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Newspaper Clipping

TEMPERANCE COLUMN  
EDITED BY JONESBORO W.C.T.U.

The W.C.T.U. meets every Thursday in the Temperance Hall, at 2:30 P.M. The first Thursday is a meeting for reports of local superintendents of work done in the month. The second Thursday is the monthly bible reading. the third, we have the responsive readings on the different departments of work. Fourth Thursday, the mothers' meeting. the public are cordially invited to attend any of these meetings. (The next line is marked through: The Loyal Temperance Legion meets immediately after the ladies' meeting, ever Thursday.

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The constitution of (illegible) Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Article Name

This organization shall be known as the Woman's Christian Union of Jonesboro auxiliary of the State of Tennessee.

Article 2nd Object

The object of this Union, shall be to educate public sentiments up to the stan[d]ard of total abstinence, train the young save the inebriate and secure the loyal prohibition, and complete banishments of the liquor traffic.

Article 3rd  
Membership

Any woman may become a member of this organization by signing the constitution, pledging herself to do all in her power for the advancement

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of the Temperance cause, and by the payment of \$1.00 per year into the Treasury - of which shall be paid (illegible) State (County or District) Union. She will also (illegible) the following Pledge:

"I hereby solemnly promise, god helping me, to abstain from all distilled fermented, and malt liquors, including wine, Bier [sic], and Cider, as a beverage and employ all proper means to discourage the use of and [traffic?] in the same."

Gentlemen may become honorary members, by the payment of one dollar a year, all of which shall be retained for homework.

Article 4th Officers.

the officers of this organization shall be a President vice President one from each church when practicable, a corresponding

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Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. The number of the Superintendents of departments shall be decided by the general officers.

Article 5th Duties of Officers

Sec. 1. President. To call to order and open the meetings. To announce the business before the meeting in the order in which it is to be acted upon. To put to a vote all questions which have been regularly moved and seconded, and to announce the result. to preserve order, and to decide when referred to, all questions in point of order or practice which may arise. To append her signature when necessary to all orders and proceedings of the Union. to have a general over-sight of the Union, and in [conjunction?] with the Executive Committee to plan for its best interest, and the good of the cause. To call special meetings when deemed advisable by herself

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and by any 3 members of the Union due notice being given to all members.

Sec. 2nd. Corresponding Secretary. To conduct the correspondence of the Union. To report Quarterly to the corresponding Secretary of the State (County or District) Union, upon receipt of blank forms from the State Secretary, (having first submitted her report to the Union, giving such facts and items of general interest as will enable the State (County or District) Secretary to judge correctly of the condition of the



Union and the progress of the work.

Sec. 3rd. Recording Secretary - to keep a record of the proceedings of the Union, to notify the public of its meetings. To call the roll of members. To read the papers which may be required. to notify committees of their appointment and of business referred to them.

To take charge of all the

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papers and documents of the Union. To make reports annu[a]lly or quarterly as may be required of the Union.

Sec. 4th. Treasurer.

To collect the membership dues, and to devise ways and means to increase they funds of the Union. To forward to the State (County or District) Treasurer - the first of Sept., Dec. March & June - for each member as required by the Constitution of the State Union. to hold all money collected for the use of the Union, paying bills on order of the President and Secretary. Keeping and exact book ac[c]ount and making a quarterly report of same.

Sec. 5 Vice President.

To preside, in (illegible) order, at the meeting in the absence of the President and to perform all duties of the President in case of absence on any account from her office. To interest the woman of their respective churches in the work of the Union. To assist the President in

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managing and carrying out plans for the benefit of the Union.

Article 6th Meetings

The regular meetings of the Union shall be held on Thursday of each week. First Thursday in each month Superintendents shall report.

Public prayer and conference meetings shall be held as often as the interest of the work demands, and of possible mass meetings quarterly.



The executive and other committees shall meet as often as deemed advisable.

Article 7th. Annual meetings.

the an[n]ual meeting shall be held in Sept on the day of (illegible) at which time the officers shall be elected for the ensuing year.

Article 8th Amendments.

This constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the Union, by a 2/5 vote of the members notice having been given at the previous meeting.

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Honorary Membership

Judge James W. Deadrick

" E. N. Hacker

Rev. C. A. Duncan

Dr. A. C. Hoss

Dr. E. L. Deadrick

Gen. A. E. Jackson

Capt. A. S. Deadrick

Mr. Scott Hickoy [?]

" T. . Earnest

" J. A. February

" Frank Dosser

" John Aiken

" J. H. Aiken

" Alex Masters

" Mathes Fink

" W. G. Archer

" W. G. Duncan

" S. H. Anderson

" L. Peoples

" M. L. Peoples

" Joel Thomas

" A. W. Southers

Rev. J. D. Nicleson/Nickson [?]

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" B. B. Bigler

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Membership

Kathryn Bigler  
Ella L. Mason  
Mary H. Epps  
Kate R. Simpson  
Carrie R. Sorrelton [?]  
Eugenia Murphy  
Katie Peoples  
Ava [?] Wampler  
Lida Bacon  
Clara A. Brownlow  
Mollie K Whitlock  
Miss Lena Mason  
" Gertie "  
Miss S. V. Dungan  
Miss Mary Middleton  
Miss Mary Britton  
Miss Axie Stolnick  
Miss Lena Smith  
Miss (illegible) A. Patton

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Honorary Members.

Rev. J. G. Wampler  
    M. S. Hickey [?]  
Rev. B. B. Bigler  
" J. G. Hickson  
" Dogget [?]  
Mr. J. B. Simpsen  
" Archer Simpson [?]

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Jan 25 - [18]95

The W.C.T.U. met at Temperance Hall at the usual hour to hold a Mother's meeting. Mrs Sampson in the chair opened the meeting by reading the 15 Chapter of St. John. After singing "Hide Thou m[e]" joined Mrs Simpson in praye[r].

Home environments was chosen for our lesson. Many selections from best thinkers, and writers were ready by Mrs Mason Epps, Smith and Patton. A beautiful Solo was sung by Miss Lena Mason "the Bird with broken wing"

There were ten ladies present, Meeting adjourned to meet Thursday next.

Lida Bacon Secty

Jan 31st - The W. C. T. U. met at Hall to hold memorial service in memory of Mrs Lathrape [Lathrap], one of the greatest lady orators of the nation, called the

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Daniel Webster of the W. C. T. U.

Mrs Simpson was in the chair and conducted the meeting, consisting of Scriptural reading, prayer and songs. The members read selections from papers of her life and work. Mrs Bigler gave a very interesting talk concerning her life & work, having known her personally. There were 11 persons present, after the special meeting was over a short business was held a new department in the W. C. T. U. was taken up Evangelistic work, Mrs Epps was made Supt. A card from the State Supt was read requesting all the ladies to read the New Testament through, by reading a chapter, each day beginning Feb 1st, and was unanimously agreed upon. Meeting then adjourned to meet the following Thursday -

Lida Bacon Secty.

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Feb. 14. 95 -

The W. C. T. U. met at the usual time and place, having been unable to meet for several week[s] on

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account of the inclemency of the weather.

Devotionally [sic] exercises were conducted by Mrs Epps - only 3 members being present, no business was transacted some petitions were gotten up for Legislation and Senate.

Meeting adjourned to meet Thursday following

Lida Bacon Secty

Feb 21st 95

The Ladies of the W. C. T. U. met at Temperance Hall at Two P.M. Miss Genia Murphy lead the meeting, reading 87 Psalm, After singing the March of Reform. Mrs Epps lead in prayer. A responsive reading on Prohibition Cross fire" was the topic argued by the most intelligent men of the nation.

There were 7 ladies present.

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It was moved and seconded [sic] to elect officers the 1st Thursday in March Meeting then adjourned.

Lida Bacon, Secty.

Feb 28, 95,

The Ladies of the W. C. T. U. [met] at Temperance Hall the usual monthly Mother's meeting. Mrs Simpson conducted the exercises, opening hymn - "Jesus Savior help me"

The subject considered was Dress as appropriate - Isa. [Isaiah] 3:16, Matt 5:28, Ps. [Psalm] 18:26, I Cor. 5:9, 1st Tim. 2:9 & 10, followed by song and prayer Miss Genia Murphy read selections from Miss Willard and Mrs Epps from [Nora Levermore?] in Relation of Dress to vice - There were 7 ladies present.

Meeting then adjourned to me[et] Thursday next.

Lida Bacon Secty

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Mch 7.th 95.

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The Ladies of the W. C. T. U. met at the Hall at usual hour, half past 2 oclock. The meeting opened by singing "Woman's cause shall win" Mrs Simpson opened the meeting by reading the 20th chapter of 2nd Chron. [Chronicles] Mrs Epps lead in prayer. There but 5 members present, election of officers was still deferred.

Mrs Simpson read the duties and requirements of the officers and Superintendants [sic]. She called for the reports of work done last month, and discussed some means to do more and carry work more successfully - Meeting then adjourned to meet Thursday - Mc 14. 95.

Lida Bacon Secty.

Mch 14th 95 -

The Ladies of the W. C. T. U. met at the Hall at usual hour After singing "A charge to keep I

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have" the 14th Chapter of St John was read and Mrs Simpson led in prayer. A very beautiful Bible reading on Pentecostal Preparation was the topic for the hour. There only being 3 ladies present no business was transacted. Then adjorned to me[et] the following Thursday.

L. Bacon Secty.

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Mch 21st 1895. The Ladies of the Temperance Union met at the Hall, and held the usual meeting Miss Murphy in the chair.

After singing "Hide Thou Me" Mrs Epps led in in [sic] prayer. A responsive reading on the children's paper "The Crusades" was the topic for the hour.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows -

Mrs Simpson President

" Smith Rec. Secy

" Epps [Corresponding?] Secy and Treasurer

Mrs Bacon, Mrs Mason & Mrs Smith Vice Pres, representatives of the different churches.





Mrs Peoples was appointed agent for the Crusades.  
Meeting then adjourned to meet Thursday next.

Lida Bacon  
Secy -

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The Women's Christian Temperance Union met Thursday Mch. 29th at three o'clock.

As there were only four members present, and it being a Mother's meeting our President decided to postpone it until we had a better attendance. Two others came in about that time, so we had a half hour session which was very profitable.

Mrs Simpson read a papery by Dr [Murry?] Allen on "What shall be taught, and who shall teach it." which was interesting & contained some useful & pointed advice.

The subject was discussed a short while by the ladies and after the reading of the minutes the meeting adjourned.

Carrie R. Smith  
Secy.

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The Women's Christian Temperance Union held the usual meeting thursday [sic] April 4th at 2.30. P.M. The meeting was opened by singing "Hide Thou Me."

Mrs Simpson read 2nd Peter 3rd Chap. and Mrs Smith led in prayer.

The duties of the various local officers was read by the different ladies holding them.

Mrs Simpson read a letter from our State Pres. Mrs Merriweather saying it would be convenient for her to be with us between May 30th to June 1 and would give us a lecture.

All she asks is entertainment and a Hall. It was dicided [sic] to have her come, as this was too good an opportunity to let slip.

We were very much pleased & encouraged by having Mrs Kathryn Bigler join our Union. Our members are

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small and we are so glad to have new ones come in and join us in this great and noble work.

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After a talk by our President on the great crises which is disgracing our country, the meeting adjourned to meet Thursday April 11th at 3.P.M.

Carrie R. Smith  
Secy.

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The Women's Christian Temperance Union met Thursday April 11th at 3 P.M. Mrs Epps conducted the meeting. After Singing "Jesus Savior Pilot Me" we were led in prayer by Mrs Simpson. We had a responsive reading on Bible thoughts about the Sabbath. Miss Murphy then led in prayer.

Mrs Epps told us something about the Evangelistic Dept. which has been [b]rought into our Local work recently.

After the minutes of the last meeting were read we adjourned to meet the following Thursday.

Carrie R. Smith  
Secy.

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The Women's Christian Temperance Union met at the Hall Thursday April 18th at 3 P.M.

The meeting was conducted by Miss Murphy. After singing "He Leadeth Me" we were led in prayer by Mrs Epps, followed by a Responsive reading from the March Leaflet, All present taking part in the reading.

The minutes of the preceeding [sic] meeting were read and the Secretary being absent, Mrs Peoples filled her place. There were four ladies present.

No business was transacted, and the meeting adjourned with prayer by Mrs Simpson.

Mrs Peoples  
Secy pro tem.



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The regular Mother's meeting was held at Temperance Hall April 25 at 3 P.M. with ten ladies present. The meeting was opened by sin[g]ing "Hide Thou Me."

Mrs Simpson led in prayer.

The Subject was "Training the Appetite." Bible references on this subject were ready by different ones present. Mrs Epps gave a reading on the Subject

"Jesus Savior Pilot Me" was sung after which Mrs Mason gave a reading on "Baby's first bath," When and how it should be taken.

The minutes of the preceeding [sic] meeting were then read.

After singing the Temperance Doxology the meeting adjourned.

Carrie R. Smith  
Secy.

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The W. C. T. U. met at Temperance Hall Thursday May 2nd at 3 P.M. with six ladies present.

The meeting was conducted by the President.

All joined in singing "Women's Cause" After which Joel 2nd Chapter was read and Miss Murphy led in prayer. The minutes of the preceeding [sic] meeting were read.

Report was then given by the Supts & Vice Presidents who were present.

After transacting some business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie R. Smith  
Secy.

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The W. C. T. U. held its regular monthly Bible reading thursday [sic] May 9th in the Hall. Mrs Epps presided.

The subject was "Doing What He bids and doing it now."

All present took part in the reading.

After transacting some business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie R. Smith  
Secy.

May 16th 1895. The W. C. T. U. met at 3.P.M. Miss Murphy led using the April leaflet. Subject "An Alcoholic Medication."

No business on account of not having a quorum.

K. R. Simpson  
Secy. (pro tem)

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April [s/b May] 23rd 1895

The W. C. T. U. met in Temperance Hall at 3 P.M. with eight ladies present.

Mrs Simpson opened the meeting by reading Phil. [Philippians] 4th Chapter.

A paper on Physical development in regard to Purity was read by Mrs Epps and Miss Murphy.

Miss Hardin of the John City Union was present and gave a very interesting talk telling us what they are doing.

A letter from Mrs Merriweather was read and after transacting some business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie R. Smith  
Secy.

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The W. C. T. U. met in the Hall Thursday May [29th?] at 3 P.M.

The Subject for the afternoon was Narcotics, and Miss Murphy Supt of the dept conducted the meeting. After a responsive reading from the Hymnal Mrs Simpson led in prayer.

A leaflet on Narcotics was read, all present taking part.

Mrs Simpson gave us the opinions of some leading Physicians on the evil effects produced by the use of tobacco.

Miss Murphy read a paper on Tobacco and the drink habit.

The meeting then adjourned.

Carrie R. Smith  
Secy.

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June 6 1895 The W. C. T. U. met at 3 P.M. in the Hall. Miss Murphy conducted the meeting reading from Neh. [Nehemiah] 4th. Mrs Mason led in prayer.

Reports were given by all the Supt[s] who were present.

It was announced by our Pres. that the last payment of \$10.00 had been made on our Piano.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie R. Smith  
Secy.

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Jonesboro Tenn. June 13th 1895

Flower Missions day was observed with quite an interesting program at the Union.

There were nineteen present. The meeting was conducted by the Pres. who read from Mat [Matthew] 25.

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Mrs Epps read the Genesis of the Flower Mission.

Miss Murphy gave a sketch of Miss Cassaday's [sic] life.

Mrs Mason & Bigler read Poems. After some other selections were read Miss Mason sang a Solo. New members were then called for and we were pleased to have Rev Wampler & wife [respond?] After the Benediction by Rev Wampler, the flowers were arranged and sent out by little girls of the L. T. L. 24 boquets [sic] were sent out.

Altogether was a delightful meeting and we wish there had been more present.

Carrie R. Smith  
Secy.

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Jonesboro Tenn June 20th 1895 The W. C. T. U. met in the hall at 3.P.M. with only three present. Miss Murphy conducted the meeting using the June leaflet.

After an earnest prayer by our President that [about?] the interest in our meetings as well as the attendance we adjourned.

Carrie R. Smith  
Secy.

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The regular Mother's meeting was held in Temperance Hall June 27th at 3.P.M.

The President opened the meeting by reading Prov [Proverbs] 3rd Chapter.

The subject for the meeting was "How can we gain the confidence of our girls."

Mrs Peoples read an article showing that the father should be the son's counselor.

Miss Mason read a very touching Poem. There being no business we adjourned.

Carrie R. Smith  
Secy.

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July 4th The President & Secy met in the Hall for the usual meeting & after waiting for others to come we adjourned.

Carrie R. Smith  
Secy.

July 11th No meeting.

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Typed Hymn

1.  
Lamp of our feet, whereby we trace,  
Our path when apt to stray;  
Stream from the fount of Heavenly grace;  
Brook, by the trav'ler's way.

CHORUS.

Beautiful lamp, brightly shine on the way,  
Guiding the souls to the mansions of the day.

2.

Bread of our souls, whereupon we feed,  
True manna from on high;  
Our guard and chart, wherein we read  
Of realms beyond the sky.

3.

Word of the everlasting God,  
Will of his glorious son;  
Without thee how could earth be trod,  
Or Heav'n itself be won?



5. [sic]

Lord grant us all aright to learn  
The wisdom it imparts,  
And to its Heavenly teaching turn  
With simple child like hearts.

13. ANTHEM.

14. SONG-AMERICA

1.

My country, 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From every mountainside  
Let freedom ring!

2.

My native country, thee,  
Land of the noble free,  
Thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills,  
Thy woods and templed hills;  
My heart with rapture thrills,  
Like that above.

3.

Let music swell the breeze,  
And ring from all the trees  
Sweet freedom's song;  
Let mortal tongues awake;  
Let all that breathe partake;

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Let rocks their silence break,  
The sound prolong.

4.

Our fathers' God to Thee,  
Author of liberty,  
To Thee we sing.  
Long may our land be bright,  
With freedom's holy light,  
Protect us by Thy might,  
Great God our King!

15. BENEDICTION

16. POSTLUDE

July 18th. The Union met at 3.P.M. in the Hall with five present. Miss Murphy conducted the meeting using the leaflet for the month. Subject Prison Work. After transacting some business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie R. Smith.

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The regular Mother's meeting was held in Temperance hall Thursday July 25th at 3.P.M.

Subject "Physical Culture and Sanitary Marriage." The President read Is[aiah] 54 Chapter and read a paper on the subject for the day. Mrs Epps [read] a very touching poem which brought tears to the eyes of all.

Mrs Cummins came in just as we were about to adjourn and told us about the work in Montana, and encouraged us very much in regard to our small attendance telling us our union was not the only one that had so few to attend the meetings and that it is the few faithful ones who accomplish great things.

C. R. Smith  
Secy.

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Jonesboro Aug 1st 1895 -

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The Union met at the Hall at three P.M. and was opened with singing "woman's Cause shall Win."

Mrs Simpson conducted the meeting & Miss Murphy led in prayer, after which another song was sung.

The Secy being absent no report was given.

Reports from the Treasurer and {Correspondence?} Secy were given.

It was moved & secondid [sic] we reduce the rent of our Hall to \$2.50. The meeting ten adjourned to meet next Thursday.

K. Peoples  
Secy (pro tem)

Aug 8th - No meeting.

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Jonesboro Tenn Aug 22nd.

The Union met at the Hall at 3.P.M. The meeting was conducted by the Pres. who read Mat[thew] 19th Chapter.

The subject for the afternoon was the Public schools and mothers. Several articles bearing on the subject were read, after which Mrs Wells sang a Solo.

It was moved and Seconded we contribute \$[2.00?] towards the sum promised for Mrs. Merriweather at the State convention.

The District convention was discussed & it was decided we accept Mrs Wards invitation to have it at her house.

After the Treasurers report was read we adjourned.

Carrie R. Smith  
Secy.

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Aug 29th. The Secretary being absent no report was kept of the meeting.

Sept 5th. As the District convention was held at J. City on the 4th we had no meeting.

Carrie R. Smith  
Secy.

The Union met in Temperance Hall Thursday Sept 12th at 3.P.M.

Miss Murphy led the meeting using the Responsive reading for Sept, Subject the Young Womans [sic] Paper.

After discussing the District Convention which we had attended the preceeding [sic] week we adjourned.

Carrie Smith  
Secy.

Sept 19th only two members present at the appointed hour & consequently no meeting.

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The usual Mother's meeting was held Sept 26th at 3 P.M. The President led using a responsive reading from our Hymnal.

Good and appropriate articles were read by those present.

It was decided we hold a Memorial Service for our Sister who has left us so recently and gone to the Home Above.

Mrs Epps was appointed to conduct the meeting and get up a Program.

Carrie R. Smith  
Secy.

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Thursday Oct 3rd A Memorial Service was held by the W. C. T. U. for Mrs Ella Mason.

The meeting was opened with the memorial hymn of the White Ribboners, "In the Heights."

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Mrs Simpson read the 14th Chap of John after which Miss Murphy led in prayer.

After another song Mrs Bacon read a tribute to Mrs Mason which was very sweet & touching. Mrs Bigler then read a selection and the resolutions of our Union were read by Mrs Patton.

Mrs Epps made some appropriate remarks after which Miss Lena Mason sang a favorite song of our departed sister's.

Mrs Epps read a selection and our President closed the meeting with an earnest prayer.

Carrie R. Smith, Secy.

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**In Memory of Our Dear Sister, Mrs. Ella L. Mason.**

Through the providence of an allwise [sic] and loving Father the first break in the ranks of the Jonesboro W. C. T. U., by promotion to the great beyond has been made.

Our sister, Ella L. Mason, was a true woman in the broadest and grandest sense of the word. Ever on the alert to gain all the helps that would enable her to more fully discharge her duties as wife, mother and Christian [sic], she was in touch with the great questions of the day that concern the uplifting of all humanity. She will live long in the hearts of those who knew her best and loved her most. "Time takes them home that we loved to the soft, long sleep, to the broad, sweet bosom of death."

As a token of love and remembrance we adopt the following resolutions:

Resolved, that we, as an organization, feel our great loss, and while our hearts are filled with sadness, we reverently bow before the will of a loving Father, who doeth all things well.

Resolved. That we tender to the bereaved husband and relatives our deepest sympathy, and may these words of Jesus comfort them: "Weep not, she is not dead, but sleepeth."

Resolved, that these resolutions be entered on the record of our society, and that a copy of the same be handed to the Herald and Tribune for publication.



Mrs. J. B. Simpson,  
Mrs. Albert Bacon,  
Mrs. J. H. Epps,  
Com.

#### RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECTIVE

For our promoted comrade, Mrs. M. W. Dosser.

Since the great allwise [sic] and loving Father, in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to promote our beloved sister, Mrs. M. W. Dosser, who for years led the Jonesboro Division of the woman's Christian Temperance Union, and proved herself so efficient as a leader, so loving as a comrade and so true to the great cause she espoused, it seems fitting that we accord, in so far as words may record it, our appreciation of her worth. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we realize and deeply deplore our loss. While our sister has not been present with us during the last part of her life, we know she was with us in spirit, and that her prayers ascended like sweet incense for our guidance. While we feel poorer for her having gone, we feel infinitely richer for having had her with us.

"Though our dear happy comrade  
Has reached home in heaven,  
God guides and girds us  
Through help she has given.  
Motherly spirit of sweetness and might  
We wear your symbol in ribbon of white."

Resolved, that in deep sympathy of within the family of our sister we express our earnest hope that even so great a bereavement may be overruled for their highest good.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Records of this Society and sent to the Herald and Tribute for publication.

Kate R. Simpson,  
Mary H. Epps,  
Com.

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Jonesboro Tenn Oct 10th 1895



The Union met in the Hall at 3.P.M. Mrs Epps was leader using a bible reading. Subject Heart Enlargement.

After transacting some business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie R. Smith  
Secy.

Oct 17th. The W. C. T. U. held a Mother's meeting in the Hall. Subject Education of a (illegible) child nature.

The Pres. presided reading 1 Sam[uel] 1 Chap. read by different ones present.

Some business was then transacted.

It was moved & seconded that we set the price of \$2.00 for the use of our Piano one evening.

After the reading of the minutes we were dismissed with prayer by Mrs Simpson of Ill [Illinois?]

Carrie R. Smith  
Secy.

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The Union met in Temperance hall Nov 7th. Miss Murphy conducted the meeting using leaflet entitled Requisites for Workers.

We then discussed the Harvest Home festival & Chrys. [Chrysanthemum?] show which we were to have the following (illegible) account of which it was thought best to have no meeting next Thursday.

After the reading of the minutes we adjourned.

Carrie R. Smith

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The W. C. T. U. met at the residence of Mrs Epps Nov. 21st 1895.

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The meeting opened with a song followed with prayer by Mrs Bigler.

The subject for the afternoon was a responsive reading on the Loyal temperance leagen [legion]. There were six ladies present. Mrs Brownlow was appointed vice. Pres. in Methodist Church. Meeting adjourned to meet at Mrs. Brownlows Thursday after Thanksgiving.

After adjournment we were served nice refreshments by our kind sister Mrs Epps.

L. Bacon  
Secy (pro tem)

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Thursday Dec 12th 1895

The union met at Mrs. Whitlock's. It was a bible reading on Mary of Cana. Mrs Bacon led. It was a precious meeting albeit only four ladies were present. There was a general talk on prayer and faith.

Earnest prayer was offered that we might be guided doing something that would benefit Jonesboro. No business was transacted.

Kate R. Simpson  
Secy. Pro tem

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Dec. 5th 1895

The W. C. T. U. met at the home of Mrs Brownlow. The Pres. conducted the meeting. The sec. being absent her place was supplied. The usual devotional exercises were observed consisting of songs scripture reading & prayer. Owing to disagreeably weather only four ladies were present, reports were given of their departments. A card was read from State Supt of work among Col. people and left to be considered. Several matters pertaining to our work were discussed. After the regular meeting was over a pleasant social time was enjoyed together with some delightful refreshments served by the daughter of our hostess. Approaching darkness at last warned the ladies that it was time to go home, which they did after deciding to meet the following Thursday at the home of Mrs Epps.

Mrs Epps. Secy (Pro tem)



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Jan 2nd 1896.

The Mother's meeting in honor of Madam Willard's birthday was held at Mrs Simpson's. There were twelve ladies present.

The Pres. conducted the meeting which opened with singing "While the days are going by." Mrs Simpson then read some passages of Scripture. Mrs Epps led in prayer. Education and training of children was the leading thought, and appropriate selections were read by different ladies present. Another prayer was led by Mrs Bacon, after which literature was distributed and irregular business discussed. The anti cigarette league was talked of and it was decided to organize it at earliest convenience. After adjournment the hostess served an elegant lunch in the parlor of her cozy new home which was enjoyed immensely by all.

Mrs Epps, Secy (pro tem)

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The Union met at the Jonesboro Inn Jan 9th with Mrs Patton. There were seven ladies present.

This being the time for the Bible reading, Mrs Epps led.

After singing Gently Lord, oh gently lead us, we were led in prayer by the Secy.

All then took part in the reading subject, Scriptural Architecture. Miss Murphy led in prayer.

The Pres. then took charge of the meeting and some unfinished business was transacted. It was decided that Miss Murphy, Mrs Brownlow and our Pres. go to the school on Monday next and organize the anti the anti cigarette league [sic]. The reading room was discussed and each one present promised to write letters asking contributions to this good cause. Mrs Bacon read a letter she had written to Mr Rockefeller which all felt sure would bring a large donation.

The meeting then adjourned to meet at Mrs Epp's. After adjournment

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our kind hostess served a nice lunch which all enjoyed very much indeed.

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Carrie R. Smith.  
Secy.

Jan 16th 1896.

The Union met at Mrs Epp's with Miss Murphy as leader.

The meeting was opened with a song after which all joined in the Lord's Prayer.

The leader read Mat [Matthew] 3rd and after another song we were led in prayer by our President.

All then took part in reading a leaflet entitled "Our Stewardship." After another song the president took charge of the meeting. Miss Murphy gave a report of the committee. She organized the anti cigarette league. (Illegible) was very encouraging and made us feel that our work is progressing.

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Mrs Bacon was appointed to write an appeal to the smokers of the town.

We then adjourned to meet at Mrs Bacon's next week.

And last but not least our kind hostess served an elegant lunch and it is needless to add how much it was enjoyed.

Carrie R. Smith  
Secy.

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The Mother's meeting was held at Mrs Bacon's Jan 23rd at 2:30 P.M. with Mrs Simpson as leader. We read responsively from Prov [Proverbs] 6th and I Kings 3rd Chapters.

After prayer and a song, good and suitable articles were read and discussed, and we are sorry more of the mother's of the town were not present.

Some irregular business was transacted and we then adjourned.

Carrie R. Smith

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Secy.

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Jonesboro Tenn Jan 29 the Union met at Mrs Brownlow's with eight ladies present.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Sec. Mrs Bigler led in prayer.

The Pres. took charge of the meeting and some business was transacted after which we had some instructions in Parliamentary usage. We then adjourned and were served to elegant refreshments by our hostess.

C. R. Smith  
Secy.

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Feb 6th 1896.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs Whitlock. Being the first thursday [sic] in the month it was the day for report of Supt. Only three were present Supt of Narcotics, Pres & (illegible), and mother's meeting & evangelistic. There was a good refresh of work done in the dept of narcotics. It was decided to give a reception to the Sabbath School teachers the week before next quarterly temperance lesson which is Jan 22nd.

After a little talk about the Temple and about parliamentary usage the meeting adjourned to meet next thursday with Mrs Epps. After adjournment our good hostess served a delicious lunch to which we did ample justice.

K. R. Simpson  
Secy (pro tem)

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Feb 13th 1896.

The W. C. T. U. met at residence of Mrs Epps, four ladies were present. Mrs Brownlow opened the meeting by reading 13th of John.

After singing and prayer a beautiful little poem by Alice Cary was read followed by the Feb. Bible reading

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conducted by Mrs Epps. The Pres. took charge and proceeded to business.

Some letters were read by the Cor. [Correspondence] Secy and discussed by the (illegible) One from Harriman which was left for future consideration, one from Mrs Holman urging work on depts of narcotics & purity, and one from Miss Leamin Nashville, concerning her leaflet on Heredity. The teachers [sic] reception was talked of and plans made. It was a most enjoyable and profitable meeting altogether & adjourned to meet the following thursday [sic] at Mrs Bacon's.

Mrs Epps  
Sec pro temperance

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Thursday Feb 20th 1896.

The Union met at Mrs Bacon's. Four ladies and one visitor present, the weather being very cold. Miss Murphy led the meeting using the Feb. leaflet on S. S. Temperance work.

The meeting was opened by singing Scatter seeds of Kindness.

Mrs Brownlow made the opening prayer. This part of the meeting closed with singing "That sweet story of old," and prayer by Mrs Simpson.

The Pres in the chair business was taken up. It was decided to ask the ministers to make short addresses on the responsibility of teaching temperance to the young people. A committee of one from each church was appointed to do this. Also Miss Murphy was appointed to ask Miss Doggett to recite something at our reception. Adjourned to meet at Mrs. Brownlow's.

K. R. Simpson  
Sec pro temperance

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The Mother's meeting was held at Mrs Brownlow's thursday [sic] Feb 17th. The Pres presided reading selections from the Psalms and Ez [Ezra or Ezekiel].

The subject was Heredity. Several articles bearing on this were read. After which some business was talked about and settled.



We adjourned to meet at Mrs Simpsons next week.

C. R. Smith  
Secy

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The W. C. T. U. met at Mrs Simpson's thursday [sic] Mar. 5. Our President led the meeting. We read responsively Neh. [Nehemiah] 4th Chapter. It being the day for reports of Supts [superintendents], this chapter was specially suited for us. Five supts were present. Narcotics, Flower Missions, S. School, and Sab. Obs. [Sabbath Observance] and Press & Lit & Mother's meetings. The report of Supt of flower mission was excellent.

After some other business we adjourned to meet at Mrs Smith's if the weather is favorable.

C. R. Smith, Secy

Mch 10th No Meeting.

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April 16th 1896 -

The W. C. T. U. held a Sab. [Sabbath] Observance meeting at the home of Mrs Epps. The Supt of the Dept conducted the meeting.

After singing "Pure in heart" we were led in an earnest prayer by our President.

We read responsively a bible reading on the Sabbath.

Then followed a discussion on the subject, and all agreed that the Sabbath was not kept by any in accordance with the Scriptures. The President then took charge of the meeting. Some little business was transacted.

We then adjourned to meet next week at Mrs Brownlow's.

Carrie R. Smith



Secy.

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The Mother's meeting was held at Mrs Epps Mch 25th.

The meeting was conducted by our Pres. who read the 46. Ps. [Psalm] After singing Jesus Savior pilot Me, we were led in prayer by the Sec.

We then had some good articles bearing on the Subject, which was Parental responsibility.

Some business was transacted and some cards read from the State Supts of different depts by our Cor. Sec. [Correspondence Secretary]

After the reading of the minutes we adjourned to meet at Mrs Whitlocks.

Carrie R. Smith. Secy.

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April 2nd 1896. The W. C. T. U. met according to adjournment at the home of Mrs. Whitlock to hold a memorial service for our promoted sister Mrs Mollie W. [Dojser?] who for 7 yrs was our beloved & trusted President. The hearts of all were very full and the silence which every now & then came over the meeting was more eloquent than words.

The meeting was opened by singing. Mrs Epps conducted the devotional exercises - reading selections from [Red?] following with a brief sketch of Mrs Dojsers life as Pres of our Union. Mrs Simpson led in prayer.

Mrs Brownlow & Miss Mason each read a touching Poem.

Mrs Whitlock read the resolutions which were adopted by the Union. Mrs Simpson read a paper on Mrs Dojser as home maker, mother and (illegible). Miss Lena then sang, The Home of the Soul, the little daughter of the hostess sweetly playing

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the accompaniment on the piano. After a short prayer by Mrs Epps all joined in singing "Lead Kindly Light." The meeting then adjourned until the following thursday [sic] to meet at the home of Mrs Epps.

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Carrie R. Smith Sec.

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The Union met at Mrs Brownlow's thursday [sic] May 7th.

As it was the first thursday of the month it was a business meeting & was presided over by the pres. After devotional exercises the minutes of the preceeding [sic] meeting were read & approved.

It was made a rule that all should respond to her name with a verse for scripture or sentence bearing on the subject of the meeting.

The Treas [Treasurer] read her report. The Pres advised the Treas to send in one half of our State dues at once.

A letter of State Supt of communion wine was read.

After transacting some business we adjourned.

C. R. Smith  
Secy.

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May 23rd 1896.

The Mother's meeting was held at Mrs Brownlow's. The subject was "Parental responsibility in the Moral education of the Young." The readings were fine, and it was a source of regret that there were only four ladies present. After trying to devise some means that had not already been used to get the mothers of the town out to our Mother's meetings we adjourned to meet at Mrs Brownlow's next week.

C. R. Smith.



Secy.

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The Mother's meeting was held at the residence of Mrs Brownlow - May 28th. Subject for the meeting was "How and when shall we teach our children to obey."

The Pres. presided reading passages from 1st Sam [Samuel] and Proverbs.

Several good articles bearing on the subject were read and discussed. There being no business to transact we adjourned to meet with Mrs Brownlow again next week.

Carrie R. Smith  
Secy.

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June 4th 1896. The Union held their regular business meeting at the residence of Mrs Brownlow.

There were six ladies present. The meeting was opened with singing "We belong." Miss Murphy led in prayer. The Pres. read Rom [Romans] 12th Chap.

Reports from the supts. were given. After some irregular business we adjourned.

Carrie R. Smith, Sec.

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June 11th 1896.

Flower Missions day was observed in our room on Main St.

Mrs Bacon conducted the meeting. The program was good as was also the attendance.

After the regular exercises the ladies arranged & sent out 32 boquets [sic] of flowers each bearing a card with appropriate text & a bow of white ribbon.

C. R. Smith Secy.



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June 18th 1896.

W. C. T. U. met according to adjournment in their room. Four ladies were present.

Miss Murphy conducted the service using the responsive reading for June.

Mrs Brownlow acted as organist. The usual program was carried out, after which the Pres. took charge of the meeting for business. The sec. being absent Mrs Epps acted in that capacity.

Some irregular business was talked over.

Mary Epps  
(secy pro tem)

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June 25th 1896

The W. C. T. U. met in their room on Main St. with seven ladies present.

The Pres. conducted the meeting. After devotional exercises several articles on different subjects connected with our work were read. There being no business we adjourned.

C. R. Smith, Secy.

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July 11th 1896.

The meeting opened with song, "Woman's Cause." The Misses Mason leading the singing.

Miss Murphy conducted the devotional exercises using a responsive reading. Some very interesting and touching Stories were told by Mrs Simpson and Miss Murphy. Miss Mason read a letter from [Neal Doud?] to C. E. Convention which was very much enjoyed. NO business to transact we adjourned.

C. R. Smith.  
Secy.

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The W. C. T. U. met in their room on Main St July 18th Mch four ladies present. Mrs Epps conducted the devotional part of the meeting using a bible reading subject "Our Source of Power."

The Pres. then took charge of the meeting. The minutes of the preceeding [sic] meeting were read. The roll was called and each one present responded with a verse of scripture bearing on the subject of the bible reading. Some business was transacted after which we adjourned.

C. R. Smith  
Secy.

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The W. C. T. U. met in the room on Main St June 23rd, at 3 P. M.

The Pres. had charge of the meeting. The Subject for the Afternoon was the sine of worry and fretting. The 37th Psalm was read after which we were led in prayer by Mrs Dungan. Several good and helpful articles were read. We closed by singing the temperance doxology.

C. R. Smith Secy.

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Aug 6th 1896.

A Bible reading was conducted by Mrs Epps Subject "The Divine and the human.["]

There were six ladies present. One new member was added to our number much to our gratification. The meeting adjourned to meet, we did not know where as this was our last meeting in our present quarters.

Mrs Simpson,  
Secy (pro tem)

Aug 13th 1896.

Three members met in our new quarters at the 1st Pres. Church. It was thought advisable to have no regular meeting. So we talked over some business and adjourned.



C. R. Smith  
Secy.

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Aug. 20th 1896.

The Union met in the 1st Church with 5 ladies present.

Mrs. Bacon led the devotional exercises reading part of [Hebrews?] 12th chapter. Miss Murphy led in prayer. The subject for the meeting was watch.

C. R. Smith Secy.

Aug 27th 1896. The Union met in the first church with four ladies present. The President conducted the meeting using responsive reading from the Hymnal. Subject for the meeting was ["cruelty to children."

Some arrangements were then made for the service on the fifth Sabbath evening.

C. R. Smith Secy.

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The Union met in the 1st church Sept 17th 1896.

There were five ladies present. The meeting was opened with a song. We had a responsive reading from the Hymnal after which we were led in prayer by the secy.

As some of our officers were absent no business was transacted.

C. R. Smith Secy.

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Sept 25th 1896.



The Mother's meeting was held in the 1st Church with eight ladies present.

The subject for the afternoon was self control. The Pres read parts of Prov [Proverbs] 15 & 16.

Some good articles were read after which each one present made some remarks. All agreed that the hardest thing in the work to do was to control one's self under all circumstances, and it was only through the grace of God that it could be done.

After some little business was talked over we adjourned.

c. R. Smith Secy.

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Oct 9th 1896. The Union met in the 1st Church at the usual time. After a half hour of Song Service, Mrs Bacon took the meeting & led the devotional exercises. Miss Lena Mason gave a select reading on wearing the badge. A discussion was held on the removal of the saloons. It was decided to observe the 22nd as a day of prayer. Plans for the Chrys. [Chrysanthemum] show were made.

C. R. Smith

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Oct 16th The W. C. T. U. met in the 1st Presby Church with 7 ladies present. Miss Murphy led the meeting. We had a responsive reading on work among the miners. After the regular meeting we had an election of officers for the ensuing year.

The old officers were reelected. It was decided to hold a prayer meeting on Wednesday 22nd from 2 to 4 P.M. - In consequence of which we would not have our regular meeting on thursday [sic] of next week.

C. R. Smith Secy.

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The Union met at Mrs Brownlow's thursday [sic] Nov 19th. there were 6 ladies present. The meeting was opened with singing "The Lord's Prayer." Miss Murphy read Is [Isaiah] 60th Chap. after which our Pres led in prayer. After another song we had a responsive reading on our world's work which was very interesting



and instructive.

The Pres. suggested we take up one of our prominent workers at each meeting and so become more familiar with them. We will take Miss Willard at our next meeting. After some business we adjourned to meet in two weeks.

C. R. Smith Secy.

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The Union met at the home of Mrs Brownlow Dec 11th 1896. Mrs Epps conducted the meeting using a bible reading on obedience which all took part in.

After attending to some business we adjourned.

C. R. Smith Secy.

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Dec 31st 1896.

The Union met at Mrs Brownlow's with 6 ladies present. The meeting was opened with a song. Our Pres. read Prov. [Proverbs] 4th Chap. after which we were led in prayer by Mrs Bacon. As we had no little time we did not take up the life of Miss Hileard [sic] as we expected to do.

Our Pres. suggested that at each meeting we bring items concerning woman on woman's work.

It was agreed that our next meeting be a Convention "[echo?] meeting."

Col Brownlow came in and we all enjoyed a talk from him.

Carrie R. Smith, Secy.

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The Union met at the residence of Mrs Brownlow Jan 7th 1897.



There were seven ladies present. Mrs Brownlow led the devotional part of the meeting reading Prov. [Proverbs] 4th Cap. After singing "We all belong" the pres [president] took charge of the meeting. As it was the first thursday [sic] reports from the Supts were given.

This questions was asked: "Can't we do something to create a better sentiment toward the cause[?]" It was moved & seconded that we give a reception on Feb 22nd. That each member invite four ladies. After some other business was talked over we adjourned.

C. R. Smith Secy.

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The W. C. T. U. met thursday [sic] January 14th 1897 at the residence of Mrs Brownlow. Our Pres. was absent for the first time on act [account] of sickness. [A note?] was read from her stating the cause. "Hide Thou Me" was sung, after which Mrs Epps read the ety [eighty] seventh Psalm and Miss Lena Mason led in prayer.

The "Bible Reading ["] (The Christians warfare) was read & commented on by Mrs Epps, which was very interesting. The meeting then adjourned after which Miss Annie Brownlow served nice refreshments which were enjoyed and highly appreciated.

C. R. Smith Secy.

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The Union met at Mrs Brownlow's Jan 21st. There were eight ladies present. Miss Murphy conducted the meeting using a responsive reading in Schools of Method and Parliamentary usage.

It was agreed to have our Mother's meeting in the Lecture room of the 2nd Church next Thursday; at which time Dr Park would give us a Lecture. After some other business was talked over we adjourned.

C. R. Smith Secy.

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The regular monthly business meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held at the home of Mrs Brownlow Feb 4th 1897.

There were eight ladies present. After a song the President read Gal [Galatians] 6th Chapter. Mrs Bacon

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led in prayer.

The minutes of the preceeding [sic] meeting were read and adopted.

The plan of work of the State Convention was read, but no resolutions made to adopt them. It was moved and seconded that we tender Dr. Park a note of thanks for his most excellent address, and that we ask him for his manuscript for publication in the Union Signal.

The Treasurer read her report. Reports from some of the Supts were given.

Arrangements were made for our Washington Reception.

C. R. Smith Secy.

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The Union met at the residence of Mrs Brownlow Feb 11th 1897. The attendance was unusually good, there were eleven ladies present. Mrs Epps led the meeting using a Bible Reading subject Christian Warfare.

Some unfinished business was attended to after which we adjourned.

C. R. Smith Secy.

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The W. C. T. U. met at the residence of Mrs Brownlow Thursday Feb 18th 1898. There were nine ladies present. After a song were led in prayer by Mrs Epps.

Miss Murphy read some selections from the Psalms, and after a song we had a responsive reading on "Our World's Work."

Mrs Bacon led in prayer after which the Pres. took charge of the meeting. The Secy's report was read and adopted.

Some business was then brought up and talked over and the final arrangements for our Washington reception made.

C. R. Smith Secy.

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The Mother's meeting was held at Mrs Brownlow's Feb 25th 1897. The Subject for the meeting was Self Control.

The Pres. read Prov. [Proverbs] 5th Chap. and after a prayer and song several good articles were read.

Mrs Bacon read a fine sermon on Self Control.

The Secy. called the role [sic] and each one responded with a verse of Scripture Suitable to the Subject. After a prayer led by Mrs Bacon she adjourned.

We feel that this was one of the most helpful meetings we have had and wish every mother in Jonesboro had been present.

C. R. Smith Secy.

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The Union met at Mrs Brownlow's Mar. 4th with seven members present. The President conducted the meeting reading Neh. [Nehemiah] 4th Chap. Reports from Supts were called for and given.

Supt of prison work had visited the jail and distributed religious papers. The treasurer being absent there was no report from her. Miss Mason was appointed to draw up and circulate a petition to have the curfew law in Jonesboro.

C. R. Smith Secy.

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(Date out of sequence.)

Union met with Mrs. Patton Dec 15th [18]98. After the 41st Psalm was read by Miss Murphy, the opening [sic] prayer was offered by Mrs. Simpson. The Union sang "Nearer my God to Thee," and "While the Days are going by." The leaflets used were on the subject of "Rescue Work." After the leaflet the address of the National Pres. was read. A letter from state treasurer, Mrs. Abernathy was read by Mrs. Patton, followed by



reports from Superintendents of departments. The meeting closed with a beautiful prayer by Mrs. dosser. Meeting adjourned to meet with Miss Gena Murphy Dec. 29.

Lida S. Wells, Secy.

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The Union met in the 1st Presby Church June 2nd 1897.

There were six members present. Our President led the meeting using for the Scripture lesson Jas. [James] 5th Chap.

Plans for flower missions day were talked of but not fully decided on because of the absence of the Supt of that dept.

It was moved and seconded that we deposit our money, one hundred and forty dollars, in bank allowing it to remain and draw interest.

C. R. Smith Secy.

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Flower mission day was observed June 9th with an attendance of twelve and a good program. Mrs Bacon Supt of the dept conducted the meeting. A number of boquets [sic] were sent to the sick and sorrowing and flowers were placed on the grave of those of our number who have gone "up higher."

Flowers were also carried to the Jail which were eagerly grasped by the occupants.

C. R. Smith Secy.

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Jonesboro Tenn June 17th - 97.

The Union met in the usual place with six members present.

Miss Murphy was leader using the responsive reading for the month, subject "White Shield work."

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After some talk over the matter it was agreed that the treasurer send for sample leaflets on this work to be examined and used as seemed best.

There being no business we adjourned.

C. R. Smith Secy.

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The regular monthly Mother's meeting was held by the W. T. T. U. June 24th. Seven ladies were present. Child Culture was the theme discussed.

Mrs Simpson as Supt of dept of Mother's meetings, conducted the services in the regular way with hymns, scripture reading and prayer. After which select articles were read by the ladies, and the monthly leaflet on Child Culture was also read. Some interesting suggestions were given by the ladies and the meeting was helpful and enjoyable.

Two visitors were present, one of them becoming a member.

C. R. Smith, Secy.

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The Union met July 15th with seven ladies present.

Miss Murphy led the devotional exercises using a responsive reading on Sabbath observance. The Pres. then took charge of the meeting and some business was attended to, it was moved and seconded that we adopt the course of reading recommended by the Union Signal.

The Cor. [Correspondence] Secy. was instructed to ask [some?] of the members of the town board to push forward the curfew ordinance.

C. R. Smith Secy.

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Jonesboro July 29th 1897.

The Union met in their room with six members present. The Pres. read and commented on the 16th Chap. of Luke.

After the devotional exercises we had some lessons in parliamentarian drills. Some business was then brought up.

Mrs Epps reported that the town board had not passed the Curfew law. It was suggested that literature be distributed to the teachers attending the [Journal?] now in session. It was moved and seconded that the law of Tenn. temperance be printed on slips and given to the teachers of the county.

C. R. Smith Secy.

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The Union met in the first Presby Church thursday [sic] Aug 5th with only four ladies present.

After singing "Jesus Saviour Pilot Me" we were led in prayer by Miss Murphy. The president read 2nd Pet. [Peter] first Chap. After which the regular monthly reports were called for and given by those present. Supts of narcotics had a good report, showing she had done some work distributing literature to teachers attending the [Journal?]. Supt of S. S. work gave a report and the Treas. read her report for the past six months.

There being no further business to attend to we adjourned.

C. R. Smith Secy.

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The Union met Aug 12th 1897 with seven ladies present.

The President read the 37 Psalm and after a prayer we had an excellent bible reading on the coming of the kingdom.

After a discussion on the subject we adjourned.



C. R. Smith Secy.

Aug 19th 1897

The W. C. T. U. met with four members present. Miss Murphy led the meeting using the leaflet entitled "Our World's Work." She had prepared an interesting program and we had a good helpful meeting and were thereby strengthened for the work of the master.

K. R. Simpson  
Sec protem.

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The W. C. T. U. held the monthly Mother's meeting with seven members present.

The subject for the meeting was "the literature our children read." The Pres. read the 19th psalm.

Several good and helpful articles were read.

We had one visitor who became a member.

We closed the meeting with singing "God be with You" as a goodbye to Miss [Gertie?] Mason who will not be with us for some time.

C. R. Smith Secy.

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The Union met Sept 2nd with six members present.

The meeting was opened with singing "Hide Thou Me." The president read a part of the first Chap. of Jer. [Jeremiah]. After which we were led in prayer by Mrs Epps.

Reports from Supts were called for. Very little work had been done in any of the departments during the month.

Our President was elected as a delegate to attend the State Convention which meets in Chattanooga Oct 6 & 7.



C. R. Smith Secy.

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The Union met Sept 9th with six members present.

Mrs Bacon conducted the devotional exercises reading Gal [Galatians] 6th Chap. Our President led in prayer. All then took part in the monthly bible reading. subject "How Should we live in order to help those around us.["]

The Pres then too the chair, and some unfinished business was transacted. Miss Murphy was elected alternate to attend the State Convention.

The Social and debate was then talked about, and it was decided to have a dime social at the residence of Mrs Wells at which we have the debate "Shall woman Vote."

C. R. Smith.  
Secy.

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The Union met Sept 16th with six members present.

Miss Murphy led reading Mal. [Malachi] 3rd Chap. We then had a responsive reading on "How to give.["]  
After which we had a discussion on the subject.

The Pres. took the chair and some business was transacted. It was thought best to put off our debate and have it in connection with our Chrys. [Chrysanthemum] show.

C. R. Smith  
Secy.

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Sept 23rd 1896 (s/b 1897)

The Union held its usual monthly Mother's meeting with an attendance of seven. The subject considered was the "importance of obedience."

The Pres. read from 1st Sam [Samuel] and eph [Ephesians] 6th Chap.

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Articles of interest were then read and discussed.

Miss Murphy gave us an excellent recitation.

After fool call some business was transacted.

C. R. Smith  
Secy.

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Jonesboro Tenn Sept 30.

The W. C. T. U. met in the first presby Church with six members present. After devotional exercises we proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year which resulted in the reelection of all the old officers namely Mrs Simpson pres. Mrs Epps Secy. & treas. and Mrs Smith Rec [Recording] Secy.

After some business relating to the Chrys. [Chrysanthemum] Show we adjourned.

C. R. Smith Secy.

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Oct 14th 1897

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. met in this room for their usual thursday [sic] afternoon meeting.

Mrs Simpson presided over the meeting. After singing "Woman's Cause Shall Win," the Scripture lesson was read. Miss Murphy then led in an earnest prayer asking a blessing not only on our mission, but Sister Unions and especially the newly elected officers.

The Secy. not being present with her report, Miss Murphy gave a most interesting account of her trip to the State Convention. Not having time to give it all she was asked to finish at the next meeting. She also presented the Union with a gavel made from the historic trees of Lookout Mt. [Mountain]. It will remain with the Union until it disbands, when she will take charge of it. Though only five in number, we adjourned feeling that the hour had been spent in profitable manner. Miss Murphy's

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report being full of hope an[d] encouragement for us.

Lena D. mason  
Secy. protem

The Union met in their room thursday [sic] Oct 21st at 3 P.M. There were five members and one visitor present.

Miss Murphy conducted the devotional exercises reading a part of the 119 Psalm. All then took part in a responsive reading on the "Woman's Temperance [Publishing] Association."

The president then took the chair and some business was transacted. It was moved and seconded that we continue to take the Journal for the teachers in the public school of our town and make them use them.

C. R. Smith  
Secy.

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the Mother's meeting was held Oct 28th 1897 in the first Presby. Church. The Subject of the meeting was "How Shall We Secure Prompt Obedience." Our president called our attention to a few verses in Eph [Ephesians] 6th Chap and then to the chart prepared by Mr [Seasl?] showing the two ways of life and death, one beginning with obedience the other with disobedience. Miss Murphy gave a sketch of Neal Doud which was very interesting. We then listened to an article bearing on the subject under consideration.

Some business was transacted after which we adjourned.

C. R. Smith Secy.

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Nov 5th 1897.

The W. C. T. U. held their usual monthly business meeting in the 1st Presby Church.

Mrs Bacon conducted the devotional exercises after which the Pres. took the chair & proceeded to



business. Reports from Supts of depts were called for. No work had been done since last month.

Miss Murphy told us if all the work our Union had done had been faithfully reported we would have been one of the banner Unions of the State. We were glad to have our Cor [Correspondence] Secy. Mrs Epps back with us after an absence of several weeks. As our Anual [sic] Chrys. [Chrysanthemum] Show would be held next thursday [sic] our next regular meeting will be Nov 18. On invitation of Mrs Brownlow it was agreed that we meet at her residence hereafter.

C. R. Smith Secy.

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The W. C. T. U. met at the residence of Mrs Brownlow thursday [sic] afternoon Nov 18th.

As Miss Murphy was absent we did not have the responsive reading which should have come on this day. After devotional exercises some little business was looked after. The Pres. approved Mrs Brownlow Supt of Prison Work. She has been doing efficient work along that line for quite a while.

The Pres announced that at our next Mother's meeting we have a debate subject "Which has the most influence on children heredity or environment."

It was moved to & carried that we meet alternately at the homes of Mrs Brownlow & Epps and change the hours of meeting from three to two o'clock.

C R. Smith  
Secy.

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The W. C. T. U. held its regular monthly business meeting at the residence of Mrs Epps thursday [sic] afternoon Dec 2nd 1897. After devotional exercises Mrs Wells read an article on "Why am I a white ribboner" which was very fine. Reports from Supts were called for. Only three Supts were present to report. Mrs Epps read a letter from Mrs Holman.

There were four members present and one visitor who became a member at the close of the meeting

C. R. Smith,  
Secy.



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The Union met at Mrs. Brownlow's residence [sic] thursday [sic] afternoon Dec 9th 1897.

There were five members present. Mrs Epps conducted the devotional part of the meeting using the monthly bible reading. Subject "Not by Might." Some little business was talked over after which we adjourned.

C. R. Smith. Secy

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Dec 29, 1897.

The Mother's meeting was held at the house of our president. She had invited quite a number out side of our (Union and there were thirteen present.

After devotional exercises we had a debate in which all took part. the Subject was "Which has the most influence on our children heredity or environment."

The majority were for environment and at the close of the discussion none were won over for either side but all stood as at first.

Our hostess then served elegant refreshments.

C. R. Smith Secy.

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The W. C. T. U. met on Jan 20 1898 at the residence of Mrs [W.?] P. Brownlow. Conducted by Miss Murphy.

The meeting was opened by singing "Womans [sic] Cause shall Win." The 104 Psalm was read followed by prayer by Mrs Brownlow.

"Save our Land" was then sung. Six members were present. Some discussion concerning the convention





followed. Also some plans laid for a reception the 22nd of Feb.

The meeting adjourned to meet the following thursday [sic] at Mrs Epps.

Mrs Bacon.  
Secy pro tem.

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The Mother's meeting was held at the residence of Mrs Epps Jan 27. 1898.

There were nine members present. After devotional exercises led by the President, Non Alcoholic Medication was taken up as the subject for the meeting. Mrs Epps read an article written by a mother who had raised a large family and never used one drop of alcohol.

A very instructive responsive reading was then used in which al took part. We returned to the old custom of roll call.

Miss Murphy read us a letter from Mrs Gibson our State president, relating to the State Convention.

After some business we adjourned.

C. R. Smith  
Secy.

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The Union met Feb 3 at Mrs Brownlows. After singing "Woman's Cause Shall Win," the scripture lesson Jer. [Jeremiah] beginning at the 4th verse was read. Miss Murphy led in prayer. The song "press On" was sung, after which the following business was transacted: Seven Depts. gave tolerably good reports.

It was suggested that a program for the next 5th Sunday be made out a week before hand and given to the pastors to avoid a misunderstanding. On motion, it was agreed that the money now on hand be deposited in the bank for the next six months.

No further business, the union discussed quite at length the Martha Washington Reception.

At 10 minutes of four the meeting adjourned.



Mrs Lena Mason  
Sec pro tem.

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The Union met at the residence of Mrs Brownlow Feb 17th 1898 with eleven members present. After devotional exercises some business was brought before the Union. We were all feeling very sad over the news of the serious illness of our Natl [National] President and prayer was offered for her recovery. The Washington reception was postponed indefinitely on account of Miss Willard's sickness & also the meeting in progress at the M. E. Church.

C. R. Smith  
Secy.

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The Union met in the first Presby Church Thursday afternoon Oct 28th 1898. Mrs Simpson led the devotional exercises reading a part of the 24th Chap of Mat. [Matthew]

We then proceeded to elect officers.

Mrs Simpson was elected president.  
Mrs Smith Cor. [Correspondence] Secy  
Mrs Smith Rec. [Recording]       "  
Mr Patton Treasurers

All the arrangements for the Chrys [Chysanthemum] Show were then made.

It was agreed we meet at the homes of or members during the cold weather.

C. R. Smith Secy.

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Resolutions

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Since the dear loving Father of all Who makes no mistakes has in His infinite wisdom and love, called to her reward our great hearted leader: therefore be it resolved.

1st That the Jonesboro Union with hearts saddened by their great loss yet feel that by the inspiration of her life, and the help of her God, they will go forward in the work she had been called to lay down.

2nd. Resolved - that her victorious death shall give us fresh courage and renewed zeal in the cause of God and home and humanity, and that we will labor more persistently and untiring to bring about that golden age to which she so often referred and which can only be attained by the better

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observance of the Golden rule.

Resolved - That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the pages of our book of record.

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The Union met at the residence of Mrs Brownlow Mch 10 1898.

Mrs Epps conducted the meeting. She read John 15th Chap after which we were led in prayer by Mrs Simpson. We then had a bible reading on "fruit bearing."

The President took charge of the meeting and after roll call business was brought up.

Mrs Epps read a letter from Miss Helen M. Barker Nat. Treas. asking our Union to contribute 2.00 to the National. It was moved & carried that we give the money and Mrs Epps was instructed to send the same.

After some other business we adjourned.

C. R. Smith  
Secy.

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Sunday evening March 20 in the ME. church a most interesting memorial service was held in commemoration of our beloved leader Miss Francis E. Willard.

After song and prayer, the Crusade Psalm was read by Rev J. S. Eakin, Prof Hickman read a paper on the life of Neal Doud.

After a song by the male quartette [sic] Miss Mason gave a sketch of the early life of Miss Willard.

Mrs Bacon spoke of her life after she reached womanhood and Mrs Wells gave a sketch of the last days and funeral obsequies.

The exercises closed with remarks by Mr W. S. Hickey on the Temple asking for a collection to help liquidate the final payment on it.

A collection of \$40.00 was then taken up.

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The Mother's meeting was held at the residence of Mrs Brownlo thursday [sic] afternoon Mch 31st 1898.

The subject for discussion was "Pitfalls for boys." Our President read a chapter from Prov. [Proverbs] showing there are other things beside saloons & cigarettes to lead boys to destruction, and that wisdom is what we need to help us to keep the boys out of these terrible pitfalls, an article on responsibility of motherhood was read by Mrs Epps.

Mrs Brownlow read one on the dangers of City life, and Mrs Simpson on "Predisposing Causes."

After some little business was transacted we had roll call & closed with singing "Blest be the Tie."

C. R. Smith  
Secy.

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The W. C. T. U. met at Mrs Epps Thursday May 13th 1898, four members only present. Mrs Simpson read from the Scriptures the lesson of Martha and Mary. Mrs Epps led in prayer.

Some items of business were discussed. The Cooking Club did not meet and was postponed until next

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month. We adjourned until Thursday May 26th.

Mrs Epps  
Sec pro tem

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The Mother's meeting was held at the residence of Mrs Epps May 27th 1898.

The meeting was opened with singing "Gently Lord." The president read 1st Pet [Peter] 3rd Chap. and after a song and prayer the topic "Educating Children for Marriage" was brought up and discussed. After some business in reference to the comfort bags Etc to be sent to soldiers we adjourned.

C. R. Smith  
Secy.

June 9th 1898. the Union met at the residence of Mrs Epps to observe flower mission day. After devotional exercises led by Mrs Bacon we prepared the flowers to be sent out to the sick and shut in ones. No business was transacted.

C. R. Smith Secy.

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Instead of having the regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. thursday [sic] June 16th, some of the members met friday morning of the 17th and packed a barrell [sic] with Jellies, fruits, biscuit, literature, Etc to be sent to the soldiers hospital at Chickamauga Park.

June 23rd 1898.

The Union met in their room at the 1st Presby church with seven members present. It being the regular time for the Mother's meeting the subject for discussion was Child Culture.

Mrs Wells read an excellent article on Child Study. Some other articles were read after which the subject was discussed. some business in reference to the State Convention was talked over after which we adjourned.

C. R. Smith,  
Secy.



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June 30th 1898.

The W. C. T. U. met in their room in the basement of the first Pres. Church. There were only three members present, Miss Murphy, Mrs Wells and Mrs Simpson. Of course no business could be finished; but a good many plans for the Convention were talked over ready to be submitted at another time when there were more present. Altogether it was a very pleasant and we hope profitable meeting.

K. R. Simpson  
Secy. Pro Tem.

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Aug 11th 1898.

The W. C. T. U. met in their room in the first Church.

Miss Murphy led using a leaflet on "Physical Culture."

Plans for Convention were discussed. The meeting adjourned to meet next Thursday.

Kate R. Simpson  
Secy. Pro Tem.

Saturday August 27th 1898.

A meeting was called to do some work preparatory to the convention. Mrs Bacon and Mrs Patton were appointed committee in reception.

Four addresses of welcome were arraigned [sic] for and other plans talked over.

K. R. Simpson

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The W. C. T. U. met in the basement of the first Pres. Church Thursday afternoon Sept 8th 1898.

There were four members present. Our President read St. Mark 11th 20-26. After devotional exercises we had a very helpful bible reading on "vines and branches.["]

Some business was transacted and we adjourned.

C. R. Smith Secy.

The Union met in the first Pres. Church Thursday Sept 16th 1898

Eight members were present. Miss Murphy led the meeting reading and commenting on Amos 6th Chap.

As the time of our State Convention is so near and many things concerning it had to be talked over rest of the meeting was devoted to that.

C. R. Smith Secy.

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The W. C. T. U. met in the first Presby. Church Thursday afternoon Oct 21st 1898. Miss Murphy led the devotional exercises, after which we read two very interesting and instructive leaflets on "Literature" and "The Union Signal."

It was the time to elect officers but we postponed that until we should have a better attendance.

The hour was very profitably spent and we were glad to be there.

C. R. Smith  
Secy.

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The W. C. T. U. met with Miss Eugenia Murphy Dec 29 after the scripture lesson was read by the president - "Gently Lord oh gently lead us." was sung. It being the regular time for Mother's meeting, several helpful papers were read, such as "Value of child culture," "Study of child nature," "children (illegible)". Mrs Smith made some very (illegible) remarks, telling of some of Mr. Smith's words of commendation of the W. C. T.



U. to his parishioners. A letter from prof Gale was reported, commending the Union for the good work they had done, and declaring himself as being a stout champion of the W. C. T. U. wherever he might be, and announcing his intention of becoming an honorary member.

Lida S. Wells  
Secy.

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The domestic science club met with the president, Mrs. Simpson, Jan 5 1899. Mrs. Smith led devotional exercises. Miss Lena Jason read an excellent article in "Union Signal" on cookery and after several practical recipes, the members of the club were served with dainty samples of some of the recipes given. Meeting adjourned to meet Jan 12" [sic].

Lida S. Wells  
Secy.

The Union met the 12" [sic] of Jan. with the former secretary [sic], Mrs. Carrie Smith. After an opening hymn and scripture lesson, a bible reading was used on the subject of "Purity in the home" by Jessie Brown Hilton, led by Mrs. Epps, with scripture texts by members.

After roll call with helpful and appropriate responses, a letter was read from state pres. Mrs. Gibbons.

A letter was read by Mrs. Patton from

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national officers. After adjournment very delicious and dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

Lida S. Wells.  
Secy.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. Peoples Jan. 19. After devotional exercises a bible reading on "Health and Heredity["] was used, led by Miss Murphy.

A letter was read A. D. Reynolds of Bristol telling of a lecturer that the Union could secure to lecture in Jonesboro.

The Union decided to have him come provided proper arrangements could be made. Meeting adjourned to





meet with Miss Mason Jan 26.

Lida S Wells.  
Secy.

The Mother's meeting met with Mrs. Mason Jan 27th with fourteen present. the 8th Chap of Prov. [Proverbs] was read by the Pres. Papers were read on the "Early training of children,"

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"Religious training of children," Cultivating Self respect," and "Thoroughness." A poem was also read entitled "Dream Children." After the programme, buisness [sic] was attended to. A rising vote of thanks was tendered the Schubert Club for the five dollars contributed by them to the Union for the Working girls Home of Chattanooga.

Motion was carried to subscribe for 8 copies of Union Signal for coming year for that number of ministers of the town and county. It was voted to spend \$3.00 for the Shoecraft family, who had lost their property by fire. After adjournment, dainty refreshments were served.

Lida S. Wells.  
Secy.

The housekeeper's department of the W. C. T. U. met Feb 2nd at the home of Mrs. Whitlock. "Press on" was sung, and the president read a part of the 1st Chap of Corinthians. Miss Murphy made the opening prayer. Roll call was responded to with practical

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reciprs. [reciprocation?]. A letter was read from Mrs. Manley, urging the organization of an L. T. L. in Jonesboro. The matter was discussed by the members. There being no further buisness [sic], the meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Piprr [sic] the 9".

Lida S. Wells  
Secy.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. Piprr Feb. 9th. It being the regular time for the bible reading, the reading was led by Mrs. Epps.

The meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Bacon Feb 16".



Mrs Patton  
Secty, pro tem

Thursday Feb 16" the Union met at the home of Mrs. Bacon. The meeting was converted into a memorial service for miss Willard. Very interesting articles were read, "Frances Willard as a leader" read by Miss Mason, "A few of the periods in Miss Willard's

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life which have most impressed me." was read by Mrs. Bacon. "After one year of Heaven was read by Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. Simpson told the Union how Illinois honors Miss Willard by presenting a bill to the State Senate, which calls for an appropriation of \$9.00 for a bronze statue of Miss Willard, on a granite pedestal to occupy the place of honor in Statuary Hall at Washington." If the bill passes, which seems quite probably, Miss Willard will be the first woman so honored in America."

No special buisness [sic] before the Union it adjourned to meet with Mrs. Dosser Feb. 23rd.

Miss Mason  
Secty pro tem.

The Union held its Mother's meeting at the home of Mrs Frank Dosser Feb. 23rd. The meeting was conducted by the Pres. Mrs. Simpson. After the reading of the scripture lesson, request for prayer

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were made, and Mrs. Geo. Smith led in prayer remembering each request. Mrs. Dosser's paper on "How to train children" was most excellent, full of helpful suggestions, that even that even the more experienced might do well to put into effect. It was decided to have a National Medal Contest - and Mrs. Britton was appointed manager. The meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Smith March 2nd.

Miss Mason  
Secty. pro tem.

Mar. 2nd being a very stormy day, there was no meeting of W. C. T. U.

The Union met with Mrs. Epps Mar. 9th. The subject of reading and evangelistic department, led by Mrs.



Epps. After the reading the contest was discussed. A letter was read from Mr. Brownlow thanking the ladies for their vote of thanks, and declaring himself always on the side of right. It was voted by the Union to prevent

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two petitions, one against mormonism [sic] and the mormon nominee for congress, the other one asking for [heal?] option for the state. Meeting adjourned to meet Mar. 16th.

Lisa S. Wells.

The W. C. T. U. met at the home of Mrs. Bird's Mar. 16th. Miss Gena Murphy led the meeting using the leaflet "Soldiers and Sailors."

After the reading, final arrangements were made for Matron's Medal Contest. Meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Hickey, Mar. 23rd.

Lida S. Wells  
Secty.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. Hickey Mar. 23rd. After the scripture reading by the president and prayer by Mrs. Epps, it being "mother's meeting" articles on the following subjects were read. "Rights of Children" - Mrs. Patton. "A Practical

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[Instaner?] - Mrs. Epps. "Sleep" - Mrs. Wells. There being no buisness [sic], meeting adjourned to meet with Miss Mason Mar. 30th

Lida S. Wells  
Secy.

The Union met with Miss Mason Mar. 30th. The secretary being absent no minutes were kept of that meeting.

The W. C. T. U. met with Miss Murphy Apr. 18" [sic]. The president read 13" chap of 1 Corinthians. After the opening prayer the library was discussed and it was voted to form a library association. A committee was appointed to write the constitution and by-laws of the same.



There being no further buisness [sic], meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Patton Apr. 20"

Lida S. Wells.  
Secy.

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The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. Patton April 20th. The meeting opened by singing "Press On." After the scripture lesson and prayer, Miss Patton sang "Will it Pay" from "White Ribbons Hymnal." Miss Brigham of Boston was present and gave an interesting address before the Union on the work of the "Lend a hand" book mission. The meeting adjourned after the address and the hostess served delicious and dainty refreshments to the Union and a number of invited guests.

Lida S. Wells  
Secy.

No regular meeting was held held [sic] till June 8th. The work being in progress fitting the new reading room for occupancy.

The W. C. T. U. met in their reading room June 8th. It being "flower mission" day, quantities of flowers were brought by the members of the Union, which were [tied?] cards bearing

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appropriate texts to be sent to the sick and sorrowing, the visiting strangers, and the inmate of the jail.

After devotional exercises a letter from Miss Brigham was read telling of three barrels of literature sent for the Reading room. One from Boston, one from Waterbury Conn. [Connecticut] and one from Cleveland Ohio.

After the meeting adjourned the boquets [sic] of flowers were distributed by a number of children.

From three to ten P. M. Ice cream was served for the benefit of the public library fund. It was also served the three previous Thursdays for the benefit of the same object.

Lida S. Wells  
Secy.

The W. C. T. U. met in the Reading Room June 15th. After devotional exercises the following letter was

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read by the secy. - "Ladies of the W. C. T. U. ["

Greeting - We the incarcer-

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ated in "Hotel Pritchett" desire to extend to you our deepest and most sincere thanks for the beautiful flowers received from you last Thursday.

We appreciate being remembered in this manner, feeling assured also that the Father of Lights will abundantly reward you for sending "rays of sunshine" into these dark and gloomy walls.

May God Bless You."

It was moved and carried to ask the Mr. Lewis to repeat his splendid sermon on Sabbath observance for the Union service at his church.

It was voted to order the complete set of Miss Willards [sic] books for the reading room. Meeting adjourned to meet June 22nd.

Lida S. Wells  
Secy.

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The W. C. T. U. met in the reading room June 22nd.

After devotional exercises the leaflet on L. T. L. work was read by the Union. There was no buisness, and the meeting adjourned to meet July 6th.

Lida S. Wells.  
Secy.

No regular meeting was held July 6th.

W. C. T. U. met in the reading room July 13th. The meeting was opened by singing, followed by a beautiful prayer by a visitor - Mrs. Gillispie. After another song the bible reading was used - subject - "Character building." After the reading of the minutes and roll call, Mrs. Gillispie gave a very helpful talk on the subject of the reading for the day.



There being no buisness [sic] meeting adjourned to meet July 20th.

Lida S. Wells.  
Secy.

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No regular meeting of the Union was held July 20th but three members being present, but Mr. and Mrs. Sam Vincent of Fall Branch were visitors and he gave some helpful words to those present. He is a staunch prohibition brother, and the members of the Union are always glad to welcome as guests, such men.

The W. C. T. U. met in the reading room July 27th. It being Mother's meeting, Mrs. Britton read an article subject "Keep Your children at home["] another reading was given, subject, "Breaking a Child's Will."

The pool table was condemned and it was resolved that "it is with - sorrow that we know of this evil, and will do all in our power to prevent it.["]

There being no buisness [sic] meet [sic] adjourned.

Lida S. Wells  
Secy.

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Aug 3rd no meeting was held.

Aug 10 the Union met in the reading room. After singing the New Auld Lang Syne, the scripture lesson was read from Isaiah 58" chap. 6-12 verses. The subject of leaflet used was W. C. T. U. Settlements led by Miss Eugenia Murphy.

After the reading the notion was made and carried to write to Mrs. Buckley of Phoenix, Ar. [Arizona] asking information in regard to their method of conducting reading room and library.

Mrs. Smith gave good report of work done in her department, that of prison work. Meeting adjourned to arrange for L. T. L. medal context.

Lida S. Wells - Secy.



No meeting was held Aug 24" - 31st

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W. C. T. U. met in the reading room Sept. 7th After opening exercises and roll call, Mrs. Bacon of Bristol, an ex-member of the union made a few remarks in regard to the white ribbon work. It being time for the election of officers, all the old officers were re-elected and are as follows. Mrs. Kate R. Simpson Pres. Mrs. Mary H. Epps - Corresponding Secy. Mrs. Lida S. Wells - Recording Secy. Mrs. Eema/Irma?] Patton - Treasurers Meeting adjourned to meet Sept. 14.

Lida S. Wells  
Secy.

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The W. C. T. U. met in the reading room Sept. 14th. After opening exercises and roll call...[sic]. It was the regular time for the bible reading, led by Mrs. Epps. After the bible reading it was suggested that the Union make the ministers of the town special objects of prayer, that their eyes might be opened to the magnitude of the liquor traffic, and that they might have the courage to vote and pray against it. There being no buisness meeting adjourned to meet Sept. 21st.

Lida S. Wells.  
Secy.

The Union met in the reading [room] Sept 21st with with [sic] only four members present. Miss Gena Murphy led the meeting, as it was her regular turn to lead. After the scripture lesson from 1st Romans 12" chap. 1st thirteen verses was read, and the opening prayer by the Pres. Mrs. Simpson, the leaflet subject Parlor readings was read by the Union. Mrs. Patton

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then occupied the chair, and the pres. was elected as delegate to the state convention, which meets at Clarksville Oct. 12-13-14. Meeting then adjourned to meet Sept. 28th.

Lida S. Wells.

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Secy.

W. C. T. U. met Sept 28" [sic] after the scripture lesson from the 8" chap. of Proverbs, and the opening prayer by Mrs. Carrie Smith. It being the regular time for mother's meeting, the subject was Mothers and the public schools. Mrs. Epps read an excellent article on the subject and Mrs. Hickey made some very timely and appropriate remarks. There were five members and one visitor present. Meeting adjourned to meet Oct. 5"

Lida S. Wells.  
Secy.

No meeting was held Oct. 5th

The W. C. T. U. met Oct. 12. The meeting opened with the song "Father in Heaven." After the opening by Mrs. Carries Smith, "Jesus Savior Pilot Me was sung." [sic] the bible

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reading subject "Jesus our leader and pattern" was used, led by Miss Murphy, thee Union reading responsively, scripture text.

Mrs. Simpson gave a very encouraging report from the State convention of work accomplished during the past year.

After roll call with appropriate responses, and reading of the minutes of last meeting, arrangements were discussed for the Winter's supply of fuel. There being no other buisness [sic] meeting adjourned to meet Oct. 19"

Lida S. Wells.  
Secy.

The W. C. T. U. met in the reading room Oct 19" after singing Christ for the world and the opening prayer, the leaflet was read on the subject of "Unfermented Sacramental Wine" led by Miss Murphy. After reading the leaflet the Unioin discussed the annual Chrisanthemum [sic] show, and it was decided to have in connection with the chrisanthemum show, a baby show [,] a doll show, and a Colonial supper.

There being no other buisness [sic] meeting adjourned to meet Oct. 26th

Lida S. Well.

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Secy.

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Union met Oct. 26th after devotional exercises a leaflet was read responsively subject "Child culture circles."

Mrs. Hickey was appointed to take charge of L. T. L. now in connection with Jr. C. E. work. Mrs. Carrie Smith was appointed Vice Pres. at large of union.

Meeting then adjourned to meet Nov. 2nd

Lida S. Wells.

Secy.

W. C. T. U. met Nov. 2nd After the 3rd chap. of Judges was read, Mrs. Carrie Smith made the opening prayer.

After roll call, reports of superintendents of departments was called for. Miss Murphy, superintendent of narcotics reported two thousand pages of literature distributed. Mrs. Patton, treasurer, reported \$3.50 collection at fifth Sunday meeting.

Miss Sallie Thomas was appointed superintendence of jail work, and Miss Gena Murphy assistant.

Five subscriptions to "The Open Door" were taken. "The Open Door" is the state W. C. T. U. paper.

Meeting adjourned to meet Nov. 9" - Lida Wells - Secy.

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The Union met at the usual hour on Nov. 16th. After the opening hymn and prayer, the scripture lesson was read, consisting of selected verses in the subject of the leaflet "Loyal Temperance Legion" and read by the members of the Union. The members of the Union voted to make Mrs. Merriwether state W. C. T. U. historian. No further buisness [sic] coming before the meeting it adjourned to meet Nov. 23rd.

Lida S. Wells.

Secy.

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The W. C. T. U. met Nov. 26" at the usual hour, with six members present.

It was the time for Mother's meeting the subject being "Good literature and how shall we get our children interested in it," discussion led by Mrs. Hickey. After a very interesting discussion and extracts read from a very able article on the subject by the Pres. - Mrs. Simpson - Mrs. Patton read a letter from the new State president, Mrs. Holman. It was voted by the union to donate ten dollars for state W. C. T. U. work, to send an organizer in the field.

Meeting then adjourned to meet Saturday Dec. 2nd as Thanksgiving day [sic] came on the regular day of the meeting.

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The Union met informally on Sat. Dec 2" to arrange for Miss Kearney's coming who is National organizer. After all final arrangements were made for the lecture, meeting adjourned to meet on the regular day, at 2:30 Dec. 7th Lida S. Wells  
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The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. met at the reading room Dec. 14". After singing "Press on" The opening scripture lesson and prayer was given. It was the regular time for bible reading, but as the leaflets had not come, the union spent the time in helpful talks. It was suggested that all the wool soap wrappers in possession of the members be sent to the proper place before Jan 1st in order that the local union get the 1¢ per wrapper for local work. The union voted to send the Union Signal to Mr. Easterly the coming year, as the other ministers of the town had already been supplied by the union for a year. As there was no further business, meeting adjourned to meet Dec. 28th.

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The W. C. T. U. met in the reading room Dec. 7" with five members present. After the president read the scripture lesson from 12 chap. of 1st cor. [Corinthians] Mrs. Smith led in prayer. The secretary [sic] read a letter from Hon. W. P. Brownlow, regarding the Brigham Roberts call. It was the regular time for reports of superintendents of departments. The treasurer, Mrs. Patton, reported \$14.41 in the treasury.



Miss Gena Murphy, sup. of narcotics reported three hundred pages of literature distributed.

Mrs. Simpson sup. of press-work reported the column kept up by the local paper.

Mrs. Simpson sup. of mother's meetings reported one mother's meeting held each month.

The union voted for Miss Gena Murphy to re-order the leaflets for the coming year.

Mrs. Carrie Smith was elected corresponding secretary [sic] pro tem.

A Willard memorial circle was formed with five members including the following names - Miss Murphy, Mrs. Patton. Mrs. Smith

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Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Wells.

Miss Murphy presented as honorary members, accompanied by the invitation fee of \$1.00 the names of Mr. Ned Wylie, and Mr. Herbert Shipley. Meeting adjourned to meet Dec. 14.

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The W. C. T. U. meeting Dec 28" was a memorial service in memory of our promoted member and corresponding secretary [sic] Mrs. Mary Hardin Epps. After the scripture lesson and opening prayer, the members sang "Hide Thou Me." Mrs. Patton and Mrs. Smith read two beautiful poems, follow[ed] by a few remarks by each one present on what impressed them most in the Epps character. These remarks were followed by singing "Jesus Savior Pilot Me." There were seven members and two visitors present. Meeting adjourned to meet in the new year of 1900, Jan 4th.

Lida S. Wells.

Secy.