motion carried that Mrs Rockolom
of Davis County be invited to a seat in our executive meetings.

Convention program taken up and by consent of Committee
a few necessary changes made.

On motion adjourned

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Minutes Executive Meeting

M. C. Church. March 17, 1911.

Executive Session convened immediately at close of Convention.
purpose of meeting being to finish arrangement of program for evening meeting.
Program to consist of 10 minute speeches by
Ministers of Bellville, and short talks by members of District
as per published program.

After completing necessary changes.
Committee adjourned

Committee rose to meet Friday morning, Sec.

Central Hall, Parlor, March 20.

Executive met as per adjournment.

Motion carried that every County President, see that the County Sec.
furnish local Unions with List of County Super of departments.
Vacancies in District departments were now filled as follows.

Prison work. Mrs. H. H. Kells. Bellville. Republic Co.
Social purity. Mrs. J. B. Vincent. Blue Rapids. Marshall Co.
Legislation and petition. Mrs. Burton James Town. Cloud Co.
Conference with influential bodies. Mrs. A. P. Pierce. Junction City.
Suppression of impure literature. Mrs. A. G. Kickelson Junction City.
Music Mrs. E. G. Henry. Atama. Clay Co.
Vocates ... R. Irvine Blue Rapids.
Nursery Miss Sophia McCook. Salina. Saline.
Race. Mrs. Matt Haddam.
Work among R. R. Employees. Miss Loh.

adjourned

Sec. M. A. Tappin.

President. Mrs. Lora A. Evans

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Complete list of ^{5th} District Super^s, for year beginning Sept 1st 1870
Ending September 1871.

Organization: Mrs E. F. Bumsted. Clay Center. Clay Co.
Young Woman's Work. Miss Nettie Hill. Marysville. Marshall Co.
Juvenile Work. Mrs. J. C. McEwen. Manhattan. Riley Co.
Work among Foreigners. Mrs. E. J. Smeadler. Salina. Saline Co.
Work among Colored. Mrs. E. J. Godby. Mahaska. Washington
Health and Heridity. Mrs Dr Reynolds. Clay Center.
Scientific Temperance instruction. Mrs Emma Strickler. Solomon City
Temperance work in Sabbath Schools. Miss P. Southworth James-Town.
Literature. Mrs H. Healy Concordia
Influencing Press. Mrs. Hooker. Cuba.
Evangelistic Work. Mrs. Edith Kerr. Salina.
Work among Prisoners. Mrs. Rachel ^{advised} ~~Mc~~ ^{McCoy} N. H. Wells. Bellville.
... .. Soldiers. ... F. M. Riddle. Blue-Rapids
Social purity Mrs Edith Kerr. Salina.
Sabbath Observance. Mrs. A. H. Stevenson. Clay Center.
Conference with influential bodies. Mrs. A. C. Duce Junction City.
Parlor Meeting Mrs Julia A. Barton. Decet.
State and County Fairs. ... J. D. Old Clay Center.
Legislative and petition Work. Mrs Barton James-Town.
School of. Methods Mrs Dora A. Evans. Clay Center.
Non-alcoholic Medication. Mrs Dr Reynolds. ...
Our Messenger. ... E. F. Bumsted ...
Work among R.R. employees. Miss Ish. Marshall Co.
Relation of Temperance to labor. Mrs Alice. Ohio. Clay Center.
Flower Mission. Miss Stella Leonhardt. Manhattan.
Music Mrs. E. C. Henry. Irena.
Aberey. Miss Sophia Mc Fark.
Peace. Mrs Hist. Hadlam.
March 21st Post Executive Session.

Auditing Committee arranged for payment-
of Bills and Convention expenses.

And adjourned,

M. A. Tappin. Secretary 5th District
W. C. T. U.

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Report of plan of work committee.

Your Committee would respectfully report—
And especially urge that after organization the Superintendents of
departments in each Union report to the Superintendent—next above them in
the same line of work. that the whole machinery may move swiftly and
smoothly forward to the grand accomplishment for which we work.
Reports and. We would also urge that members of Local Unions improve
themselves all opportunities to increase their membership and thereby give
to headquarters and increased membership that we make take the
World in this name.

Franchise

Inasmuch as women have given proof of their intelligence and their
appreciation of citizenship, that continue to demand full suffrage for women,
and urge upon all local unions the importance of this subject.

Relation of intemperance to capital and labor.

We would impress and recommend that all Presidents, District, County,
and local urge upon our workers the importance of study and report
in this department.

School of methods.

We urge the necessity of systematic method in all departments
with practical instruction in the different lines of work. And recommend to
County Conventions A School of Methods.

Gambling

We would call attention of the W. C. T. U. to the existing State law in regard
to games of chance or gambling and urge them to use their influence
to prevent the violation of the law.

Our Messenger

We especially recommend the importance of the Messenger to Local Unions.

Juvenile Work

Finally we urge the importance of the swelling of all the children into
S. T. L. and Bands of Mercy

Respectfully Submitted

Committee

E. E. McCall.

A. W. Barlow

M. A. Tiffin.



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Resolutions of 5th District-W. C. T. U. Convention.

Bellville. March 1891.

Whereas The 5th District Woman's Christian Temperance Union has met in successful and interesting Convention; and
Whereas through this meeting our courage has been renewed, our faith strengthened our zeal quickened and our social relations extended.

Resolved. 1st That we do acknowledge with humble gratitude the Divine power that has permitted us to meet together.

Resolved. 2nd That we deem the selection of the Beautiful City of Bellville as the place for holding this Convention A most fortunate one for us, inasmuch as the courtesies and hospitalities of her Ladies and Citizens have been such as will cause us to hold them in grateful remembrance and lasting esteem.

Resolved 3. That we congratulate the Local Union on their good fortune in having the hearty and unanimous support of the Pastors and Ministers of their City and vicinity in Temperance work.

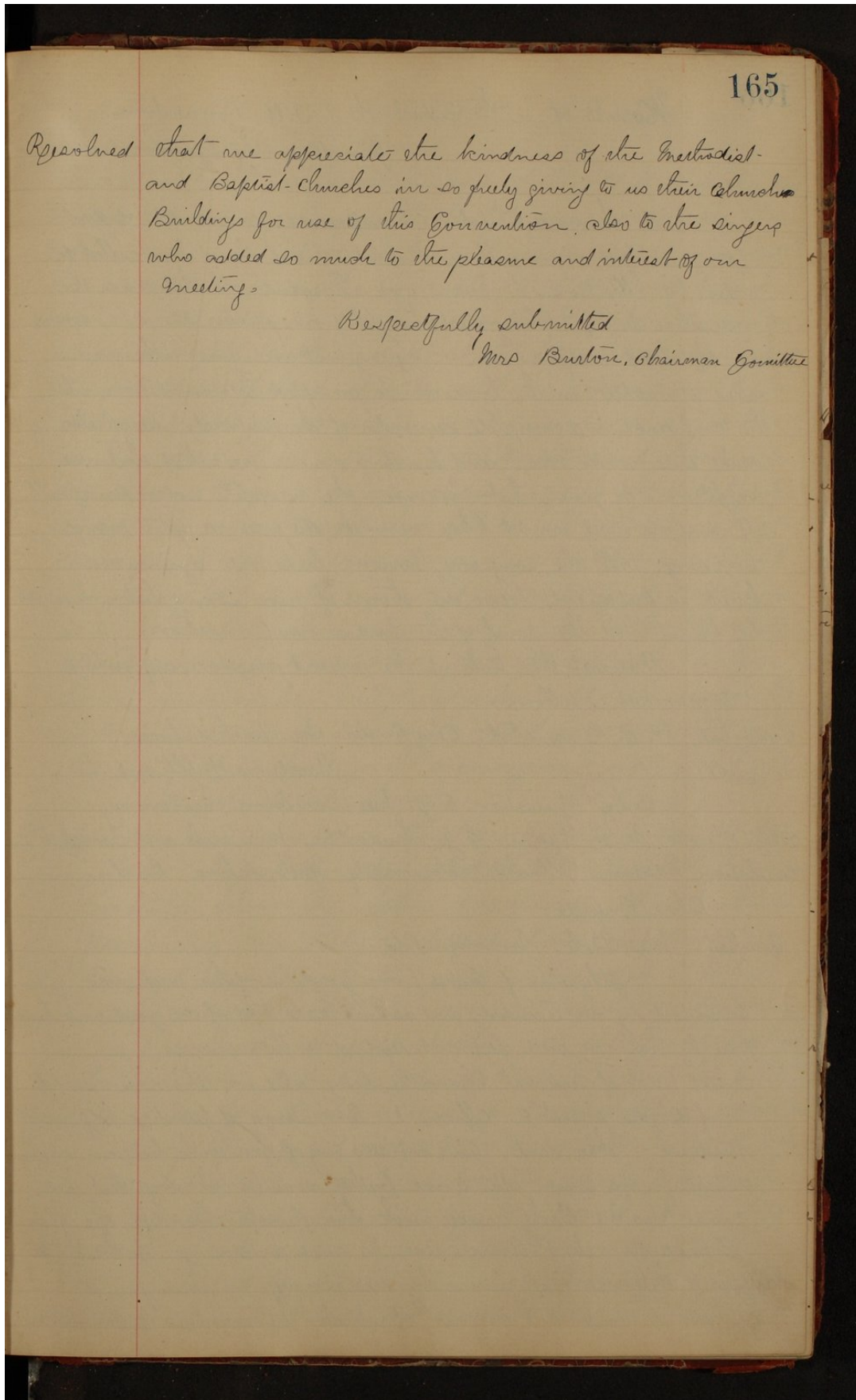
Resolved. 4. Resolved. That we remember with pleasure and pride the action of Governor Humphrey in maintaining the dignity of his Office during the Re-Submission Convention in Topeka.

Resolved. 5. That as the enemy is vigilant, and leaves no opportunity unimproved to thrust re-submission upon us, that we set ourselves to watching and praying and to steady battle against this insidious foe to our homes.

Resolved. 6. That we urge each member and visitor of this Convention to carry away with them good seed gathered at this meeting and to scatter the same judiciously and diligently, in the several communities in faith believing it will spring up and bear fruit an hundred fold.

Resolved. 7. That as Mr Montgomery of Clay Center printed for us 75 calls for this Convention gratis that we tender to him our sincere thanks for his liberality.

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Resolved that we appreciate the kindness of the Methodist-
and Baptist-churches in so freely giving to us their churches
Buildings for use of this Convention. Also to the singers
who added so much to the pleasure and interest of our
meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. Burton, Chairman Committee

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Minutes of 5th District W. G. T. U. Convention.

Junction City. September 9. 1891.

The Romans, Christian Temperance Union, 5th District-
Kansas. Met as per call in Baptist Church. and was called to
order by Mrs. Bore, A. Evans, our President; who led us in the
Consecration Service. Taking first-thought-from psalm 26.-2. "Examine
me O Lord and prove me:" "Try my heart and reins:" We were
asked to "meditate on the love which prompted this invitation also
the confidence and complete surrender of the psalmist. let us also
make these words ours" and kneeling down we asked that we
might now be given that confidence the complete surrender of all
Self. and the Lord would bless us with His presence, after rising
we sang. "All the way my Saviour leads me" again we
knelt as supplicants before the throne of grace asking that we might
be blessed with the Spirit of the Lord in our Convention.

President then took up the prepared program, appointing
committees as follows.

Confidential. F. E. Burnsted. Clay Center, Mo. Jail. Salina.

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Kirby Junction City. Mrs Ker. Salina chairman.

Plan of work. M. A. Lippin. E. J. Lysander. Mrs. Vick and Faircliff.
Resolution. Prestames. Stricker Solomon City. Mills, Salina. Barlow —

Blue Rapids.

Courtesy. Mrs. Vick. Junction City.

Allegations of badies from good Temples were now introduced by our President, and as their leader told of the good work being done by them we were glad and rejoiced in their success.

Partial report of Credential Committee being called for Chairman reported
No of delegates present - 6. Officers 7. Ben Terry of Junction City now
introduced then said. Have not seen any of your work but am intensely
interested in our cause, after some further remarks showing that our
cause was the Only cause with this Brother he left the floor

President- asked Convention to rise and sing: "To the Work!"

Address of Milcome was given by Mrs. Tenney - in pleasing and appropriate words and manner, of which the members of Convention

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had already received tangible proof.
Mrs. Strickler. expressed our thanks in a thoughtful comprehensive address not only expressing our thanks but giving us instructive ideas of our work. Mrs. Woodward. National assistant-Secretary introduced and invited to occupy the Chair. during time the President gave her annual address. the foundation text being John 5-1 words; "The light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not." "Spoke of the dense darkness that envelopes a soul before that perfect-light shineth into it. She then reminded us that this "is an age of specialists. people are fitted by nature and education for different lines of work" in our organization we should study to put the right woman in the right place that her light might shine to advantage; she referred to strong faith and undaunted courage of Paul. who said we be well able to go up and possess the Land, and now as we have a foot-hold in every County in our District let us in God's strength possess them for God, and Home, and Native Land." Your Secretary would have been well pleased if she could have recorded the whole of this address as it evidently was a message directed by the Spirit of the Lord. for the encouragement of all present who are in the field of Love's Labor". For County papers Reporters were appointed as follows. Clay. Mrs. E. J. Burnside. Cloud—Mrs Kirby Junction City. Marshall. Mrs. Barlow. Dickinson—Mrs Strickler Solomon City. Salina. Mrs. Sussader. Ottawa Mrs Fairfeiler Junction City. Mrs. Kirby. Reports from County Union:
Clay Co Mr. A. Tappin. Reported 8. Unions. 3 organized since last report. paying members. 78. Honary 48. Regular monthly meetings held. 66. Mass-meetings. 28. Mothers' meetings. 1. Lectures employed by local Unions 4. Lectures given. 4. One S. T. L. membership 65.
Dickinson Co Mrs. Emma Strickler. Unions 6. Membership 100. Department of work taken up and Superintendents appointed 21. No. of Union Signals taken 15. Our Messenger. 30. reports large increase of members and interest in department-work. Have A. G. Union of which we are justly proud. on account of its usefulness and benificent influence. personal work of president & Unions organized. 2 County Conventions held. and 1 member of Lectures—given.



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Minutes of Convention. continued.

Republic Co. Mrs. E. P. McCall. reported 6 unions 1 organized since last report. paying members 53. increase 23. Honary 21.
 No in No. 13. Departments of Sup^t appointed 12.
 Messenger taken 12. Union Signals 12. and 2 Sabbath Schools supplied with "Young Crusaders" 12 of lectures given 12. Professor -
 - Ginnmore lectured before the students. Subject, Scientific Temperance Instruction, paid for lecture 50 dollars W. C. T. U. done the organizing some other paid the cash. By motion reports were all accepted. and put on file; By motion presidents address was referred to plan of work committee, after which Convention adjourned until evening.

Baptist Church. S. P. M.

Meeting opened with prayer. choir leading in song. after which our President introduced. Mrs G. M. Howard. the speaker for the evening. whose address and love were well calculated to arouse an interest in her work and increase our love and sympathy to more energetic efforts for those for whom she labors.

after the close of lecture and meeting several Rail-road men with their wives came forward and introduced themselves to Mrs Howard

The choir rendered beautiful music during the evening.

September 10. 1891.

Convention met and after interesting Bible conference the President resumed the work as previously planned on program. and reports from Counties continued.
Washington Co. not organized. but one local union reports 4 memberships of 24. with superintendants appointed for 7. Departments Subscription to Union Signal 2. Our Messenger 10. Have held 7 meetings. Motion to accept reports carried. and reports of District Sup^t called for beginning with superintendants of
Organization Mrs E. J. Barnsted.

Reported. No. of Counties in District 10. Organized 6.

unorganized, 4. Unions in District - 42. Dickinson - 6
 Clay - 2. Marshall 7. Republic 7. Ottawa. 2. Colord 2. Saline, 3
 Riley 2. Gray 3. Washington 2. New Unions Organized. 18.
 2 of these among the Colord people. one in Clay Center the other



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Manhattan Riley Co. Dickinson one Union dead,
unions not reporting Manhattan, and ⁱⁿ Cloud, Concordia,
work among colored. Mrs Cordry, sent following report. 2 unions in District,
and number of lectures by Mrs. Harper National Superintendent
Juvenile Department report shows. 4. S. J. S. memberships. 211.
Pres. Work. Mrs. Hooker. Reports. Clay, Dickinson, Leary, and Republic,
as the only Counties having Superintendents: as far as she can
ascertain. Reports accepted and put on file.

Mr. Gatis, Secretary of Junction City Y. M. C. & introduced. Said he
was "in sympathy with you the W. C. T. U. and Y. M. C. &
have both for their aim the advancement of Christ's kingdom
we are not in the same methods but our object is the same
the saving of Humanity our interests are mutual. I am with
you in sympathy and encouragement.

Topic "What the few may and can do." was discussed informally,
after which Mrs. Woodward by invitation read Scripture lesson
directing our thoughts specially to "these words spoke Jesus to his
disciples": "We are to make personal application each one
asking How does Jesus speak to me". By His Providence:
which are parables and we can only understand them by living very
near to Him. Morning prayer observed and we adjourned.
to meet 2 o'clock.

Convention called to order as per adjournment. Mrs. Vail, leading the
devotional exercises after which Convention work was
continued. An invitation was given Mr. President- to address
"A Ladies reading circle": and by motion of Convention it was
accepted, and President- retired leaving Mrs. Susselder in chair.

Reports of District-Superintendents continued in hearing. Mrs. Mills, Salina
reported an enthusiastic Superintendent- in Salina whose report shows
what can be done and what ought to be done. who in company
of a white-ribbon sister finds the City Calaboose unfit for a woman
to be in, never-the-less 2 persons a young girl and young man
were in it" they talk with both Jail keepers. Young man indignant.
Superintendent- deplors the condition that places criminals of
both sex in the same apartment.

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Work among Soldiers.

Literature sent to Fort-Leavenworth Military Prison - also Soldiers Home. Clay Center distributed 12 pages to Old Soldiers in J. A. R. Incarcerment.

Reports accepted and put on file.

Order of day, being Election of Officers. Mrs. Strickler invited to Chair. Ballots distributed and in a short time our President was unanimously elected, as were also all other officers. Officers re-elected. President - Mrs. Dora A. Evans. Clay Center

Cor-Secretary. Mrs. J. E. Burnsted

Rec-Secretary. M. A. Lippin. Charity

Treasurer. Mrs. Edith Kerr. Salina.

Reports continued. Legislation and petition. 2 petitions have been circulated, viz. "Worship petition" and "Closing Columbian Exposition on Sabbath."

Observance of Sabbath. Mrs. A. M. Stevenson. Read paper on the importance of earnest-work in this department.

Chateaux Salute. Mrs. Evans re-appearing was introduced as our new President and received the chateaux salute with hearty good will by the whole Convention. and in her own winning way responded.

Mrs. South appearing was introduced as National Superintendent of work among Foreigners and responded in a few words.

Program again taken up. Mrs. Lusader presented her work among Foreigners after reading a paper of much merit which called forth a compliment from Mrs. South. time was extended and interesting discussion engaged in by convention in relation to department-work, and its need of earnest effort.

Flower Mission. Reported. Bognets sent to sick and Military Prison. Scientific Temperance Instruction. A good report but not being put into Secretary's hands cannot give facts.

Mr. Evans. coming in. was invited to sing and kindly consented. Singing Little Bellie with the spirit of tenderness which well interpreted the song and touched a responsive chord in the



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Heart of the Convention. A plan to visit the Fort being one of pleasant things in view for the Convention. Our President suggested that we think of it in this way. Should it be better for our cause that we remain closely at work tomorrow? or could we take up the work assigned for tomorrow forenoon, and by extra exertion complete it and then return and finish the afternoon work without injuring the influence and results of this Convention. Convention inclined the suggestion of doing extra labor and visiting the Fort.

Mrs. Barnes. A former President of Junction City Union was now introduced and gave a short talk about the work and explained why she could not be as actively engaged in it as a younger person should be.

Report of Race department. A paper by Mrs. Hester containing valuable reason for the extension of this work.

... Mercy, Miss Inguk. 1. Band with 20 members, and 2 County Superintendents. Hour having arrived for adjournment exercised the

adjournment program was ~~put~~ aside and convention closed in usual method until evening meeting.

Baptist Church. September 1892

Convention assembled and was cheered by the attendance of an intelligent and pleasant appearing audience.

Corresponding Secretary proffered each with copy Union Signal on entrance ^{into} of Church which was kindly received.

President called audience to order and began the opening exercises the music by choir was fine.

Mrs. Inguk was introduced, and proceeded to speak on that never forgotten theme so dear to her heart - "Work among Foreigners the like 'Safe keepers of the Nation'". Told us how "we as a Nation invited the people of other Nations to come and make a home in this land of the free. How we received them - not with the cup of cold water in His name, but we encircled our gates with

bars so that the poor Foreigners could not procure even a glass of milk without going into a saloon to get it. We should not hate the foreigner we should pity them because they are just as dear to the Father's heart as we are. To appreciate this lecture it should be

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heard, and to hear it- would interest- one in the work.

Mrs Smith not only gained the attention but the sympathy of her audience. at close of lecture Mrs Evans by request sang. "Pegging away" which delighted the audience. after collection we were dismissed and returned to the kind hospitable home in which we were entertained.

September 11. opened out- as beautifully as a flower in spring and very early we were wending our way to "the Fort" which we had so longed to see. the first glance at the columns of "boys in blue" brought vividly to remembrance other days when the War cloud hung like a black pall over our nation. and because of those other days our hearts were touched with sympathy for these boys in blue.

We were invited to call on the Major General. and had the honor of introduction to the stately but genial Soldier. Time seemed all too short and we did not see nearly all the sights before we were reminded that it was time to return. and the pleasant ride was soon at an end.

1. O'clock P. M. found us in Convention again. Devotional exercises were conducted by our President after which routine work was resumed. By special invitation Mrs Allen read a well prepared instructive paper on Non-alcoholic Medication.

Report of Resolution Committee and adopted.

Plan of work Committee. accepted and adopted.

Finance Committee reported "expenses all met and out- District- clear financially"

Invitation to hold our next Convention in Salina accepted

President asked Executive members to meet after Convention in waiting room of Depot. By Motion Convention adjourned. and we bade adieu to each other and these kind people who made every thing so pleasant and convenient for us during our stay in Junction City

Respectfully Submitted

M. A. Tappin

Recording Secretary

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Minutes Executive meeting September 10 - 1891.

Baptist Church

Executive Committee met as per call.

Members present. Mrs Evans. President. Mrs Burnsted. Sec- Secretary

Recording Secretary Mr. A. Tappin. Treasurer Mrs Ker.

Vice Presidents. Mesdames Gussader. Strickler and Barlow.

Motion carried to continue our Directory in State minutes. also that we meet our share of expense, State blanks for local unions. That we approve of the juvenile work as planned throughout the District. Request of State Superintendent Evangelistic department that we give time for special Bible reading. Granted by consent.

Committee adjourned to meet at call of President

Mr. Tappin Secretary.

Executive met pursuant to adjournment.

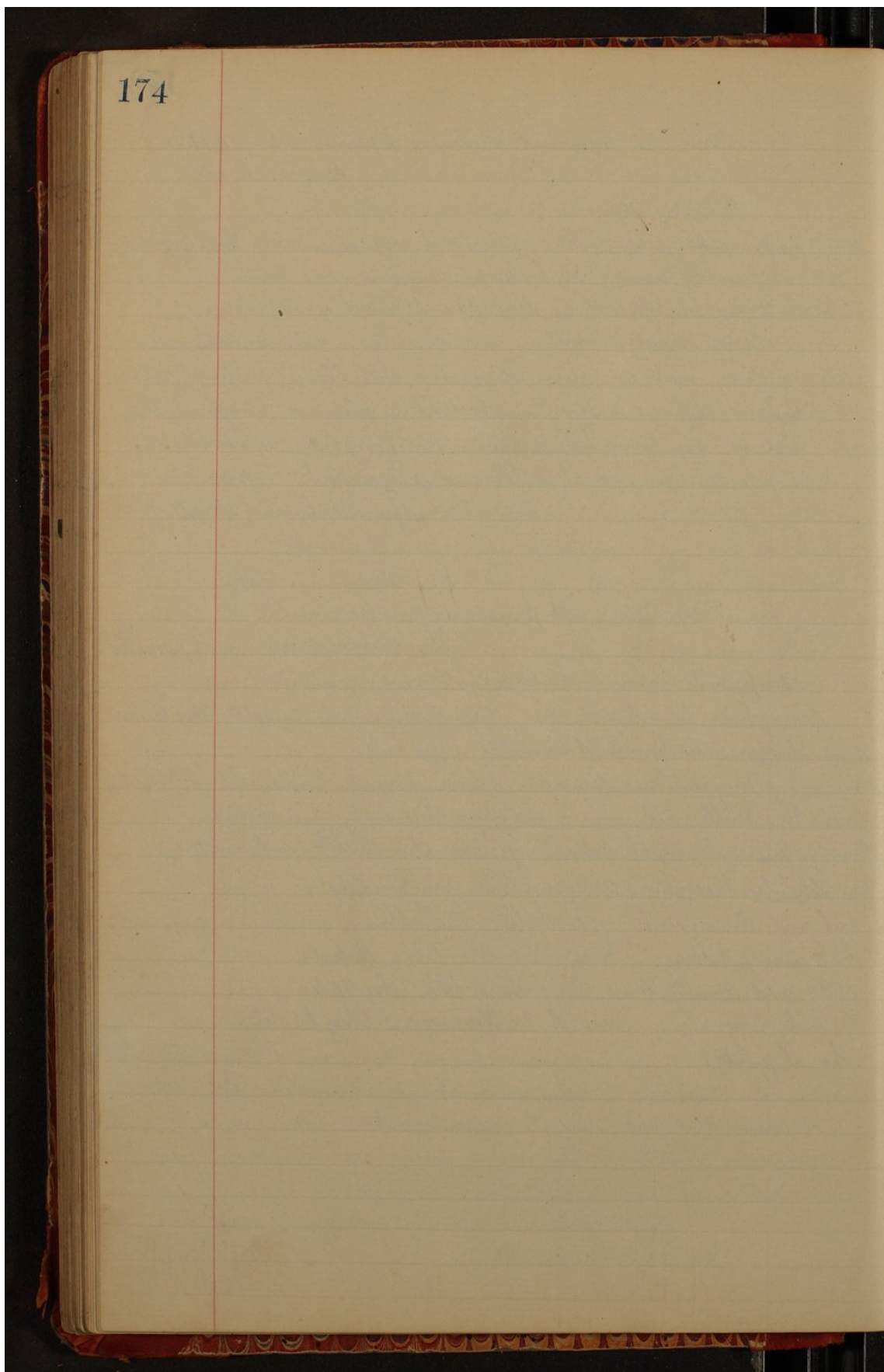
All members present and proceeded

to appoint Superintendents for following departments.

Evangelistic. Mrs Edith Kerr. Organization. F. E. Burnsted. Clay Center
Flower Mission. Miss Leckhardt. Manhattan. Press Work
Work among Foreigners. Mrs. Gussader. Salina. Juvenile. Emma Strickler. Solomon City
Music. Mrs. Mills. Salina. Literature Mrs. Nealy. Concordia.
Mercy. Miss Sophia Wink. Salina. G's. Miss Clara Strickler. Solomon City.
Non- alcoholic Medication. Dr. Abbie Allen. Junction City
Jail and Prison work. Mrs. Shells. Bellville.
Work among Soldiers. Mrs. Bidwell. Blue Rapids
State and County Fairs. Mrs. Alice Otis. Clay Center
Saltbush Observation. Mrs. A. M. Stevenson. Clay Center.
Social purity.

Vacancies in department work were by motion left with President to fill and committee adjourned

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Minutes of 5th District Semi Annual Convention
Salina. April 8. 1892.

Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Fifth District. met as per call in Presbyterian Church. the friendly smiling faces, hearty warm hand clasp, the beautiful flowers on platform desk, and stand, made us feel that some persons were glad we were coming. and the hum of happy voices in greeting and introduction ceased only as the tapping of the gavel signified attention and our President announced that an informal formal meeting would now be held. Discussions on various lines of our work followed the opening exercise, that we might have a full executive meeting and each County have full benefit of the same. A motion unanimously carried that when the President of a County was absent that one of the delegates from that county be given a seat in the executive committee during Convention. After suggestions on different parts of our work by our President we adjourned to meet 7.30. P. M.

in Christian Church. 7.30 P. M.

Meeting was opened with reading of scripture by our worthy President followed with prayer by Secretary and fine music by Ladies quartette after which an address of welcome expressed by Mrs Vail was listened to with marked attention. the response being happily given by Miss Bear of Abilene and was unique. we enjoyed her description of one fleeing yet always meeting the W. C. T. U. and were glad when like the Jonah we read of, she concluded to carry the message of the Lord.

After music Mrs. Evans introduced Mrs. Lamb National Super of work among Foreigners who gave us a lecture full of love for humanity and the efforts she has put forth to give to these people coming to our shores the bread of life. Surely we ought to be interested in a people who so soon after their arrival become the law makers in our land.

The Collection speech was perfect. gracefully given by Mrs. Emma Johns of Salina. more music and we adjourned. while as we part through the audience we learned that the Lecture by Mrs. Lamb was well received. many wishing that others had been present to hear for themselves. "Dare by our cause will move on with such speakers and such leaders as our State and District Presidents" was also remarked.

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Minutes of Convention, March 7, 1892.

G. M. C. A. Rooms Salina, Kansas

P. M. found our President in her accustomed place and Convention called to order. Devotional exercises lead by M. A. Tipton. Words of trust chosen found in psalm first. "The Lord knoweth" after which the prepared program was taken up. President's address being first in order which might properly have been titled Respect as she reviewed the White ribbon work in the district since its organization 7 or 8 years since. The illustration used appropriate. "A strong thrifty plant has to be removed cut down because it is out of line. are we out of line with God's purpose and wish concerning us. let us be care full" this like all our Presidents former address are inspiring and should aid us in our efforts of love. Your Secretary would like to keep a minute of all these worthy thoughts but space and time would not permit.

Report — Corresponding Secretary's report informs us that we have Seniors in District Republic 7. Dickinson 7. Marshall 7. Clay 7. Ottawa 2. Cloud 7. Leary 2. Washington 3. Riley 2. Unions among Colored 3. Loyd. Legions 15 membership 582. By motion Report accepted and put on file.

Report of Treasurer showed ^{all} amount of money received. 17.00 report accepted. Committee appointed by President as follows. Country Mrs. Edith Kerr.

Credentials Mrs. E. F. Burnsted. E. Kerr.

Plan of Work Mrs. E. F. Strickler. M. J. Smeader.

Resolutions Mesdames. Davis. Hager and Roberts.

The following Superintendents appointed to read reports of absentees Juvenile Mrs. Emma Strickler. Work among Colored. Mrs. Matger Abilene. Work among peoples. Mrs. Lill of Salina.

Soldiers Mrs. Chase. Junction City.

Legislative and petition. Mrs. F. E. Burnsted.

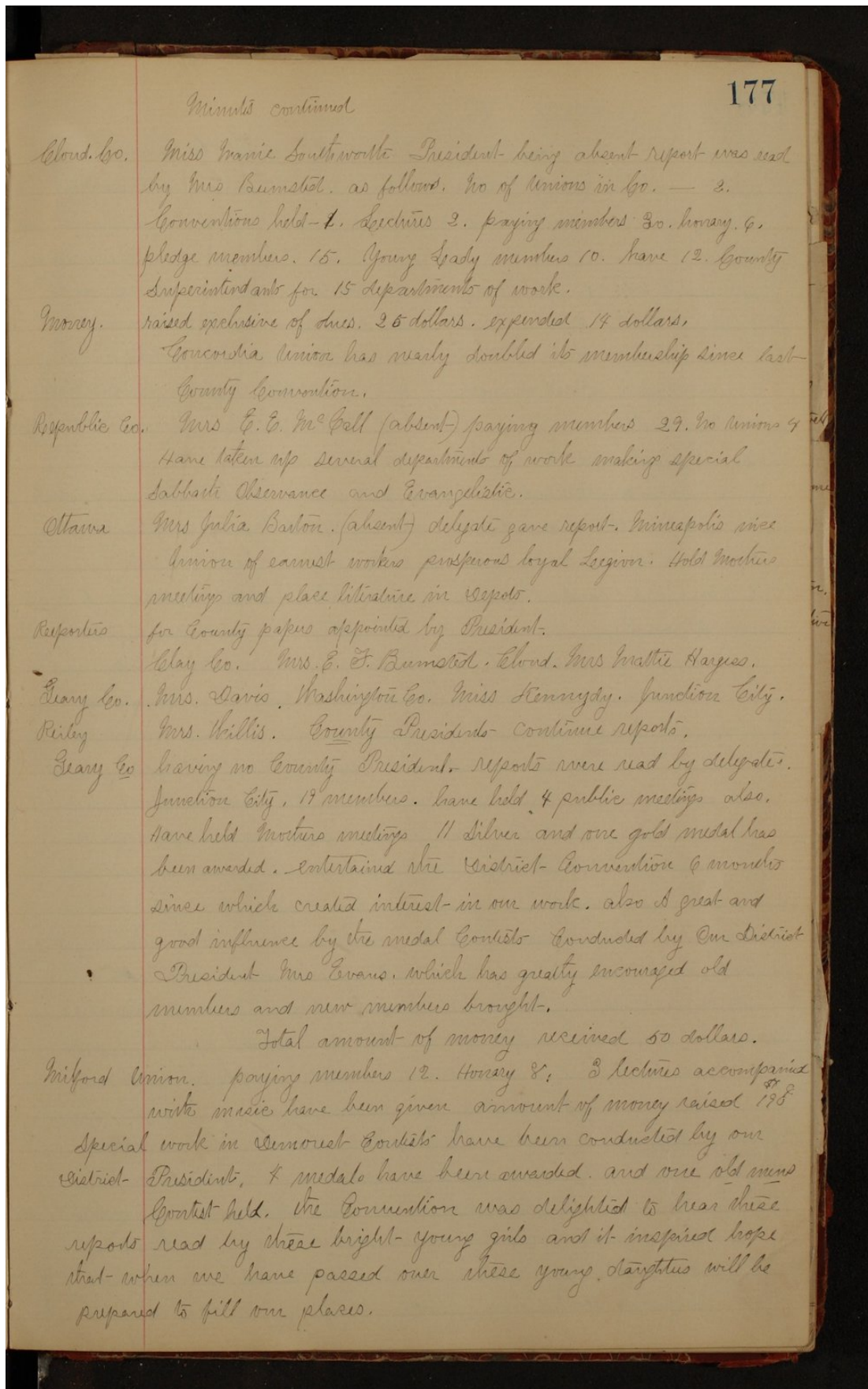
Countries. Reports of Counties by Presidents. Saline Mrs. E. J. Smeader. Saline reported local unions 3. paying members 20. Honary 6. amount of money expended for State debt 5. dollars.

World Convention 2. dollars. dues to State 13 dollars. local 10.

Total amount 30. dollars.

Superintendents appointed for as many departments of work.

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Cloud Co. Miss Marie Southworth President being absent report was read by Mrs. Bumsted. as follows. No of Unions in Co. — 2.

Conventions held — 4. Lectures 2. paying members 30. honorary 6. pledge members 15. Young Lady members 10. have 12. County Superintendants for 15 departments of work.

Morrey. raised exclusive of dues. 25 dollars. expended 14 dollars.

Concordia Union has nearly doubled its membership since last County Convention.

Republic Co. Mrs. E. C. McCall (absent) paying members 29. No Unions 4. Have taken up several departments of work making special Sabbath observance and Evangelistic.

Ottawa Mrs. Julia Barton. (absent) delegate gave report. Minneapolis since Union of earnest workers prosperous loyal Legions. Hold Mothers meetings and place literature in Depots.

Reporters for County papers appointed by President.

Clay Co. Mrs. E. T. Bumsted. Cloud. Mrs. Mattie Hargis.

Leary Co. Mrs. Davis. Washington Co. Miss Kennedy. Junction City.

Riley Mrs. Willis. County Presidents continue reports.

Leary Co. having no County President. Reports were read by delegate. Junction City, 19 members. have held 4 public meetings also. Have held Mothers meetings 11 silver and one gold medal has been awarded. entertained the District Convention 6 months since which created interest in our work. also a great and good influence by the medal Contests conducted by our District President Mrs. Evans. which has greatly encouraged old members and new members brought.

Total amount of money received 50 dollars.

Milford Union. paying members 12. Honary 8. 3 lectures accompanied with music have been given amount of money raised 198

Special work in Veterans Contests have been conducted by our District President. 4 medals have been awarded. and one old mens Contest held. the Convention was delighted to hear these reports read by three bright young girls and it inspired hope that when we have passed over these young daughters will be prepared to fill our places.