

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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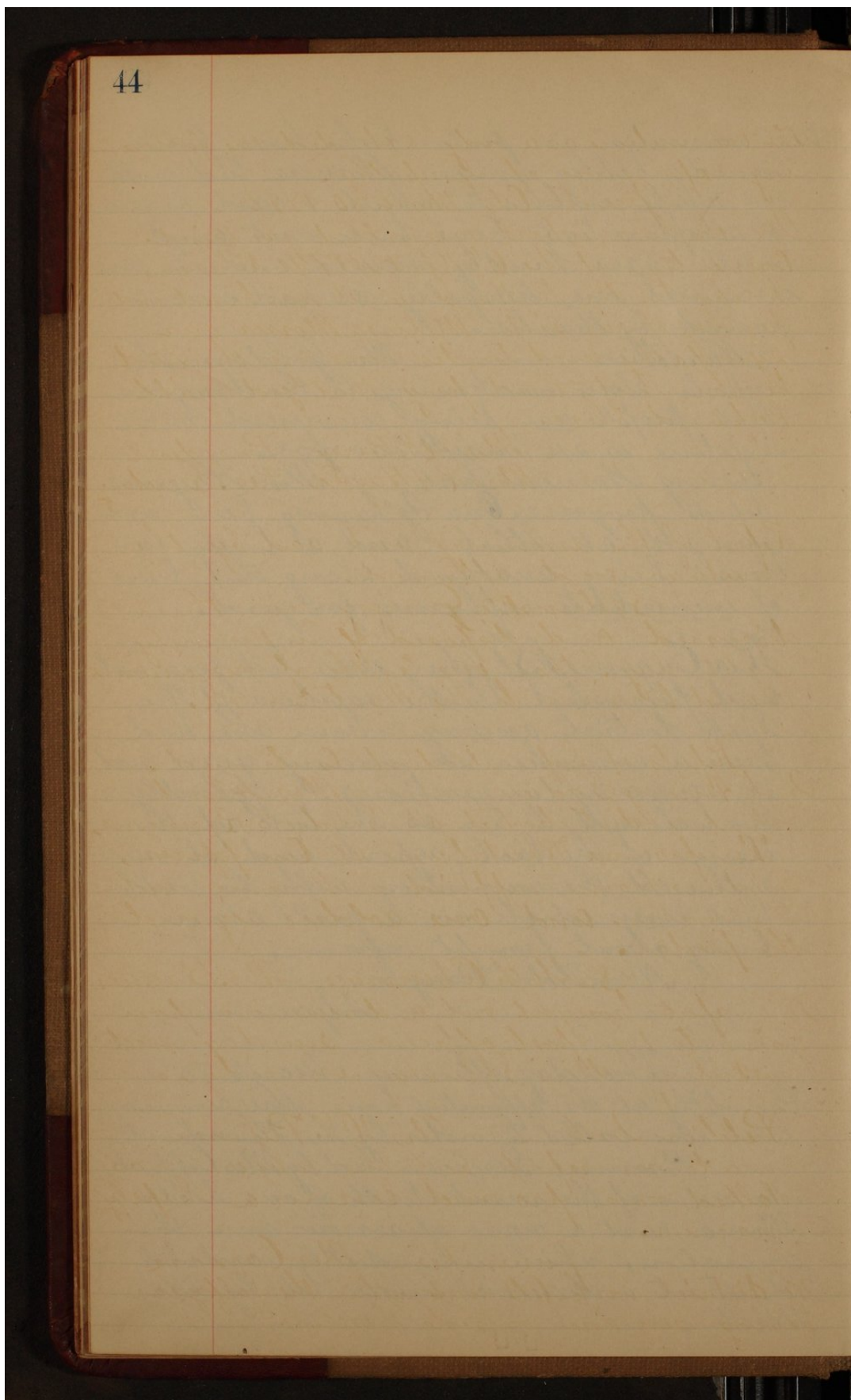
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The convention as a body extended the following expressions of sympathy.

Jewell City March 30 1893

We the members assembled in Dist. Convention of the 6th Dist WCTU Kansas, hereby tender to the bereaved husband and family of our sister Melissa Morre our sympathy and tender love in their sad bereavement, and pray that God will keep and bless.

Mrs M. L. Berry President
Miss R. A. Haynes Rec. Secretary

Report of the morning work read by the secretary, and approved.

Systematic Giving was then discussed and disposed of in the only right way. That one tenth of our income should be given to the Master's work.

Reports of Superintendents Continued.

Work Among Soldiers — Mrs. Stlood
Literature distributed at Soldier's Reunions,
Temperance Recitations at Campfires,
Soldier's Home supplied with some reading matter. and one soldier signed the pledge.

Sabbath Observance — Mrs. Bruner

This report brought out a discussion upon going to the Post office on Sunday and mailing letters Saturday evenings.

Petition Work. — Mrs. H. L. Palmer
made no report but the subject was talked over pro and con in a shapely manner.

Juveniles — Mrs. Carson

No district work. All work within the half year having been done outside Dist. C. U.



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Scien. Bmpf. Inst in Pub Schls
Miss Lora O'Squener
reports much work along this line
Very many teachers are fully alive
to this Department of their duties.
Evangelistic Mothers Meetings, Mrs. Susan
Hovey reports a general desire to
assist her by many with whom
this work brings her in association
with. Wherever a correspondence has
been established in the Saviour's name,
Gospel meetings have been estab-
lished. Bible readings and prayer
in individual work has resulted
in the salvation of a few.
Mrs. Hovey's report is supplemented
by a report from our Crusad Band
W. I. who report that in the Sixth
District, twelve consecutive weeks
of evening and afternoon evangel-
istic meetings have been held, re-
sulting in 42 conversions, \$86.75
donated to keep up expenses, and
50 individual visits to homes
and persons. We thank God for
these proofs of His fulfillment
of promises.

Report of Dist. Officers

Treasurer - Mrs. Belle Armstrong reports
\$21.00 in district treasury.

Cor. Sec. Mrs. Featherhead gave her usual
report which is a thorough review of
district work.

Recs - Call to work - Music
Report of Resolution Committee.

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Resolutions I

Whereas—The prayers and tears of wives and mothers have reached the ears of our Heavenly Father who has endowed his children with power from on high to overturn the works of the enemy and to pull down the strongholds of sin

Resolved—That we consecrate ourselves anew to our Heavenly Father who is the source of all wisdom, power and strength and that we faithfully discharge every duty, thinking no service too arduous, no self denial too great.

II

Resolved; That we urge our County presidents to appoint superintendents of Peace, and that our local unions do the same that peace be taught thoroughly all along the line.

III

Resolved; That the evangelistic work be more faithfully prosecuted, and that we favor the Crusade plan of sending out workers in God's vineyard.

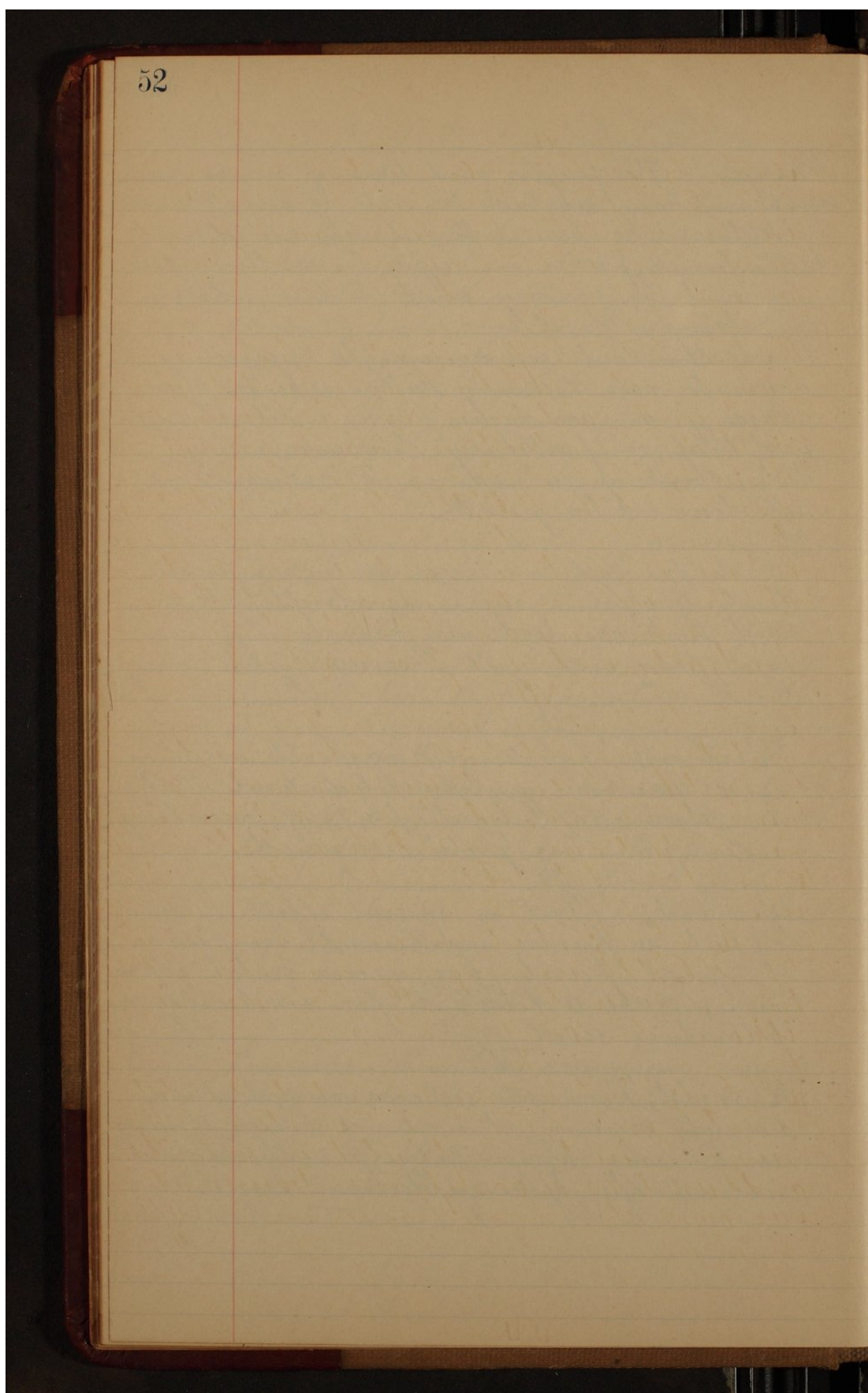
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Resolved; That a special effort be made to create a public sentiment in favor of equal purity for men and women, and a distaste for impurity in literature and art.

V

Resolved; That we recommend that County organizations and local unions work more prayerfully for the department of Young Women's Work.

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VI

Resolved; That this Convention recommend that more earnest work be done in the loyal temperance league work, and bands of hope and mercy among the local unions.

VII

Whereas — the employment of public school teachers rests with a legally elected school board, and said board can influence the methods of instruction, Therefore be it.

Resolved; That it is the duty of every woman of the W.C.T.U. to earnestly strive to secure the election of men or women as members of the board who will do all they can for the enforcement of the law requiring Scientific Temperance Instruction in our public school.

VIII

Resolved; That we urge the plan suggested by our district, for organizing a system of county anniversaries, in honor of our law, inviting free discussion from platform by all organizations in church or state that will affiliate with us.

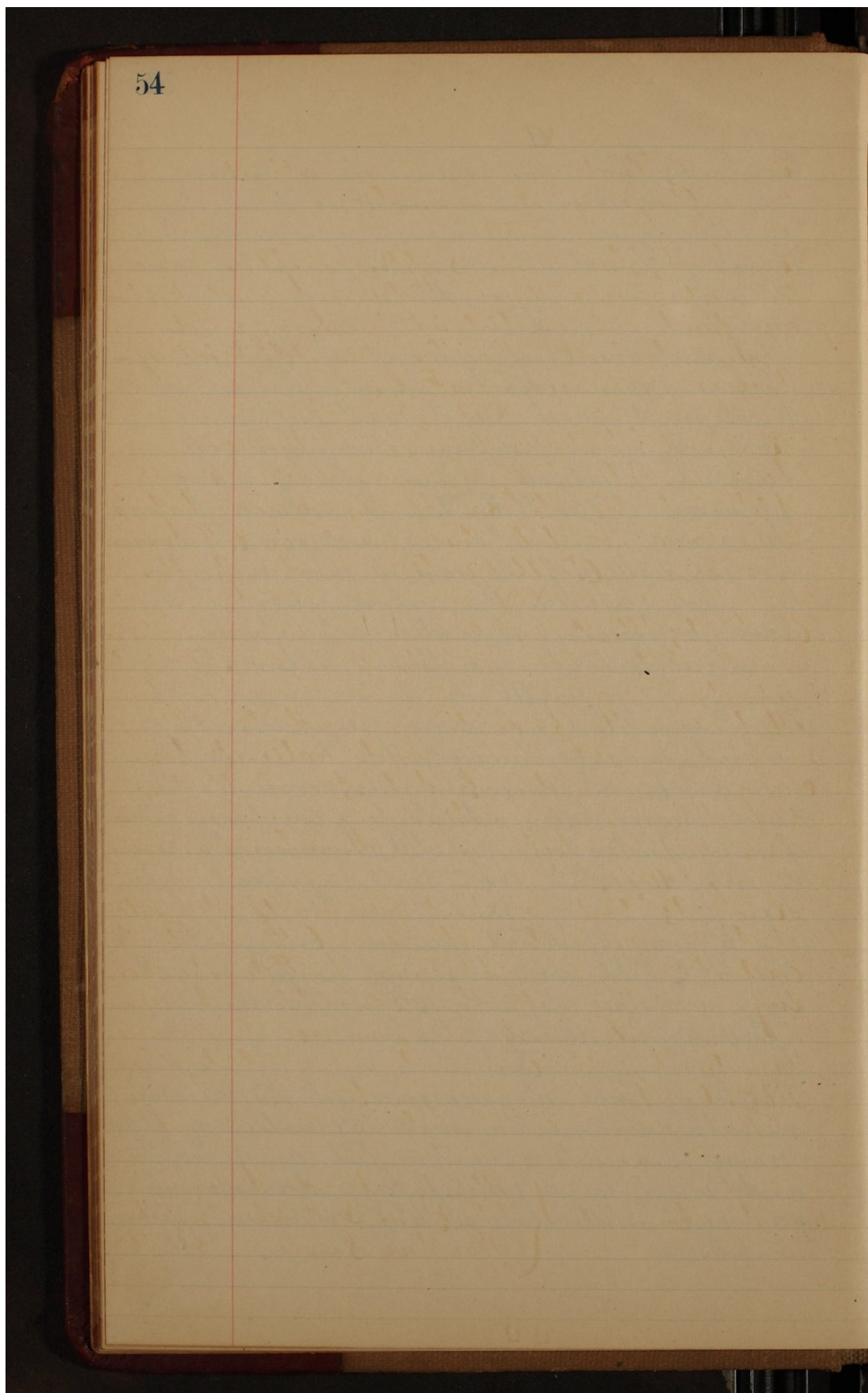
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Resolved; That we as members of the W.C.T.U. use our influence in getting women to vote at both municipal and school elections.

X

Resolved; That we recommend to the state executive committee that the action of Womans Legislature be printed as a leaflet and used as a campaign document in our own state before the question of Equal Suffrage is taken.

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XI

Resolved; That we give more attention to the suppression of narcotics.

XII

Resolved; That our Supls. of Depts. have the expenses of their stationery and postage paid out of district treasury, and plans devised whereby our district officers be remunerated.

XIII

Resolved That the thanks of this convention be extended throughout the Sixth District to the editors of the various papers who have granted space in their columns for our W.C.T.U. notices and reports.

XIV

Resolved; That the thanks of this convention be extended to our President for the able and impartial manner in which she has presided over its proceedings, and to the Secretary for her obliging and patient discharge of her arduous duties, and to the other officers for the satisfactory manner in which they have fulfilled the functions assigned them, also.

Resolved; That we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our sisters of Jewell City for their cordial welcome and liberal hospitality during our stay with them. also to all those who have furnished us such excellent music during the convention, and to the M.E. Church and their janitor for the use of the beautiful commodious house and services rendered.

Resolution Committee { Mrs. A. A. Welch. Odessa
Mrs. Emma Synthrick Beloit
Miss Lora Squire Beloit

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Resolutions adopted singly after being fully discussed.

The convention took action upon the last clause of resolution 12 and voted that president appoint a committee of three on finance.

Mrs. W. L. Palmer of Jewell, Mrs. M. C. Bruner of Norton, and Mrs. E. Southwick of Beloit composed that committee.

Committee met and deliberated upon the subject, arriving at the conclusion that our President receive twenty five dollars (\$25.00) annually as a salary beside her expenses to and from conventions, also that the other district officers have their traveling expenses borne to and from convention.

In the hurry of the hour the convention adjourned without taking further action upon this question.

Met by two young ladies

Prayer by Miss Hill, closed the work of the Eighth Semiannual Convention of Sixth District Kas. W. C. T. U.

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Thursday Evening Exercises

Bible Recitation by Miss Edith Hill
Subject, Women of The Bible.
Prayer by Mrs. M. L. Berry
Music by Jerrell City Orchestra.

Rev. Eugenie St John was then introduced to the large audience that had assembled to hear her once more. Very attentive was every one as our womanly orator presented and discussed in her forcible manner the subject—Woman as a Statesman.

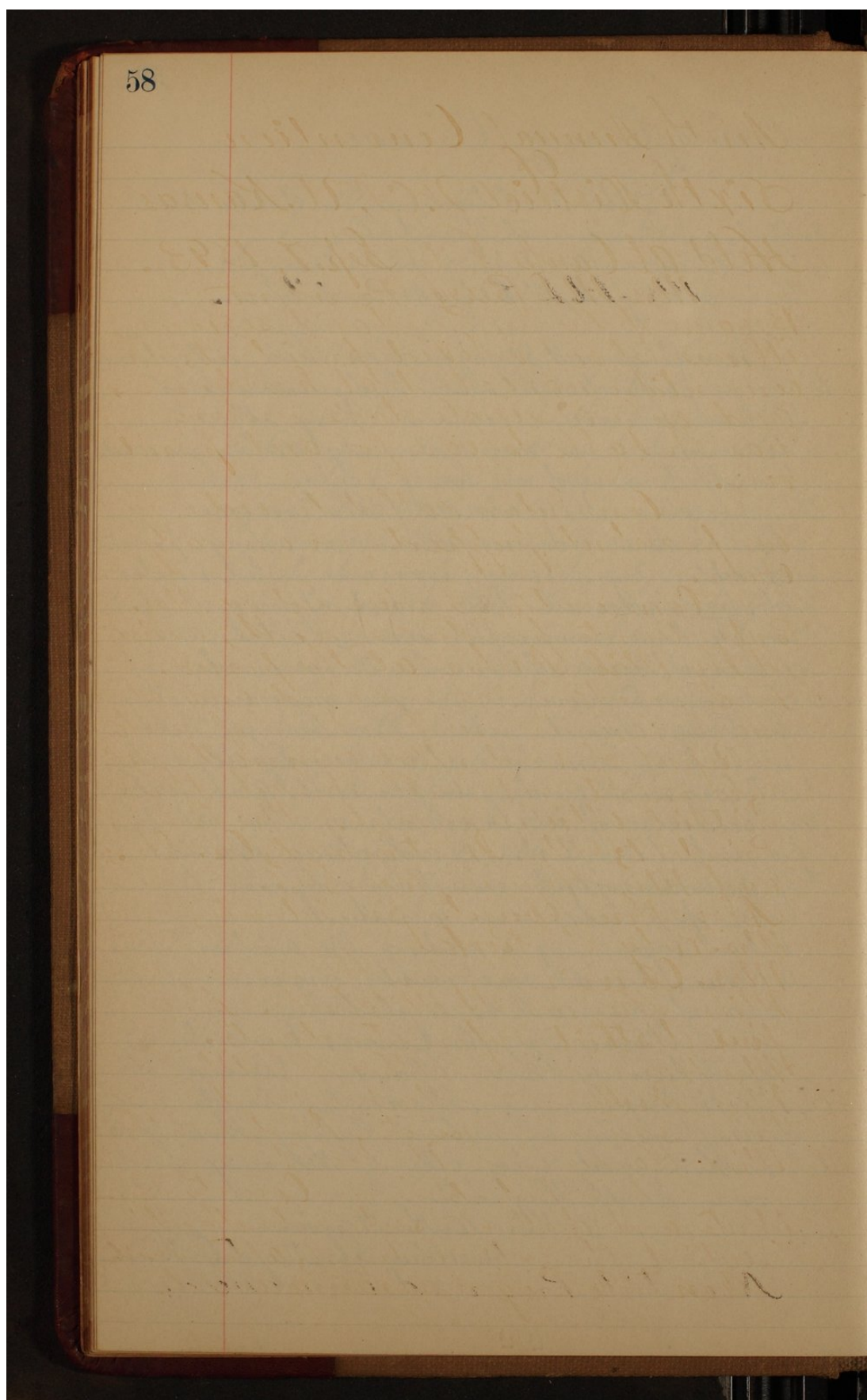
The speaker led us back over history, pointing out very many women who, under God, had carried the vexed affairs of state through to a successful issue, cited the minds of her audience to the number of intelligent women in our own country who today stand before the thoughtful public as models of womanly dignity, intelligence and judgement. Also were the women of other countries who at the present time are conducting affairs of government involving great territory put before our vision.

From beginning to ending the address was a clear, lucid, systematic argument in favor of woman as a statesman.

Music by the Choir; Collection; Benediction by Rev. Mayo, closed the evening's programme. We closed hands with very many warm at parting feeling that this convention had been one of the very best in our Sixth District.

Miss Ruth Haynes
Recording Secretary of Cth District.

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Eighth
Ninth Annual Convention
Of
Sixth District W.C.T.U. Kansas
Held at Cawker City Sep. 7, 1893.

Mrs. M. L. Berry, President.
 Because of the prolonged and serious
 illness of our beloved president, the
 convention was called at her home,
 and only a single day's session
 was she able to care for and preside
 over.

Convention called to order by
 our president propped in an easy
 chair.

Consecration Service led by Mrs.
 Ruby, county president of Rooks, assist-
 ed by Miss Fisher at the piano.

The convention was organized and at
 once began its usual routine of work.

Report of credential committee and
 subsequent roll call showed three
 district officers present. Mrs. Berry,
 President; Mrs. Weatherhead, Cor. Sec.;
 and Miss Haynes, Rec. Sec..

Also three county presidents,
 Mrs. Ruby of Rooks,

Mrs. Curtis of Jewell,

Miss Haynes of Mitchell. Also
 five district superintendents.

Mrs. Harvey - Health & Heredity

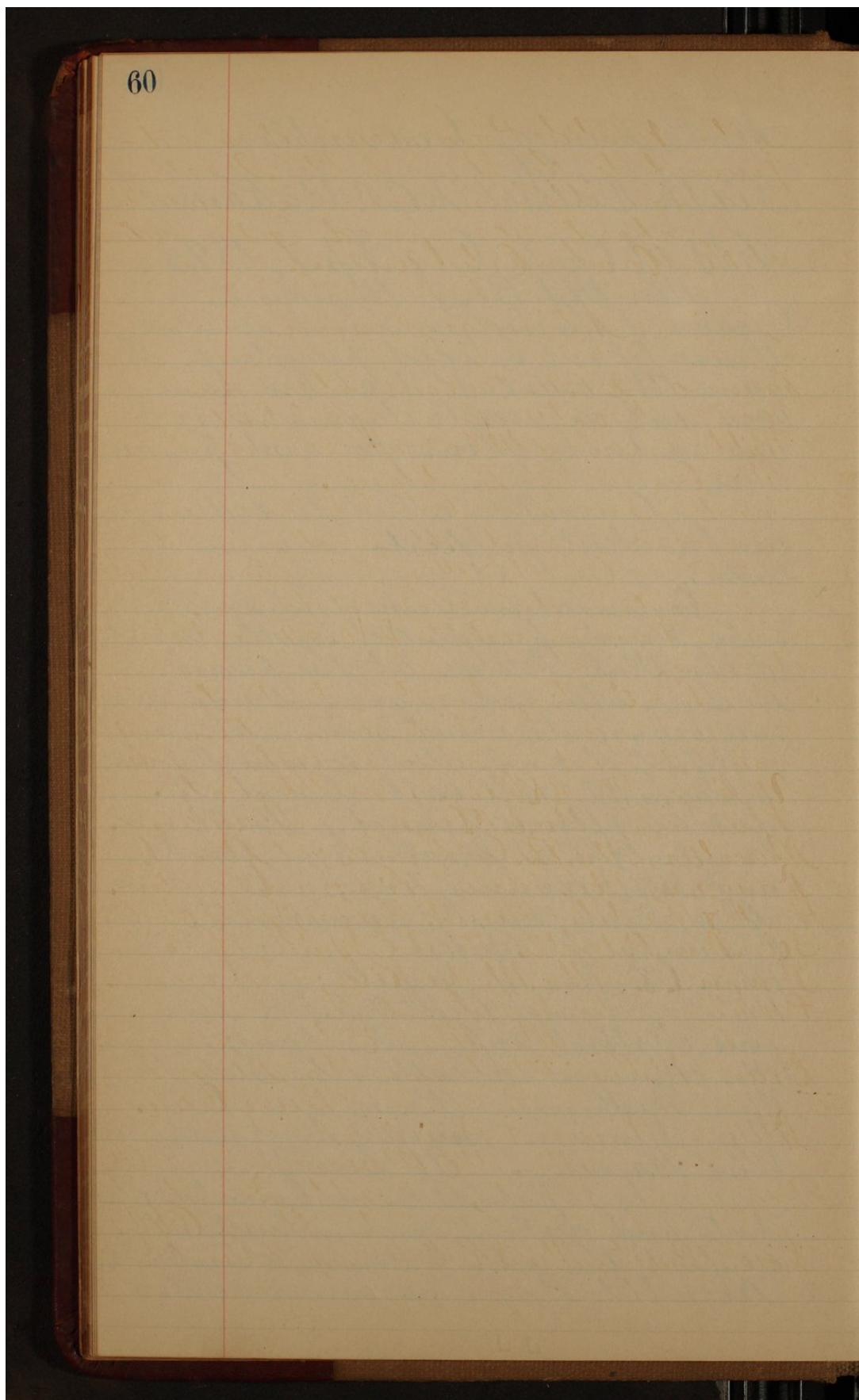
Miss Fisher - Music

Miss Squire - Scientific Temperance in Pub. Schs.

Miss Haynes - U. Work

Reports from County Pres-
 idents, and district superintendents
 occupied the entire forenoon, after which
 Noon tide Prayer was announced.

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After Noonide Prayer. convention adjourned to the home of Mrs. Weatherhead for dinner, where a bountiful repast was spread by the ladies of the Cowker City Union.

Afternoon Session.

Again at 2 P.M. the convention was called to action by our president. Bible lesson by Miss Haynes assisted by Miss Convis sat the piano. Reading Secretary's report of morning session read and approved.

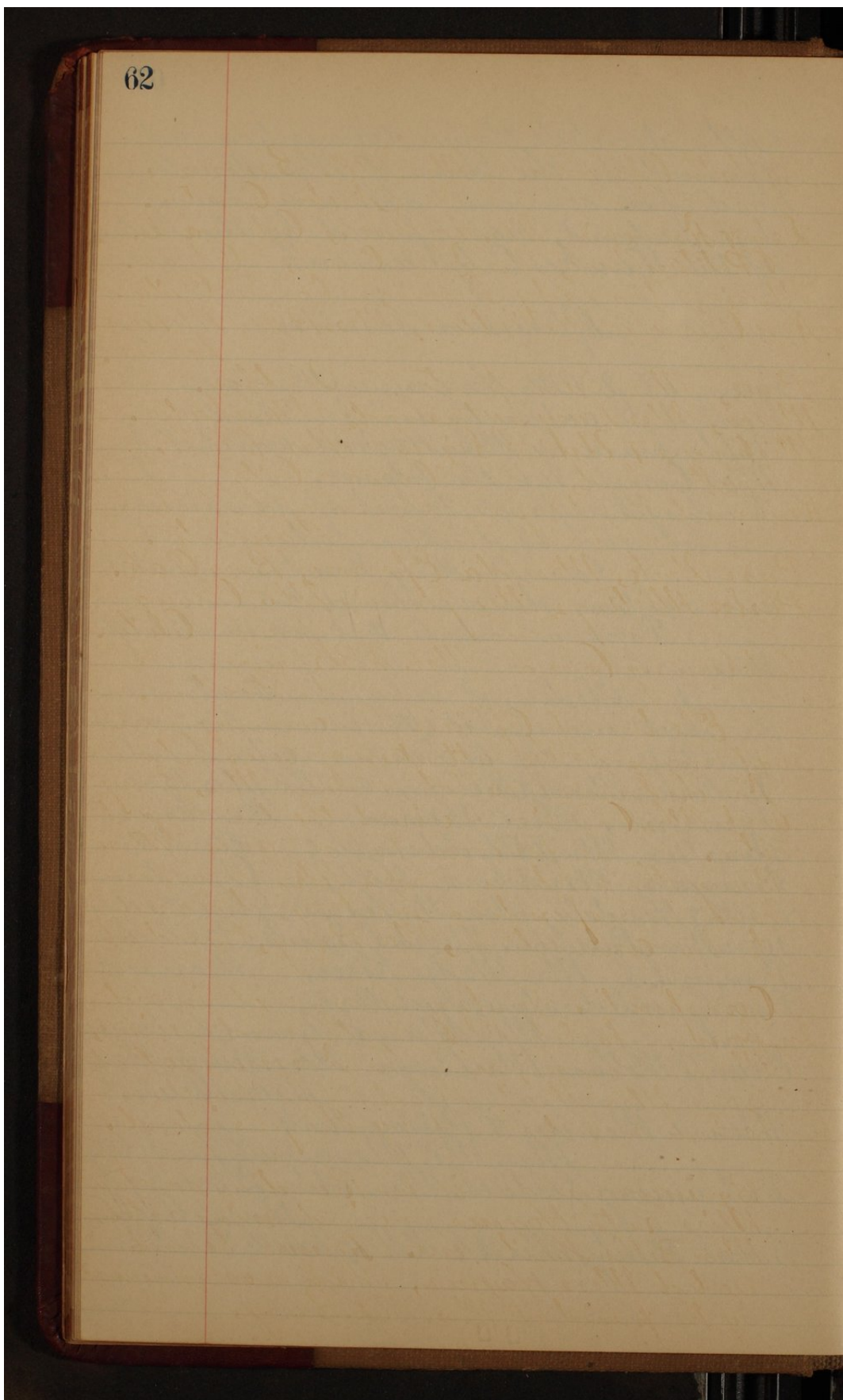
Corresponding Secretary reported only eighteen unions heard from.

Treasurer reports \$20.44 in district treasury.

Election of superintendents was the next number of the convention, which resulted in the following corps of workers

Y. W. K.	Mrs. A. K. Rivers;	Maykato.
Juvenile,	Mrs. E. D. Larson;	Waukeny.
Marcotics,	Mrs. B. B. Goldsmith;	Athol.
Foreigners,	Mrs. Anna Hill;	Clayton.
Health & Heredity,	Mrs. M. Harvey;	Glen Elder.
Scin. Rem. Pub. Schls.	Miss L. E. Squire;	Beloit.
Rem. in S. S.	Mrs. Madge Kiser;	Howars.
Purity in Literature, and Arts,	Mrs. Mary E. Young;	Lebanon.
Evangel. & Mothers Meetings,	Mrs. Susan Hovey;	Burr Oak.
Flower Mission & Prison Work	Mrs. M. E. Monasmith;	Jewell City.
Work among Soldiers,	Mrs. Abba Flood;	Burr Oak.
Social Purity,	Mrs. S. K. Miller;	Smith Center.

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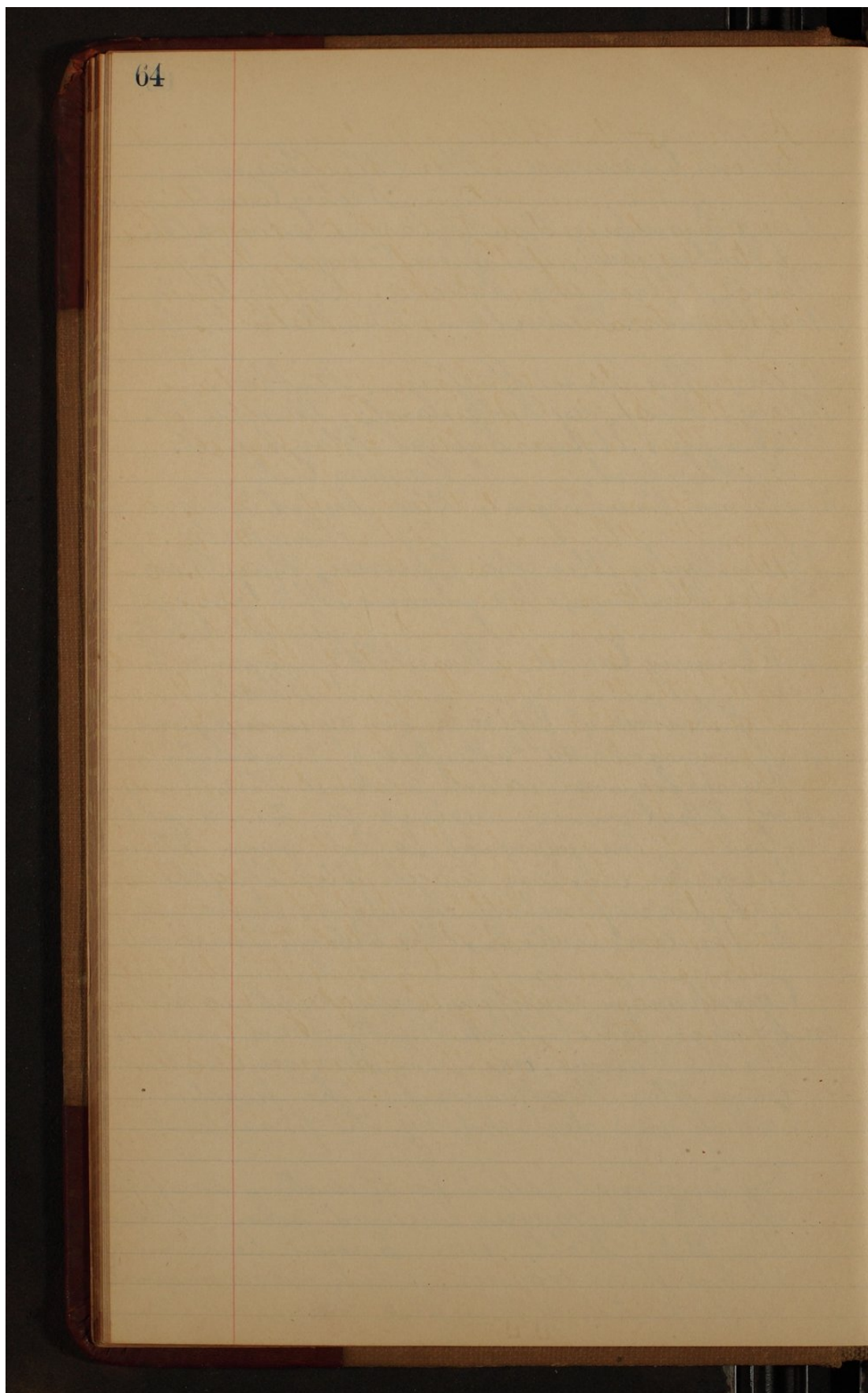
Sabbath Observance, Mrs. M.E. Bruner; Norton Center.
 Leg. & Branches, Mrs. A.A. Welch; Cedarville.
 Petition Work, Mrs. Flora Clark; Otego.
 Music, Miss Lida Fisher; Cowker City.
 Non-Alcoholic Medication, Mrs. Belle Motace; Lonia.
 Peace, Mrs. Irene Hester; Webber.
 Mercy, Mrs. Lucy Sutherland; Mankato.
 Mesenger & Union Signal Mrs. A.P.H.
 Weatherhead, Cowker City.
 Railroad Employers, Mrs. Anna Gilson; Mankato.
 Press Work, Mrs. Ida Eperson; Burr Oak.
 Parlor Meetings, Mrs. Jennie M. Clung; Jewell City.
 Work Among Colored, Mrs. A.B. Springer; Stockton.

Election of Officers for coming year next engaged the attention of convention. The informal ballot showed Mrs. Berry and Mrs. Convis received the two largest votes. The formal ballot gave Mrs. Berry the election which Mrs. Weatherhead Corresponding Secretary, declared to the convention, Mrs. Berry, President.

Corresponding Secretary was next in order. Informal ballot, Mrs. Weatherhead nine, Mrs. W.L. Palmer, one. The formal ballot gave Mrs. Weatherhead the position which was declared by the president.

By informal ballot for Recording Secretary Miss Ruth Haynes received nine votes, Mrs. Belle White one. Formal ballot elected Mrs. Haynes, which was announced by the president Mrs. M.L. Berry.

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Treasurer, Mrs Belle Armstrong received by informal ballot the unanimous vote of the convention. The recording secretary proceeded to cast the conclusive vote making the informal, the formal ballot and declared Mrs. Armstrong Treasurer of Sixth district.

The convention confirmed the action of the Special Finance Committee of the March Convention & see page 56.

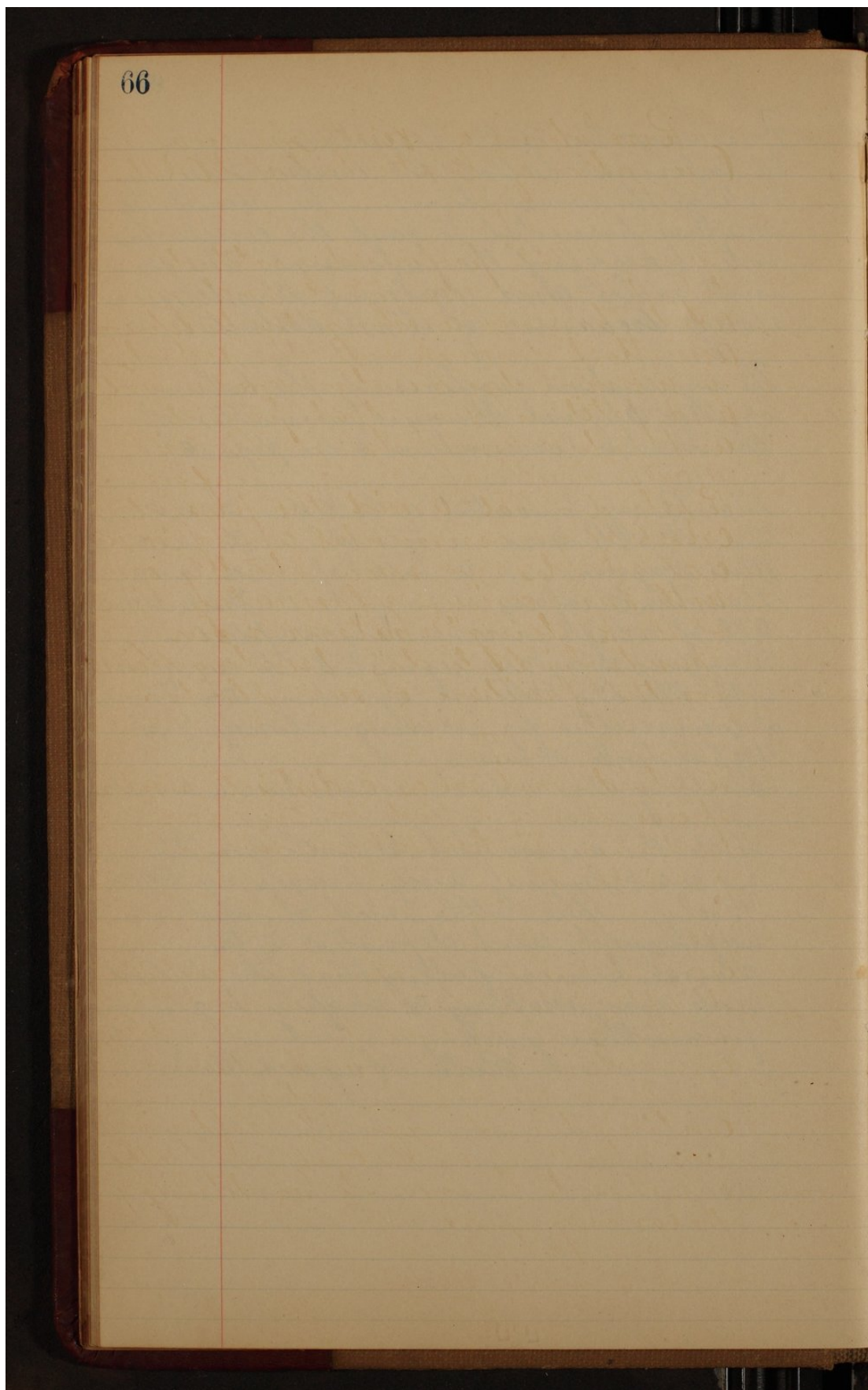
Mrs. Berry presented a bill of	\$ 2.00
Mrs. Weatherhead a bill of	\$ 1.25
Miss Haynes a bill of	\$ 1.00
President's salary - - -	\$25.00

All of which convention accepted. Recording Secretary requested to correspond with Mrs L L Palmer regarding the plans of committee for raising money for the president's salary.

Secretary also made resolution committee.

With the hymn God be with you till we meet again, and prayer by Mrs Ruby the little band of workers adjourned, and departed to their several homes feeling that the district work was making a shapely beginning for another year.
Ruth Haynes Rec Sec.

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Resolutions of Ninth Annual Convention of Sixth District W.C.T.U.

I

Whereas - With profound gratitude to God for His manifest leading and presence among the temperance host through out the world, we acknowledge His divine Fatherhood, and petition Him that present and future knowledge of His will may be vouchsafed us; Therefore Resolved - That amid the present crises of governmental and financial events we move steadily on with our various reformatory lines of work, doing "whatsoever our hands find to do," trusting Him for the fruition of our efforts.

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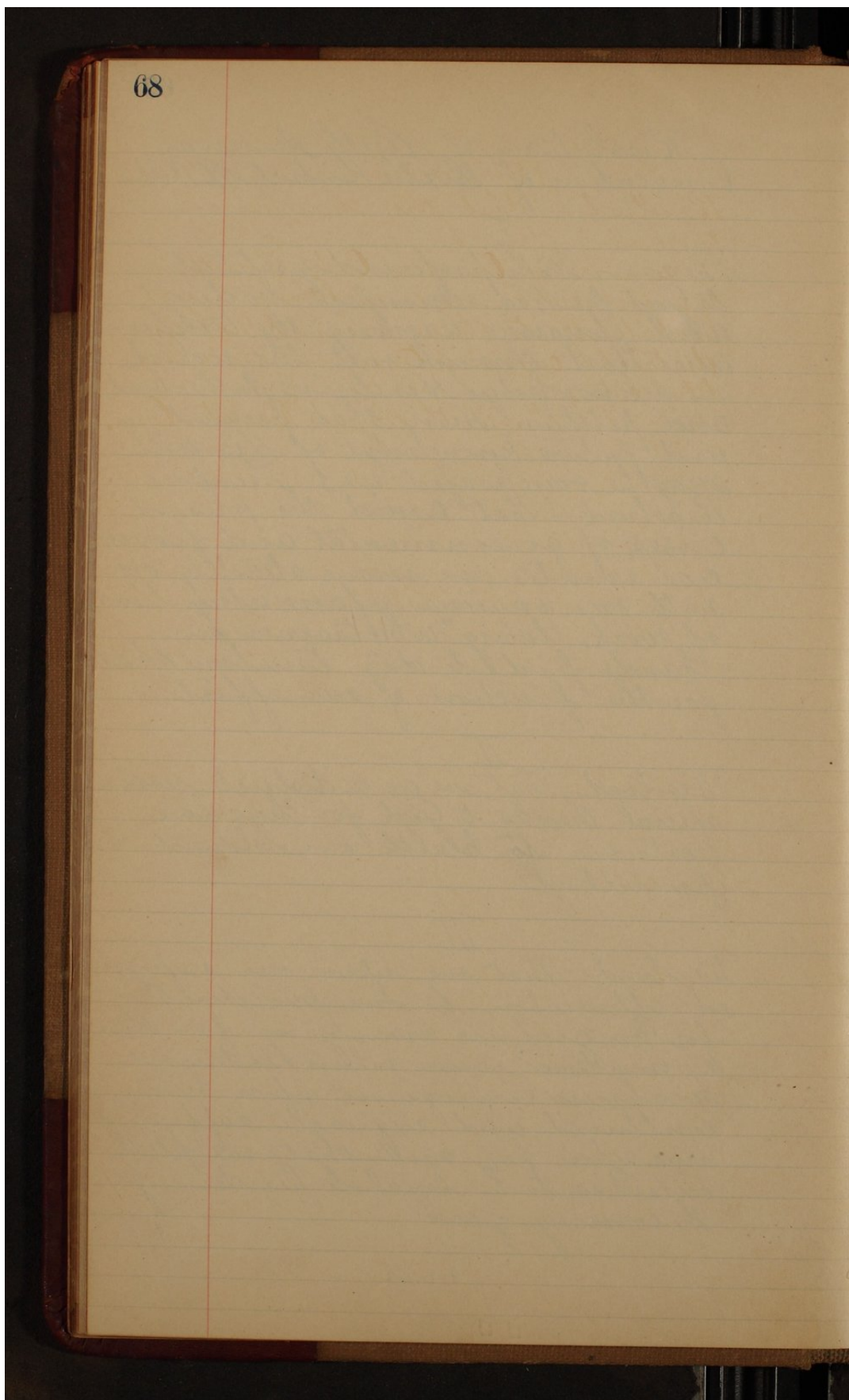
Resolved - That we as a district render special thanks to God for thus far restoring to health our beloved president

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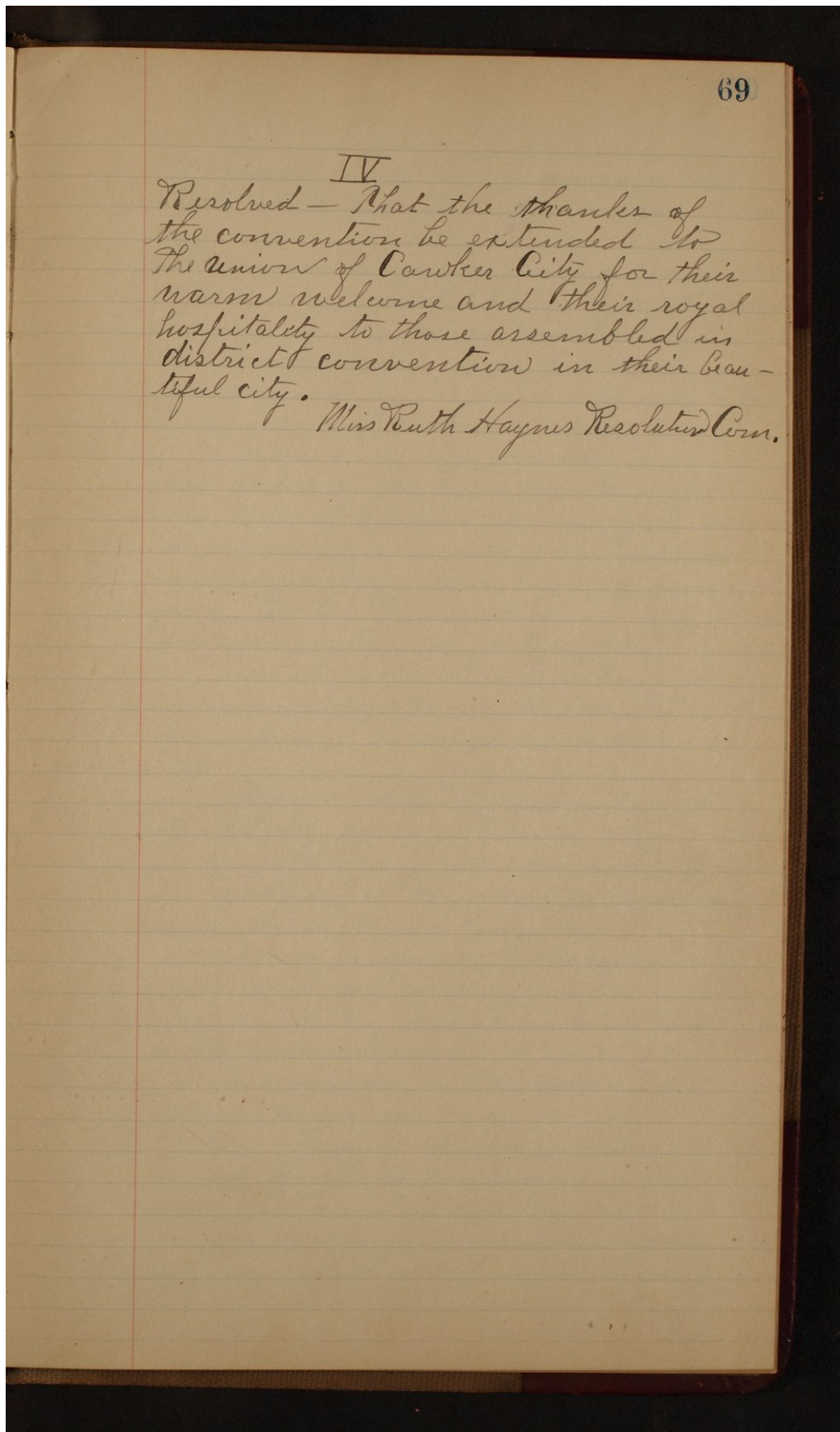
Resolved - That we express our unfeigned appreciation to our president for her zeal in arranging for this convention even when her extreme weakness consequent upon her continued and exquisite suffering was upon her, and that we pledge ourselves to be loyal to her during the coming year

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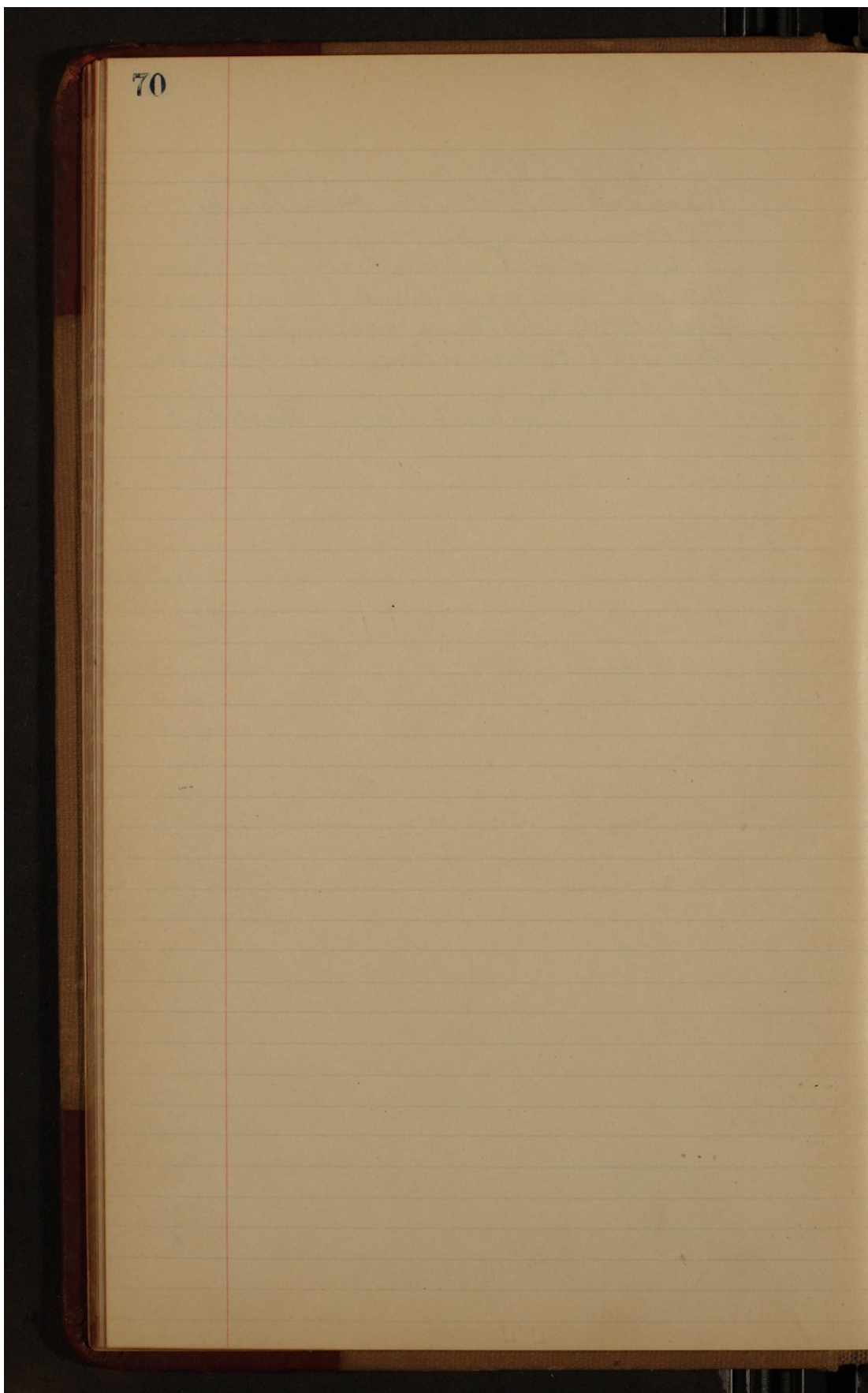
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The 9th Semi-Annual
Convention of 6th Dist. W.C.T.U.
Held at Maunabo, Kans on Thurs. Nov. 22nd
1894

The convention was called to order at
10-30 A.M. in the M.E. Church at Maunabo,
Kansas by Mrs A.P. Weatherhead, Dist.
Cor. Secy. which duty devolved upon
her, caused by the death of our beloved
Dist. President, Mrs Berry.

After singing, the convention
was led in prayer by Mrs E.D. Carson
who then took full charge of the devo-
tional exercises, and consideration
meeting. After this service every
good W.C.T.U. worker in the house
felt strengthened, and ready for work.

On motion Mrs Weatherhead was
unanimously elected to preside over
the meeting during the entire conven-
tion.

Miss Nettie T. Farris was then
elected by acclamation to act as Secy
Pro-tem during the convention, in
the absence of the regularly elected
Secy Miss Ruth Haynes.

Mrs Thompson of Maunabo then
arose and in a very credible manner
welcomed the delegates and visitors
to the convention.

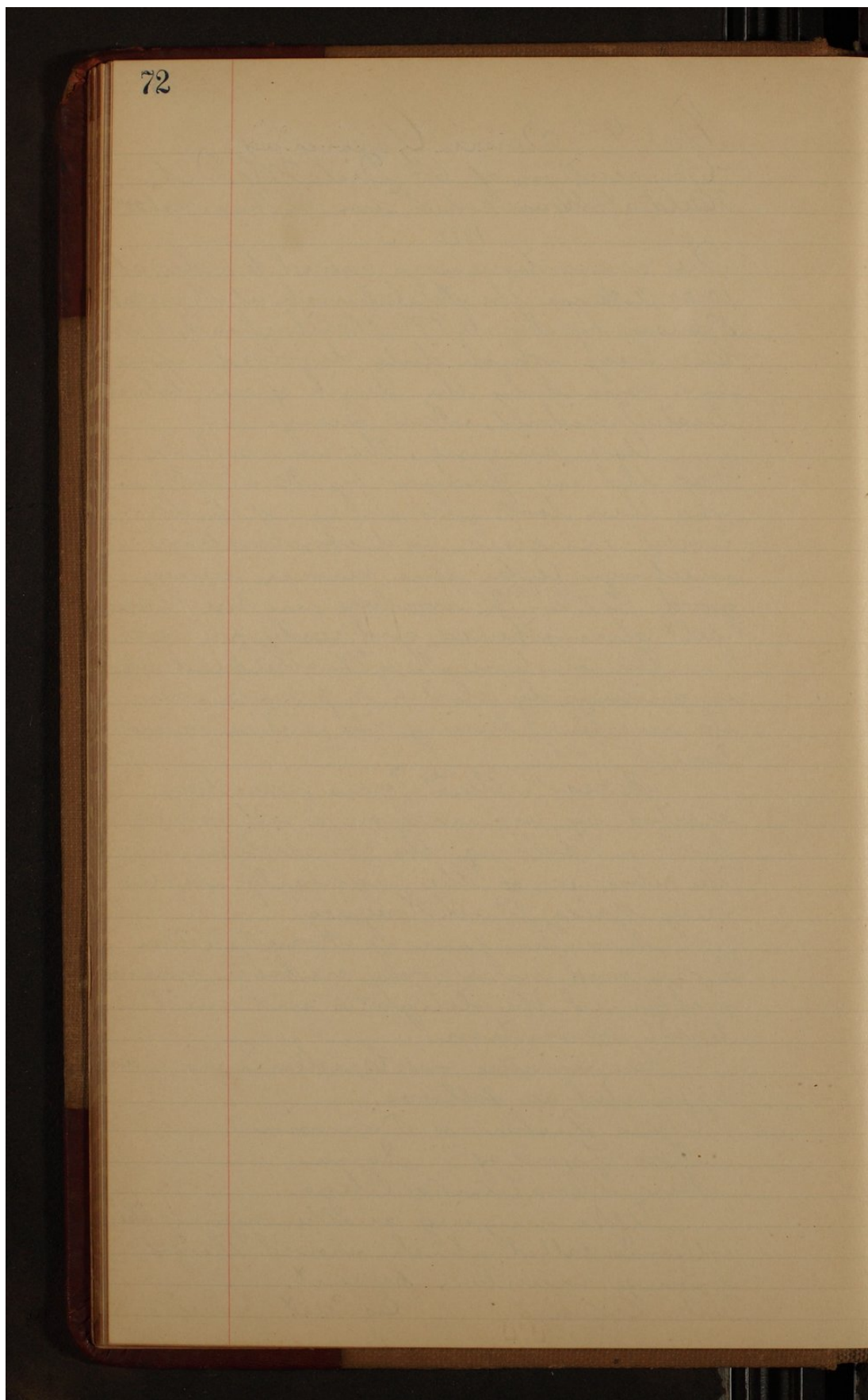
Committee on Credentials was
appointed as follows,

Mrs Fisher of Kirwin
Mrs Lyon of Iowa
Mrs Flora Clark of Otego.

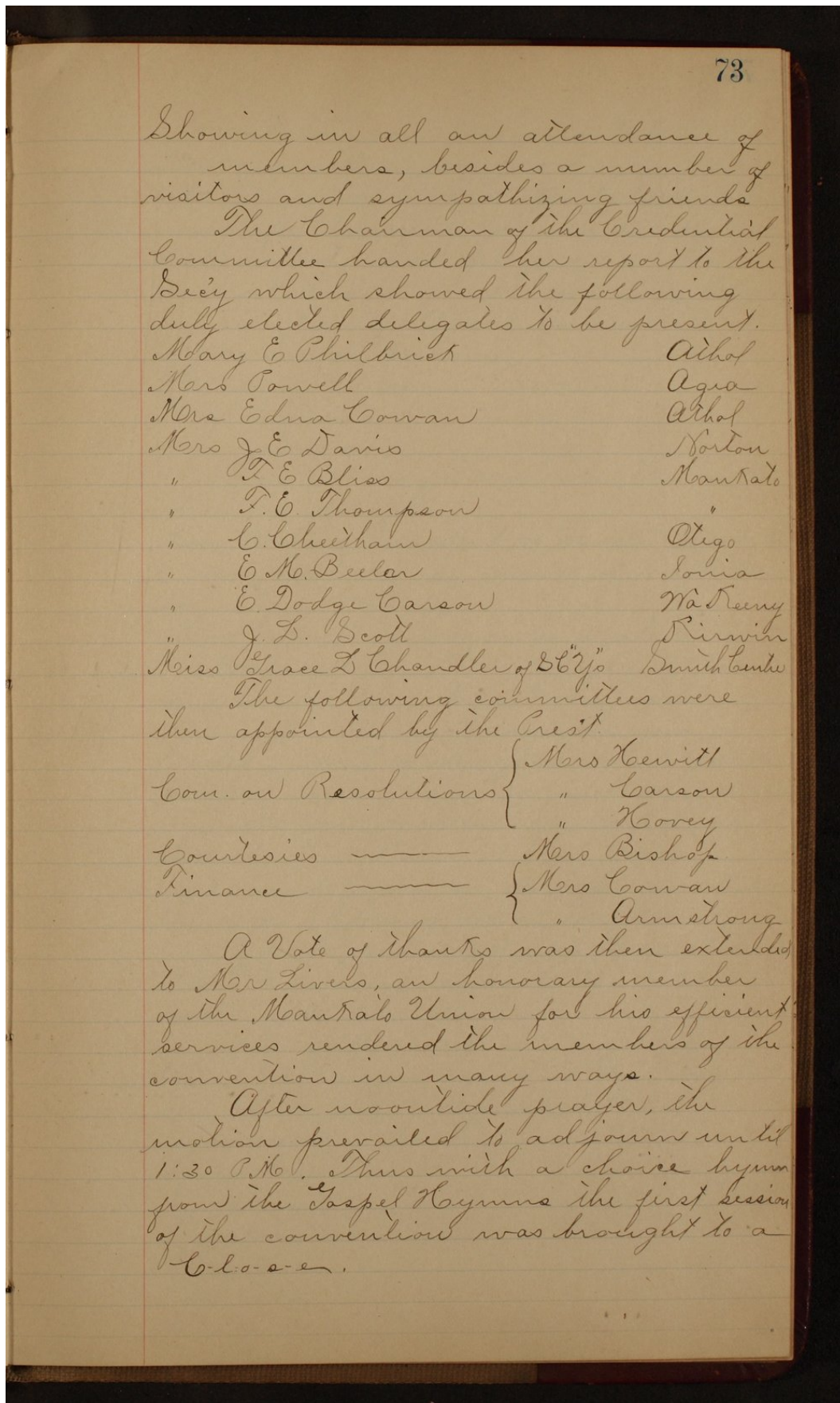
After singing another hymn the
roll was called which showed the fol-
lowing members present.

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Showing in all an attendance of
members, besides a number of
visitors and sympathizing friends.

The Chairman of the Credentials
Committee handed her report to the
Secy which showed the following
duly elected delegates to be present.

Mary E Philbrick	Althol
Mrs Powell	Aqua
Mrs Edna Cowan	Althol
Mrs J E Davis	Boston
" F E Bliss	Mankato
" F C Thompson	"
" C Chetham	Otego
" E M Beeler	Ionis
" E Dodge Carson	Wa Keen
" J L Scott	Riverton
Miss Grace L Chandler of D C Ys	Smith Center

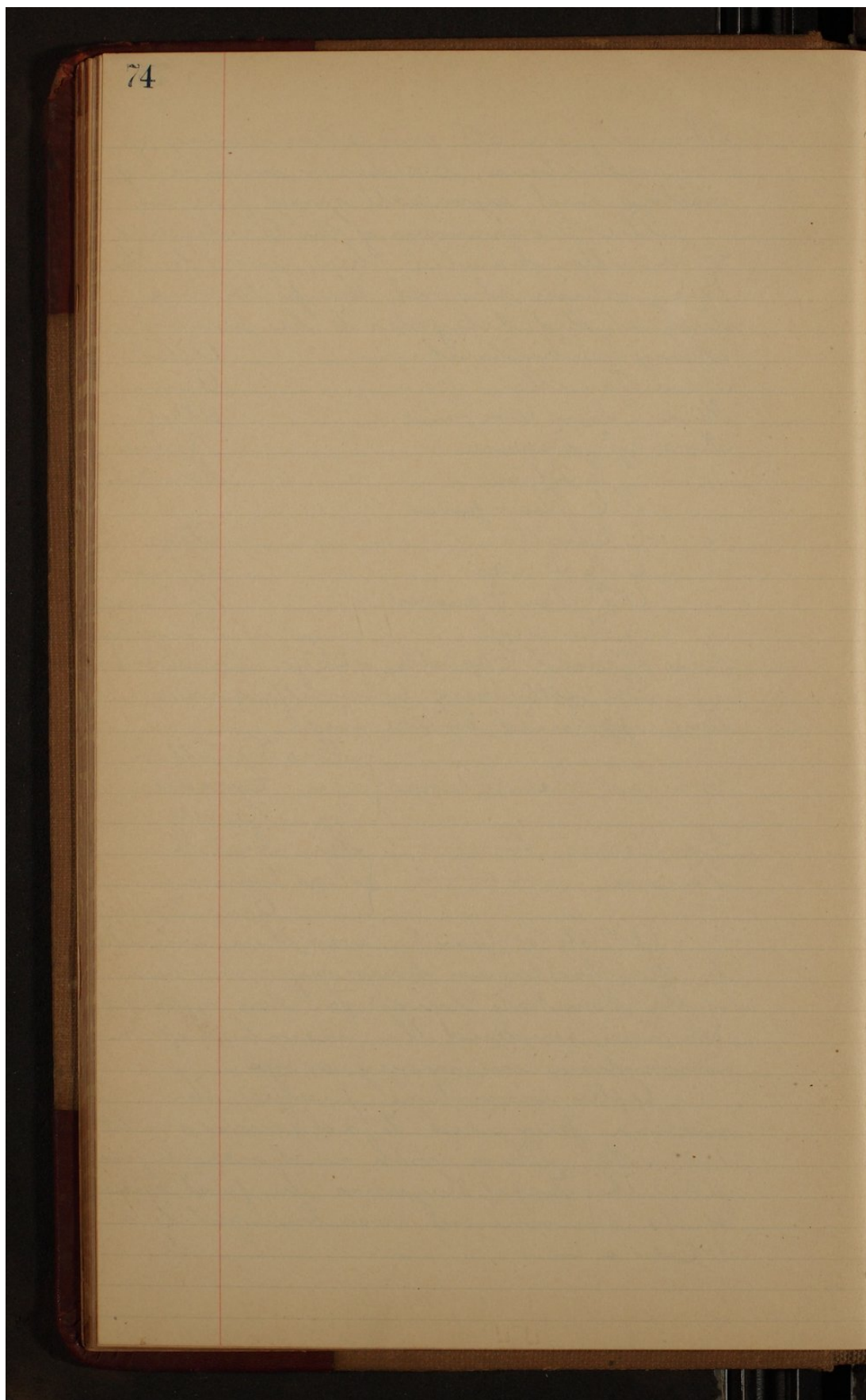
The following committees were
then appointed by the Pres.

Com. on Resolutions	{ Mrs Hewitt
	" Carson
	" Hovey
Courtesies	{ Mrs Bishop
Finance	{ Mrs Cowan
	" Armstrong

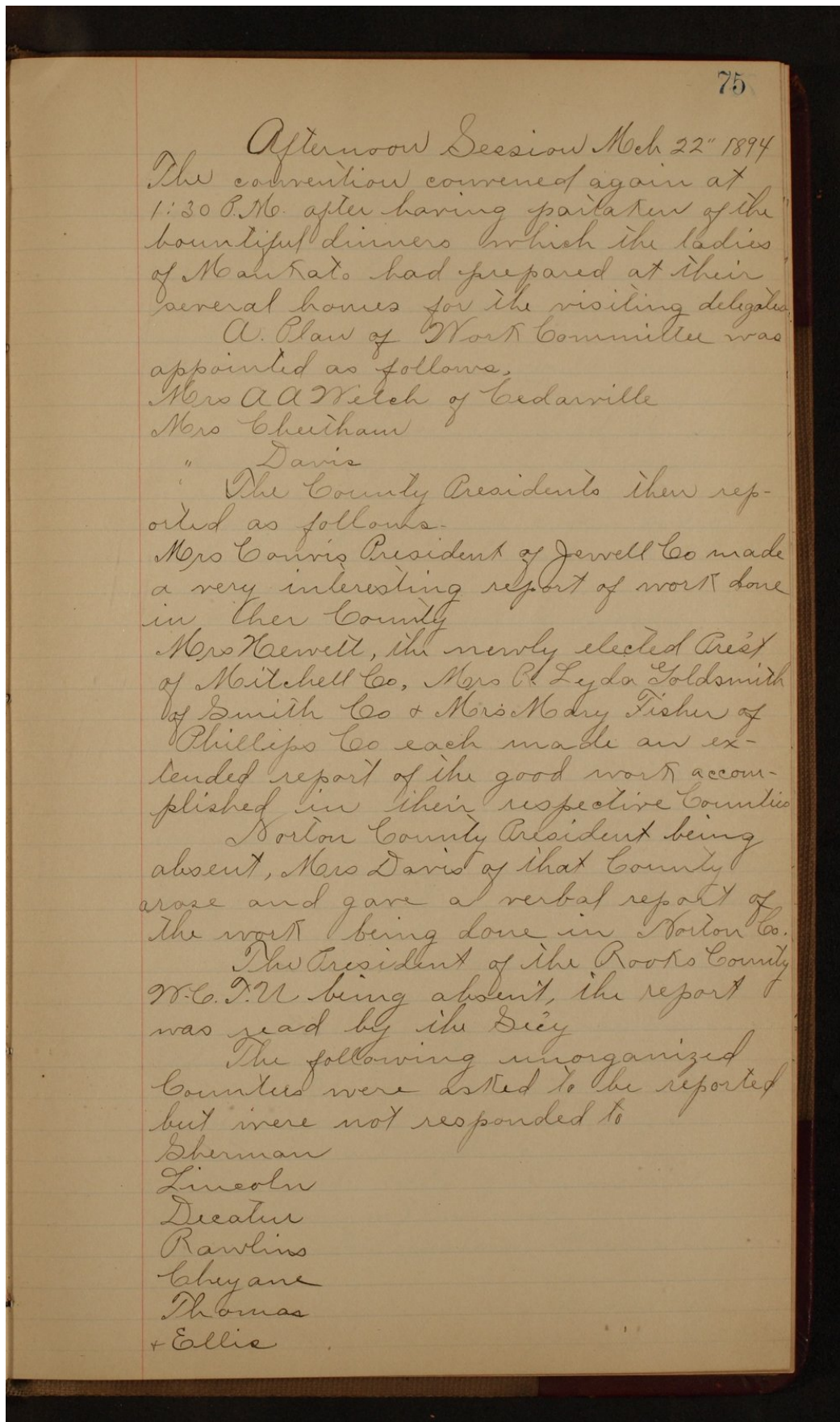
A Vote of thanks was then extended
to Mr Livers, an honorary member
of the Mankato Union for his efficient
services rendered the members of the
convention in many ways.

After noontide prayer, the
motion prevailed to adjourn until
1:30 P.M. Thus with a choice hymn
from the Gospel Hymns the first session
of the convention was brought to a
close.

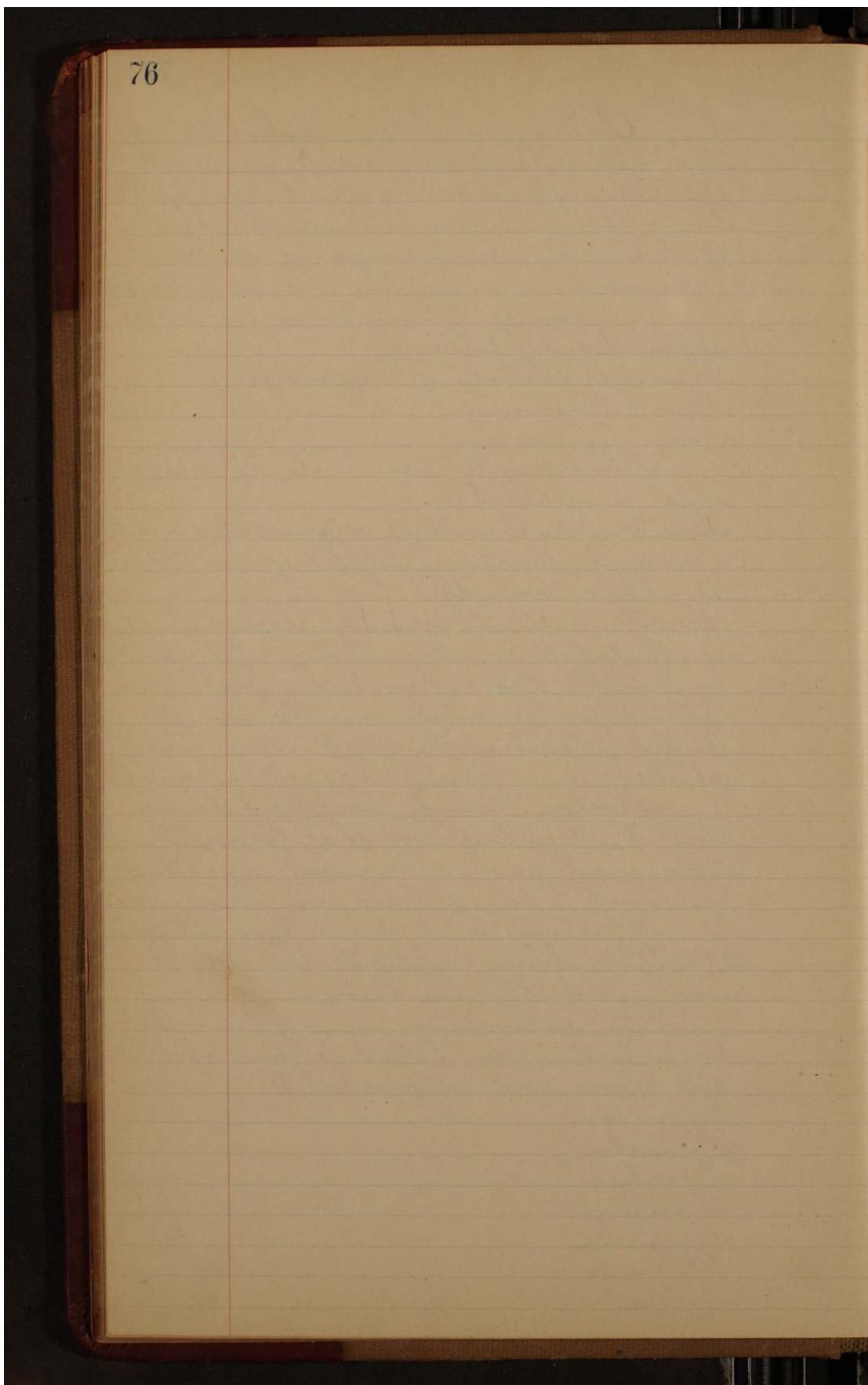
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Jego Co was reported by Mrs E D Carson
Also Osborne County being yet un-
organized, the convention listened to
a very glowing and interesting
description by Mrs E D Carson of the
great work being done in the Osborne
and Downs Unions.

Mrs Carson was present when the
crusaders invaded the saloons at
Osborne, and herself had the pleasure
of breaking one of the bottles, and
watching the contents mingle with
the already flowing river of liquor
that had been poured into the street
and destroyed.

No responses were made to
calls for reports from
Ellsworth

Russell
+ Graham Counties.

On motion the matter of award-
ing the banner was postponed as
the ^{Platte} District Treasurer's report could
not be obtained, hence there was
no way of deciding which was the
banner County.

Moved and carried that the banner
be left in possession of the Co Pres
of Jewell Co, where it has been
standing for the past year.

By vote, it was consented by the
convention that the W.C.T.U. of Smith
Centre be allowed to make a report
(it being the only "C" represented at
the convention) which was respond-
ed to by its President, Miss Nettie
T. Ferris.

Mrs Epperson then favored the
Convention with a hymn from the