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MRS. W. A. JOHNSTON,  
Of Topeka, the new President of  
the Kansas Equal Suffrage  
Association.

### The New President.

The Association is fortunate in having for its President Mrs. W. A. Johnston, wife of Chief Justice Johnston, who has long been an active worker in the Suffrage cause. Mrs. Johnston is one of the best known women in the state, and will, no doubt, make a wise and able leader in the coming campaign. She is a past president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs and a member of the Board of Directors of the Topeka Young Women's Christian Association.

The new president, Mrs. W. A. Johnson, made a fine address at the evening session.

The Association of Kansas is especially fortunate in having as leaders in the movement the wife of its Governor and the wife of its Chief Justice, particularly as they are not simply lending their names to the cause as honorary members, but are active workers in the movement.



MRS. CORA WELLHOUSE BULLARD,  
Of Tonganoxie, Second Vice  
President of the Kansas  
Equal Suffrage  
Association.

## The Women of Kansas SUFFRAGISTS ELECT OFFICERS.

The Campaign for the Ballot for the Women  
is Now Opened.

Nine Thousand Women of One Organization  
--The W. C. T. U.--Will Enlist.

Encouraging Addresses Made by Prominent Men and  
Women of the State--All are Hopeful.

The Kansas Equal Suffrage Association met in convention in Topeka on Tuesday afternoon, May 16. The sessions were held in Representative hall and were attended by about 100 delegates from various parts of the state. The afternoon session was devoted to business. Mrs. C. A. Hoffman, the president, called the meeting to order and made a short talk in which she spoke of "the progress" of the suffrage movement over the state and the causes for encouragement. "There is a great deal of hard work before us yet," said Mrs. Hoffman, "and if you have planned a trip to Europe or to the mountains or seaside, you had better give it up and stay at home this summer and work for suffrage. You will all be needed."

The reports of officers and committees were then heard. When the committee appointed at the meeting last January to draw up a new constitution submitted their report a lively debate was precipitated. It seems the organization has been working for some years with the disadvantage of having a lost constitution. The original copy of the old constitution was lost in a fire many years ago. The only copy of it was taken from a newspaper clipping preserved by the State Historical society. Two factions had arisen, one wishing to continue under the old constitution and the other wanting a new constitution adopted. It was a battle of wit and wisdom, with neither side having a monopoly. But finally the new faction won and it was voted to take up the new constitution section by section. The bone of contention was the matter of changing the yearly dues from \$1 to 50 cents. After a very lively discussion it was settled that the dues should be 50 cents per year, and harmony reigned once more.

Then came the election of officers. Mrs. W. A. Johnston was nominated by Miss Galloo, of Lawrence. Mrs. Cora Wellhouse Bullard, of Tonganoxie, was nominated by Mrs. Lee Monroe, who, during the past winter, was campaign manager and one of the most active of the workers in the organization. The

vote stood 53 for Mrs. Johnston and 25 for Mrs. Bullard. The other officers elected are as follows: Mrs. W. R. Stubbs, first vice president; Mrs. Cora Wellhouse Bullard, second vice president; Mrs. Helen Eacker, of Lawrence, recording secretary; Mrs. J. W. Thurston, of Topeka, treasurer, and Mrs. William Allen White, of Emporia, auditor.

### DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

The district presidents elected are as follows: First district, Mrs. Cora Wellhouse Bullard, of Tonganoxie; Second district, Mrs. G. H. Chalkley, of Lawrence; Third district, Mrs. Albright, of Winfield; Fourth district, Mrs. A. C. Worcester of Emporia; Fifth district, Mrs. Mattie Toothaker Kimball, of Manhattan; Sixth district, Mrs. Annie C. A. Waite, of Lincoln; Seventh district, Mrs. W. Y. Morgan, of Hutchinson; Eighth district, Mrs. Nannie Garrett, of Wichita.

### The Evening Session.

The evening meeting was very interesting, notwithstanding several of the advertised speakers were not present. Nearly every chair in Representative Hall was occupied. Mrs. Catharine A. Hoffman, retiring president of the Association, presided with grace and dignity. With her sat the newly elected officers. After reading letters of regret from those who were unable to be present, Mrs. Hoffman called upon Mr. John MacDonald, editor of the School Journal, for a speech. Next followed Chief Justice W. A. Johnston, David Leahy, the Governor's Secretary, and then George W. Martin, Secretary of the State Historical Society. Every address was full of encouragement to the women who will have charge of the campaign. In future issues of The Guardian we shall say more of this greatest Suffrage convention ever held in Kansas.

A great victory is hoped for at the polls in November, 1912.



MRS. W. R. STUBBS,  
Vice President of the Kansas Equal  
Suffrage Association.

### NOTES.

Chief Justice Johnson: It is a compliment, and I receive it as one, to be counted by the Suffrage women as one of their friends. The prejudice against equal suffrage for men and women is a part of barbarism, and the men of Kansas have come to believe that the women are as much entitled to a share in the government as they are themselves. The science of government is a science pertaining to all mankind, and not the science of either sex apart from the other."

In his address at the Suffrage meeting John MacDonald said:

"The question in regard to equal suffrage is not Why should women vote, but why should women not vote? In 1912 the Suffrage Amendment will be submitted to the voters under the most favorable conditions, and all parties—Republicans,

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MRS. LILLIAN A. MITCHNER,  
President of the Kansas Woman's  
Christian Temperance Union, an  
Active Worker in the Suffrage  
Cause.

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Democrats, Prohibitionists and Socialists—will support it. And it is too bad that Kansas has allowed even one state in the Union to seize upon this progressive measure before Kansas adopted it."

David Leahy: "I never saw any measure defeated by the Kansas voters if there was no argument against it—and that assures success for the suffrage movement. All that the women have to do is to DEMONSTRATE during their campaign that they wish the ballot." Mr Leahy predicted that the amendment would carry easily by 40,000 majority.

George W. Martin: "Kansas men are no longer opposed to suffrage, but some of them remain indifferent. These must be converted." Mr. Martin advised the women to exert every effort in the campaign which will go forward from now until the time of the election.

Mrs. W. R. Stubbs as chairman of the committee which had charge of the work while the legislature was in session gave a report for that committee: "We did all that we could in a social way," she said. "We gave receptions for the wives of the members of the legislature. We talked with the legislators or wrote them asking them to vote for the submission of the Equal Suffrage amendment. The result you all know."

Mrs Lillian Mitchner pledged the support of 9,000 workers of the W. C. T. U. in the suffrage campaign.

### BACCALAUREATE SERMON.

By Dr. John E. Bodine, of K. U., on "The Habit of Democracy"—A Large Audience.

The Commencement exercises of the Ottawa High School began Sunday with the preaching of the Baccalaureate sermon at the First Baptist church by Dr. John E. Bodine of K. U. It was a strong and helpful address and rather unique in treatment. "Although we profess to be very democratic," said Dr. Bodine, "we are really aristocrats at heart and like to forge ahead of our fellow men. We want to be distinguished and exclusive. This trait is found in the poor as well as the rich. The self made man usually worships his maker. The disciples showed this human weakness when they disputed as to who would have the places of power in Christ's kingdom which they believed was to be a temporal one. But Christ taught them the true spirit of democracy, the spirit of service. Not to be ministered unto but to minister should be the motto

Mrs. Cora Wellhouse Bullard, of Tonganoxie, who was elected as second vice president of the Association, is a woman of very pleasing personality, and will no doubt do splendidly effective work for the cause. She is a member of the State Board of Agriculture, and is a woman prominent in political matters in her part of the state.

Mrs. Bullard was also elected president of the First district by the convention.

Mrs. J. W. Thurston, the newly elected treasurer, is one of Topeka's splendid business women. Her husband is a banker, but Mrs. Thurston is the senior member of a large Abstract of Title business, located at Fifth and Jackson in the Crawford building. She is a sister of Miss Olive P. Bray, who is well known over Kansas by W. C. T. U. and Chautauqua workers.

The editor and Mrs. Robb were glad to be able to attend the convention. Perhaps no more interesting body of women has ever met in the capital of our state than this great convention of women who are preparing for the coming campaign for their right to the ballot. One felt that it was a representative body of the splendidly intelligent, patriotic women of Kansas. It was a pleasure to meet them and it made one proud of Kansas because it had such splendid woman citizens. Surely the state will be the gainer when its women are given the ballot.

The Guardian is now and always has been in favor of the women of Kansas and every other state enjoying the same rights as the men. And we hope the men of our state will see to it that they come into their own in 1912.

of each life. Although human nature has its weaknesses yet there are redeeming traits which may make our lives strong and beautiful. Perhaps the best examples of real democracy was shown by the founders of our government, such men as Jefferson, Hamilton, Washington and Lincoln. We may not be called to fill a great place in life but there is a place for each one of us. If we do our work well we are glorifying it and our lives will not be in vain."

The graduating class, 28 in number occupied a reserved section in front. The pulpit was banked with flowers and ferns. Special music was furnished by the choir.

The commencement exercises of the High school will be held Wednesday evening at the Rohrbaugh. Orations will be delivered by six members of the class.

### W. C. T. U.

#### Address by Mrs. Mitchner.

Sunday evening, May 14, at the First Presbyterian church, Mrs Lillian Mitchner, State President of the W C T U., delivered a very interesting address, taking as her

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VINCENT C. ROBB,  
Editor and Proprietor.

subject "The Protection of the Home." She spoke of the growth of this great organization, which at the present time numbers an army of 9 000 women in the state of Kansas, with its 500 local unions and its 38 departments.

"Many people," said Mrs. Mitchner, "think the W C T U does not amount to anything in a community if they are not closing a joint or something of that kind all the time. Our organization was not formed for that purpose. We are purely an educational organization. That is the duty of the officers of the law, and we are glad our laws now will help the Attorney General and the Governor of our state to see that the county and city officials over the state do enforce the laws, or they will turn them out of office.

"We are going to push our Suffrage Department in the coming months, as we are realizing that our work will be a great deal more effective if we hold the ballot in our hands. Our work in the past has shown us that, and so the 9 000 women of the Kansas W C T U are pledged to work for Equal Suffrage."

On Monday afternoon the North and South Ottawa Unions met at the home of Mrs M F King to confer with Mrs Mitchner in regard to the W C T U work at the Ottawa Chautauqua.

### THE LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT.

A Fine Address by Dr W. T. Stackhouse, National Secretary.

At the Baptist church Thursday evening last about 200 men sat at the banquet tables and partook of a fine supper prepared by the ladies. The feast was the best ever served in the church.

Dr. Elliott, the pastor, presided. Bruce Kinney, a home missionary, and Dr. Lerigo, a foreign missionary, made good talks on their special work.

Dr. Stackhouse is in America

pleading for more interest in the cause of missions by the men of the Baptist denomination. In his address he stated that he believed the world could be evangelized in one generation. His message was one of hope, and all who heard him declare the address to be the finest ever delivered in Ottawa on the subject of missions.

Resolutions endorsing the Laymen's movement were unanimously passed. One of the resolutions declared for 10 cents per week per member for missions, but on motion of P. G. Shanklin the amount was raised to 15 cents. This so pleased Secretary Stackhouse that he applauded vigorously.

The Baptists are wide awake on Missions, and no church in the state of Kansas takes a livelier interest in the work than the First Baptist church of Ottawa.

### Funerals.

Lieutenant Joseph Marsh, who died very suddenly last Tuesday, was laid to rest Thursday afternoon by his comrades of George H. Thomas Post. Joe Marsh was an old time and highly respected citizen of this community.

The funeral of Miss Laura Wright occurred Monday, May 15, at the United Presbyterian church. Rev. Davison, of Emporia, a friend and former pastor of Miss Laura, delivered the address at the service. Laura Wright was a splendid Christian girl. Her regular attendance upon all the church services and her self-denying labors while her health permitted, were a most admirable example to others. Her parents have the sincere sympathy of a large circle of friends.

The funeral of Mrs. Wm. Kiler took place Sunday afternoon from the home on South Cedar street. Rev. Howard I. Kerr, of Parkville, Mo., preached the sermon. Mr. Kerr had known Mother Kiler, and knowing whereof he spoke, his tender words of eulogy were fitting and forcible. All those who knew Mrs. Kiler, esteemed her for her pure life and beautiful character. Wm. B. Kiler, the only surviving member of the family, has the deep sympathy of many friendly hearts in this his sad loss.