

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE
FIFTH CONVENTION OF THE
NORTH AMERICAN TURNERBUND

HELD IN

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, MAY 19 THROUGH 22, 1872.

I SESSION

At the call of the National Executive officers, the delegates who were elected from the districts met on May 19 at 9:00 a.m. in the Turn hall of the Louisville Turngemeinde.

After the welcome speech of Turner G. Fernitz in the name of the Louisville Turners, the convention was formally opened by the President of the National Executive, Turner S. Spitzer.

As temporary officers of the convention the following Turners were elected: S. Spitzer, Chairman and J. R. Fellman, Secretary.

The following Turners were appointed to examine the mandates: A. Voigt from Philadelphia, H. Von Langen from Chicago, and H. Gollmer from St. Louis.

A recess of 30 minutes was declared by the chairman of the convention.

The committee on mandates reported as follows:

National Officers: S. Spitzer and H. Metzner.

Ohio Valley District 11 votes: H. Miller, Louisville; A. Kriegar, Dayton; C. Reis, Columbus; J. Szabo, Dayton; E. Lewison, Indianapolis and L. Kimmel, Lafayette.

St. Louis District 15 votes: Hugo Gollmer, Emil Mueller St. Louis and J. Yarling, Memphis.

Cincinnati District 11 votes: Wm. Kleinoehle, Albin Stecher, L. Wielert, Ph. Rappaport, F. Bertsch, M. Burgheim, Wm. Retzsch, F. Werner, Cincinnati; J. Hermes, Covington and C. Haebe, Cummins ville.

<u>New Orleans District</u>	3 votes:	A. Krieger, Dayton.
<u>New York District</u>	20 votes:	C. Kuhn, E. Freygans, J. Reinhardt, New York; H. Stumpf and Alex Gruenewald, Williamsburg.
<u>Minnesota District</u>	2 votes:	Lambert Macale, Minneapolis.
<u>Central New York District</u>	7 votes:	J. Reinhardt, New York
<u>Upper Mississippi District</u>	12 votes:	H. Andresen, Davenport; Herman Bonitz, Burlington.
<u>South East District</u>	4 votes:	J. R. Wellmann, Baltimore.
<u>West New York District</u>	7 votes:	W. A. Siehl, Buffalo.
<u>Wisconsin District</u>	25 votes:	Paul Wallber, Milwaukee, D. L. Hill, Madison, Wisconsin.
<u>Texas District</u>	12 votes:	P. Seidler, Rich Hill.
<u>Pittsburg District</u>	13 votes:	A. Krueger, Alleghany City and I. Best, Cleveland.
<u>Philadelphia District</u>	8 votes:	Anton Voigt, Philadelphia.
<u>Central Illinois District</u>	6 votes:	C. Feinse, Peoria.
<u>Michigan District</u>	6 votes:	Alex Volkman, Detroit.
<u>New England District</u>	5 votes:	George Buck, Providence.
<u>Pacific District</u>	15 votes:	G. Bernitz, Louisville.
<u>North Iowa District</u>	3 votes:	H. Von Langen, Chicago.
<u>Chicago District</u>	25 votes:	Ph. Stein, H. Von Langen, A. Gottlieb, Chicago; J. Erfert, Freeport, Ill.

Total 20 Districts represented by 44 delegates with 215 votes.

The following districts were not represented at the time:

<u>Rocky Mountain District</u>	2 votes
<u>Passaic District</u>	5 votes
<u>Lookout Mountain District</u>	3 votes
<u>Kansas District</u>	8 votes

Savannah District 3 votes
New Jersey District 3 votes
Boston District 3 votes

A letter from the Memphis Turnverein was read. It expresses the desire to have Turner J. Yarling represent the St. Louis District as a delegate. The representatives of this district sanctioned the request and Turner Yarling's name was then added to the delegates list.

Letters from the newly organized Indiana district and from Turner Bros. Hoising of Indianapolis desire to have the above mentioned Turner seated as a delegate. This affair was turned over to a special committee for their consideration and instructed to report in the morning session of the Convention. This committee consists of Turners Kuhs, Miller, and Eyl. The report of the committee was favorable. This committee was further instructed to act upon all later mandates and report their findings in the next following session.

Next followed the election of the permanent officers of the convention with the following results:

Chairman -- Emil Wallber of Milwaukee.

Vice " -- F. Werner of Cincinnati.

1. Secretary -- J. R. Fellmann of Baltimore.

2. Secretary -- F. Bertsch of Cincinnati.

Motion passed: To adopt the order of business of the Boston Convention and follow the parliamentary rules printed in St. Louis.

Motion passed: To appoint a committee of three and with the convention chairman make up all standing committees and present same to the convention for their approval.

The committee members are: Stein, Spitzer, Rappaport, and Chairman Wallber.

Adjournment until 2 P.M.

J. R. Fellmann, Secretary.

2nd SESSION

Sunday, May 10. 2 P.M.

The following delegates were absent at the time of the opening of the session by Chairman Wallber: L. Kimmel, A. Stecher (did not arrive as yet, but was represented through Turner C. Albrecht), Ph. Raapaport, J. Hermes, C. Haebe, and G. Fernitz.

The mandate Committee reported the arrival of the following delegates:

<u>Rocky Mountain District</u>	2 votes:	H. C. Haas with 1 vote and G. Tauber with one vote.
<u>Passaic District</u>	5 votes:	C. Steinmetz.
<u>Lookout Mountain District</u>	3 votes:	L. A. Gratz
<u>Kansas District</u>	3 votes:	H. C. Haas and G. Tauber
<u>New Jersey District</u>	6 votes:	C. Steinmetz.
<u>Boston District</u>	1 votes:	C. Eysen.

With the exception of "Savannah," all districts are now represented by 49 delegates with 247 votes.

This report was adopted.

The Committee who made up the list of standing Committees presented its report which was adopted and reads as follows:

1. Committee on platform and statutes: Spitzer, Andresen, Voigt, Gottlieb, and Gollmer.
2. Committee about Business bookkeeping, finance, and statistical reports of the National office; Mueller from Louisville, Meinhardt, and Erfert.
3. Committee on School books: Burgheim, Naegele, and Kuhm.
4. Committee to arrange general instructions and questions: Lewison,

Kriegar, and Volkmar.

5. Committee for practical turning and the Turn-teacher Seminar: Metzner, Steinschitz, Stecher, Stumpf, and Best; also empowered to add others to this committee.

6. Committee for Mental Endeavors: Rappaport, Kriegar, Fernitz, Feinse, and Spabo.

7. Committee on complaints and appeals: Stein, Gruenberg, and Freysang.

8. Committee on National Affairs: E. Von Larsen, Buck, Seydler, Fuchl, and H. Kimmel.

9. Committee for National Turner paper: Reinhold, Kayl, and Gratz.

The first names on each Committee will act as the Chairman of their respective Committees, and are instructed to act as the reporter to the convention.

The yearly report of the Nat. Executive Office and the Manifestation which was released by this group was distributed among the delegates and without the reading of some was accepted.

The report of the treasurer was read in detail and the statistical report summarized and both were accepted.

YEARLY REPORT OF THE NORTH AMERICAN
TURNERBUND.

TO THE CONVENTION IN LOUISVILLE, KY. MAY 19, 1972.

This year's report of the National Vorort to the convention marks an epoch of stormy and aggressive periods in our folk-life. It is also of the greatest importance for the existance of our National Turnerbund.

A great and most noteworthy time is breaking and in a somewhat short time Social adjustments and contemplation will be released and disintegrated. The aims of our Bund become more clear and should encourage us to strive

harder to make them a reality.

Although many periods of time have made some definite claim on our Turner activities, we as Turners know that a sound mind needs a strong physical body so that the education of a human being as a free thinking and strong acting individual must have as its first objective the mental culture and secondly the physical training of a strong and healthy body.

Nature gives us a picture of a lower and unfinished stage, but also gives us a desire to strive from the unfinished to the finished stage of life. Nature's best production is the human being. To obtain the highest perfection in life, the development must begin early and continue in a step like formation for a long time to come.

In the task to develop an all-round human being, our Turner activities are at all times foremost in the task. Thus far, it is assured that the North American Turnerband is a strong factor in helping to destroy out-moded roughness and barbarism and in bringing about the education of human nature to the highest type of humanity.

It seems that the general opinion of the public and the effort of a majority of the educated public is still for the old system of retaining brutality. However, it is to be observed that a human education of the masses is going faster and gives assurance that this new force is breaking through all over.

To take an active part with the changes, the platform of our Band with its clearly established principles makes us duty bound to work and strive in the interest of human beings for the highest obtainable development of man.

The question is this: To free the human being from the chains of religious beliefs and political slavery. We want an equal opportunity to raise our standard of well-being and education for everybody.

This to be done for all regardless of race, nationality, position in life or sex.

Brotherly love is known to us as Turners as a mighty factor in settling the social suffering of the human race. All these questions are debated in the October Manifest of last year, issued by the Vorort.

This brought about many discussions in our Turn societies. Especially one passage of the Manifest brought about many motions which gave proof that this Manifest was a necessity.

This passage considered, the right of women. Some societies took a stand which was not in keeping with our Turnerism. The Vorort did not answer these in our Turner paper but considered it wiser to bring this matter to this convention and give the delegates the viewpoint of the Vorort.

When the Vorort debated the plan of the Manifest the question on Women's Rights was seriously considered; and also its presentation in the Manifest for the following reasons:

1. On account of the Turner platform.
2. Their existance throughout humanity.
3. For a practical participation in the State activities.

Our platform speaks of equal rights for all, not men only. If the Bund had in mind to refer only to men to have made such a statement would have been a mistake and would make our own platform subject to ridicule.

It is known that the constitution of the United States in regard to differences in color, brought about many battles. The discussion concerning this question at our last convention led one to believe that among the Turners there were more in favor than opposed to it. We believe that the best solution can be obtained through an open approach in the Turner spirit. This was taken up in the old as well as in the new Bund. If the Vorort is wrong, the mistake lies mostly in a faulty judgement of our mental attitude.

Humanity demands equal rights for all humans, because only then may we have an equal chance for a secure and happy life. All revolutions started from these demands and all considered them fundamentally from the bottom up, as the most important argument. If we summarize all the opposition,

it brings out the fact that the fear for the new conception is that they wish to keep the power for themselves.

If we listen to the arguments of our opponents on why the women should not take part in public affairs, the following is generally given: That women in general have not as much intelligence. However, we know that there are many examples which show that this can be disproven.

Yes, if one had followed any of the practical views of their wives, they would have been much better off. But in public affairs, they still are left out. We believe that no peoples on earth should be ruled by only half its members. All should have the fundamental right to take part in the government.

The feudal system, jewish oppression, slavery are practical proofs; in all these the same argument prevailed, but they all fell together like (houses built of cards. The stand of the women should be confined to the house. There they should work and plan, bring up children, and make a pleasant house for the husband.

If we expect the women to raise children, we should also expect that they will influence the rational thinking of same. Here is a women's chance that she can work for at home. To such duties belong certain rights toward the affairs of the States for which they bring up its citizens, at least to have a word in it. To a wife belongs not only the so called love, but also an amount of respect and this can be given much better if they will face jointly all obligations which have to be met in and out of the home in the battle for life. This would complete a better family life, than if a woman is only considered to be a plaything or a servant in the home.

EQUAL RIGHTS, EQUAL PRIVILEGES.

(Women cannot be soldiers and only those who go to war should be permitted to vote. Such qualifications, by giving way to brutal effort can be shown only every 2 or 3 generations.

Now, it follows through logical reasoning in a free State, that only a small percentage should be permitted to vote for not all men go to war. The fact that women also do very important tasks in time of war, is not considered by our opponents. Nor do they consider that widows also pay the full amount of taxes, which is a great burden for women.

The category of equal rights and equal privileges is never considered by these groups. They also make it known that only women of loose moral, ostentatious, desire, etc. are seeking equal privileges.

This statement, which is just idle nonsense, deserves no consideration. The women who still believe in this one-sided arrangement are generally very simple minded, well fixed, and very close to men high up in political lives. The bad elements which are here active, are not any worse, perhaps, not as ignorant as a large number of our representatives. The notorious truth is many of our congressional members seek the help of fortune tellers, seeresses, and illicit women to keep women from obtaining equal rights and political freedom.

Through political equality, we may fall into the hands of the clergy. Since they have not as yet succeeded through the action of women in influencing the youth toward non-revolutionary thought, it can be taken for granted that the participation of women in public relation will also result in nothing about which one would need to worry.

The opponents also fear that if women could vote, they could also be elected and what would then become of the household?

In the first place, how many women could receive a position and in the second place, do not a considerable number of women have occupations other than being a housewife?

They state that every man could be elected. If every shoemaker would become a Senator, who would mend our shoes? You may reverse this statement and you will note how absurd it is.

He would be willing to sell women into an undesirable and undignified political situation.

He believes that women find it interesting to have their men continue to move in such an unsatisfactory political situation. It is surely ridiculous and amusing to listen to all these arguments and to follow some degree of intelligence.

Now to conclude with the business of free love. Did the Vorort speak somewhat of the free love? Is the voting privilege and free love identical? That our marriage laws are still not altogether satisfactory, no one will dispute. But you will always find the enemies of women suffrage will hinder every movement but do nothing to improve their condition.

Humanity requests equal rights for all. So does the state; it is set up on the basis of the general voting privilege. Therefore, there is no reason why any group should be denied any participation in voting.

But, if we ~~plan~~ against undesirable elements in a State and try to set up a barrier, then only one intelligent dividing line is possible and this does not permit the exclusion of women. Because no one can state that ignorance, wickedness, and roughness can only be found in the feminine sex. The very often repeated statement that women act more according to the way they feel instead of the way they think is surely more in favor of their right than against it. Actions prompted by a feeling of justice and independence are surely more sincere than illogical thinking. How many can claim that logical thinking is always the basis for the majority's action of the political party?

On the other hand, the best schooling for our thinking to build up a higher independent and moral standing for women is to discard idle talk and tomfoolery by working out political rights or better still our duties. Since the rapid unfolding of all mental situation, whose productivity for the State has been till now only a sham-humanity, with which they aim

to narrow the working circle of women. We aim to move more determinedly forward to clear the road for equal rights.

A woman can obtain equal rights in production only through political equality and thereby receive a degree of independence which will give her the freedom to vote according to her own dictation. Thus, the state will gain two important advantages: The first a very much increased productivity and secondly a very much better informed and educated following, which comes from a better, independent, honest family life.

Through a much broader working circle of women, parents will see to it that daughters will receive thorough and practical bringing up and thereby gain a much better and surer livelihood, the same as they do for their sons. Up to now the parents' desire was to promote for their daughters exaggerated luxurious courting, which as a rule made the participants unhappy.

But if equality is once obtained, we will find a surer and more firmly established family life.

The enemies of women's rights, did instinctively or without thought, left out a strong bulwark, and that is the public schools.

Here our women show enough intelligence that they are ready to vote, that they are free from forced clerical influence; here it was proven that the household did not suffer, and here it showed that the future of the State would not suffer, just because our opponents only acted according to their feelings. We hope that their feelings will again save them from doing the wrong thing. We will be very pleased to also give them credit for their mental ability,

The reason for the release of the manifestation lies in the good management of our needed principle of uniformity represented through the Vorort in its recognition of a timely happening to make known the underlying principle in detail to be of the utmost consequence.

The condition of our National Turner organization is satisfactory. The Turner societies in general as well as the District groups have all taken an active step in practical planning which will help in a large measure to assure the growth of the Turner movement. An active participation on the gym floor as well as in Cultural activities is much noticed in many places. The broadening out of our Turner activities and the enlargement of our National Turner Bund was due to the joining of many new Turner organizations. More new Turner societies joined this year than in any year before.

What we considered as a wish in our last year's report, came to reality this year. Namely, to have the Turner societies from California and Texas join our Turner-bund. We extend our congratulations to the Louisville Convention for making this possible.. For the first time, since the new organization of the Turnerbund, we find delegates from all parts of the country at this convention. All geographical borders are lowered, as sign of greater strength and ability to grow in an effort for recognition.

In the following, we are presenting to this convention some doings of remarkable happenings which started through the Bund or through the influence of same.

The second German Teacher-day in Cincinnati (July 31 to August 3 of last year) was represented by the Vorort through Mr. F. Thurm, director of the School of the Williamsburgh Turnverein. Our instructions were to seek recognition of our Turner Schoolbooks as textbooks for the free thinking German-American Schools. In the second place to include our Turner system as part of the statistical report of the Teacher-bund with the same importance as any of the other subjects. These proposals were turned over by the convention to the committee on teaching method, some will make their report at the third Teacher-day which is to convene in Hoboken, N. J. during August of this year. It may be necessary to have a delegate from our

Turnerbund at this meeting.

The last National Turnfest, which was held August 5 to 10 last year in Williamsburgh, was outstanding due to the strict Turner like arrangements. Although the prize turning, as well as the participation in numbers, and in performances did not come up to the obtained results of the Chicago Turnfest in 1869, we are happy to state that the Mass-exercises were far more outstanding than in any previous Turnfest.

Also in the prize-squad turning, there was considerable improvement. Many more squads participated. Also the leaders showed a much better understanding of their duties.

Well-managed National Turnfests are real propaganda to popularize our Turner system and to make a good inroad into the American population. To make these Turnfests outstanding, it must be the first and uppermost consideration of the Bund and of the Convention to plan, organize, and manage same effectively. Societies who take over a National Turnfest take a great risk to have financial losses, and in some cases a total financial ruin was brought about to these societies. It was therefore a real task to take on a National Turnfest. (Translators note: To conduct a Turnfest in present times no longer involves a great financial loss for the festivity society. To house Turners in tents years ago, and to make sanitary conditions for same, was very expensive. Today all visiting Turners stay in hotels. Also suitable athletic fields can be found in many cities, which keep the costs from going too high. All you need today to conduct a successful Turnfest is to have a good turnfest committee which can conduct and manage, and some of its members must be familiar with the entire Turner competitive and demonstrative program. I had an active part in conducting at least seven of our National Turnfest.)

Years ago, there was no question that only a very few societies could take on a Turnfest because it involved too great a risk under these conditions. It was at that time necessary to protect the festival society by guaranteeing financial assistance from many Turner societies and the Bund.

The Vorort recommends at this time to establish a fund of \$1,000 which can be used if a large deficit will occur. It is however, a request that the society, while entertaining and housing the Turners shall not spend money too freely. A fund of this nature could easily be made available if an assessment of 5 cents would be made.

At the meeting of Turn-teachers and leaders, which was held after the closing of the Turnfest, only part of the work was finished due to the lack of time. The proceedings were published in the paper at that time. It is recommended, when districts send delegates to the convention, that one of them be a Turn-teacher with the proper mandate as a delegate.

The Turnfest was just about over when a terrible disaster came over the city of Chicago. A considerable part of it was completely destroyed by fire. Thousands and among these more than 300 Turners and their families were made homeless and all lost their belongings. It was necessary to furnish help quickly. After the first report of the disaster, the Vorort called a special session. It was decided to send a special appeal to all societies, that each Turner be urged to contribute \$1.00 and that the total amount should be forwarded at once to the relief committee of the Chicago Turners. Many letters that were sent to the Vorort and the money which was sent to the Vorort of the Chicago district all showed that this appeal was received everywhere with full acclaim.

A complete report of the collection as well as the distribution of this fund will be given by the Chicago District Executives.

The third course of the Turn-teachers' Seminar found an unexpected ending caused by the Chicago fire. From report received, it was clear that the

results were not as expected. We hope to be able to give this convention a complete report, some of the necessary notes should come to us by this time.

With the publishing of the fourth reader the series of the Turner-schoolbooks was completed. It includes a first, second, third and fourth reader, a textbook of geography, and of world history. At the same time the Deghue, arithmetic books were also included. Their value as instruction books for free-thinking schools can not be under estimated. Their popularity will be stil greater since the series was completed. All Turner societies are urged to give these books real advertising and to have same introduced into public and private schools for teaching purposes.

The school book commission of the Vorort will always see to it, that, when new publications are printed they are brought up to date, as to new investigations and discoveries. We did send a number of these books to (German teachers as a sample book, with the request, to examine some and give us their reaction. Reports already received as well as those which are still expected should give us valuable material to popularize same. It may be necessary, that the schoolbook commission be authorized by this convention, to have all of these books copy-righted and that all contracts be made accordingly.

It was regretable that during the last season we were not permitted to greet Dr. Louis Buechuer. The guarantee for his lecture tour came too late, so that his traveling plan had to be called off. During August of this year, we will be able to have him start his lecture tour and he will begin right after the election of the president. We hope that the guarantee from various Turner organizations will again be for the same amount as last year. We hope, if some societies retract their offer, others will step in and help to promote this undertaking. We hope that all interested societies will contact us.

The attempt that was made in various Turner conventions to start a Turner Life Insurance within the Bund, could be made a reality this year. The Life Association of America made liberal concessions to us, the detail of some will be given to this convention.

The treasury as well as the statistical report will be given to the convention directly. Its contents will show the convention more than anything else, that the surest broadening of the Turner-bund and its principles can best be brought about by a united effort of all Turners.

In the hope that the delegates this year, as before, have the same ambition and good will to debate and plan for the best interest of our Turnerism, we remain

The Vorort,

S. Spitzer - 1 Speaker
 Franz Baillet - 2 Speaker
 Heinrich Merz - Treasurer
 Heinrich Metzner - Cor. Secretary
 S. Sowards - Prot. Secretary

Jakob Heintz
 Wilhelm Heeseler
 August Irmischer
 Carl Ehrmann

TREASURER REPORT

Losses and gains from May 1, 1870 to April 1, 1872.

<u>1870</u>		Loss	Gain
May 31 --	Wisconsin District		
	Deduction of 25 cents for 25 golden pins	\$6.25	_____
Aug. 22 -	Cincinnati District		
	Deduction of half of their dues for Society		
	Tremont and Evansville \$96.76	48.38	_____
Sept. 15 -	Philadelphia District		
	Deduction for the April, 1868 to high		
	billed votes	6.00	_____
Dec. 7 --	Upper Mississippi District		
	Deduction of the bill of the Old Bund		
	of the Davenport \$30.78 and Muscatine \$3.03	33.81	_____
<u>1871</u>			
Jan 12 --	Turner Emblem		
	One golden emblem sent to Turner Ehrlich		
	to Rahway by post, but lost on the way.		

TREASURER REPORT (continued)

			Loss	Gain
	For same another emblem sent		\$2.50	—
Feb. 29 --	For the German wounded			
	Result of the collection	\$448.53		
	Sent to Germany	448.00	—	\$00.53
April 30 -	Boston District			
	Paid 7 cents too much to balance the books		—	00.07
April 30 -	Inventory			
	Value of property	269.33	—	—
	New Material	5.13	—	—
	Total	\$274.46	—	—
	Value of present property	200.00		
	Loss	74.46	74.46	—
April 30 -	Publications			
	Total amount received on Schoolbooks	\$510.20	—	—
	To the publishers	391.26	—	—
	Gain	118.94	—	118.94
(April 30 -	National Dues			
	From May 1 to April 30, 1872	2,075.22		
	Credit to St. Louis \$2.70, Michigan	\$4.80		
		7.50		
	Total received for dues	\$2,067.72	—	2,067.72
April 30 -	Turnteachers' Seminar, Chicago			
	Money sent, loss		290.10	—
April 30 -	Omaha District			
	District disbanded, not paid		4.00	—
April 30 -	Expenses			
	From May 1 to April 30		1,716.04	—
April 30 -	Diplomas			
	Sold 327 to District @ 30 cents	98.10	—	—
	On hand 170 @ 24 cents	40.80	—	—
	Total 497 diplomas	138.90	—	—
	Cost of 497 diplomas	118.28	—	—
	Gain	20.62	—	20.62
	Transport		\$2,181.54	\$2,207.88
1872				
April 30 -	Turner Emblems		\$2,181.54	\$2,207.88
	Sold 384 - plain 380 - 44 gold	\$551.80	—	—
	On hand 238 - plain 308 - 95 gold	384.55	—	—
	Total 622 - plain 688 - 139 gold	936.35	—	—
	Cost of same	860.60	—	—
	Profit	\$75.75	—	\$75.75

TREASURER REPORT (continued)

		Loss	Gain
April 30 - Security statement			
Interest on \$200 U. S. Bonds for 2 years	\$26.52	—	—
Present value of the two \$100 bonds	200.00	—	—
Total	226.52	—	—
The original cost was	216.57	—	—
Profit	9.95	—	9.95
April 30 - Turner books			
Sale of books	86.70	—	—
On hand (Inventory)	109.60	—	—
Total	196.30	—	—
Bought same from	164.70	—	—
Profit	31.60	—	31.60
Total		\$2,181.54	\$2,325.18
Total profit	\$2,325.18		
Total cost	2,181.54		
Not profit	143.64		

Property of the Turner Bund

as of May 1, 1870 - \$2,157.36

The present balance of property consists of the following.

Balance as of April 30, 1872	
Turner Emblems - on hand-inventory	\$384.55
Turner books	109.60
Inventory	200.00
Securities	200.00
Diplomas	40.80
Cash on hand	860.34
New York Turner society	50.75
Savannah Turner District	33.94
Lookout Mountain District	20.14
Wisconsin	25.00
Cincinnati	37.15
Southeast	5.68
Passaic	29.30
Chicago	126.30
Michigan	3.75
Philadelphia	26.27
Central Illinois	30.00
Pittsburgh	127.84
New York	2.05
North Iowa	3.00
Total	\$2,316.46

Expenses

Sam Ludwig	7.10
Jos. Deghull	11.44
Grauert and Douai	136.96
Ohio Valley Turner district	3.60
Total	\$159.10

TREASURER REPORT (continued)

Total property of the Bund
as of April 30, 1872. \$2,157.36
For correctness of this report, signed the Committee
John Meinhard, John Erfert, Henry Miller.

The total assets of the Bund should have been several hundred dollars higher if several districts had not been relieved of paying the extra assessments which were levied by the last convention for the amount of \$100.96. Also, if the value of the Turner books were estimated.

The District dues during the last two years came in very slowly, it may be necessary to set a penalty for delinquent payment of dues.

For the regular expenses of the Bund, the present income is sufficient. However, for an active campaign for the benefit of our physical and mental activities, we have no funds. Our Bund needs more money, we again appeal to the district to help us start an activity fund. Also again make an earnest appeal to consider the project of life insurance as a practical undertaking.

With Turner Greeting,

Henry Merz, Treasurer

NEW YORK MAY 17, 1872

STATISTICAL REPORT 1872

Convention in Louisville, Ky.

It was my intention, to have a complete statistical report for this year. The delay in receiving of most of the report, made this plan somewhat impossible.

The report presented to this convention is as complete as it could be made considering the circumstances and the short time we had to complete same. However, it is still in a form which will give us a clear picture of the National as well as the Society situations.

The report shows as was stated in the yearly report of the Vorort, that the North American Turner Bund made very favorable gains during the

past two years.

I recommend a careful inspection of this report to all delegates, in order to be better informed about the conditions of each district and each society. It was not permissible to have this report printed, because I was only able to complete some a few hours before I left for this convention.

I NEW YORK TURNER DISTRICT

Societies	Mem- bers	Act- ives	Fen- cers	Sing- ers	Rifle Men	Boys	Girls	Books	Property
1. New York T. V.	365	160	10	47	36	575	40	1200	\$70,000.00
2. Williamburg T. V.	206	56	16	28	30	165	35	300	38,000.00
3. Bloomingdale T.V.	100	60	--	--	--	200	38	74	8,500.00
4. New York-Westside	70	30	18	--	--	80	25	40	350.00
5. Harlem T. V.	46	23	--	18	--	21	--	--	500.00
6. Staten Island T.V.	41	12	--	--	--	26	--	--	250.00
7. Gowanus T. V.	47	26	--	--	--	--	--	25	300.00
8. New Brooklyn T. V.	33	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	5,250.00
9. Brooklyn Social T.V.	29	21	--	--	--	18	--	--	100.00
10. Morrisania T. V.	30	15	--	--	--	33	--	--	4,300.00
11. Greenpoint T. V.	22	16	--	--	--	--	--	--	25.00
12. East New York T.V.	32	13	--	--	--	42	--	--	6,000.00
	1,021	437	41	93	66	1,160	138	1,699	\$133,575.00
New York Dist. had									
9 Soc. in 1870	820	298	--	--	--	797	60		
Gain of 3 Soc. in two yrs.	201	139				363	78		

II OHIO VALLEY DISTRICT

Societies									
1. Louisville T. V.	130	54	--	--	--	75	12	520	\$10,000.00
2. Dayton	70	35	8	12	--	31	--	575	14,000.00
3. Terrehaute	33	10	after former Report			--	--	--	6,500.00
4. Indianapolis	49	25	6	12	--	51	--	100	500.00
5. Hamilton	30	20	--	--	--	--	--	1,000	900.00
6. Columbus	60	24	--	6	--	50	--	100	700.00
7. Lafayette	63	20	--	12	--	20	--	--	900.00
8. Piqua	30	14	--	--	--	12	--	--	375.00
9. Tell City	15	1	--	--	--	--	--	50	2,000.00
10. Trenton	15	8	After Former Reports			--	--	--	150.00
11. Indianapolis	73	73	9	23	--	47	--	25	670.00
	568	284	23	65	--	286	12	2,370	\$36,695.00

The Ohio District was united in 1970 with the Cincinnati district. A comparison Statistic of both for 1870 see Cincinnati district.

III ST. LOUIS DISTRICT

Societies	Mem- bers	Act- ives	Fen- cers	Sing- ers	Rifle men	Boys	Girls	Books	Property
1. St. Louis	201	120	--	--	43	64	--	1,280	\$17,000
2. Highland	83	50	--	12	--	33	--	600	5,000
3. Boonville	86	10	--	20	--	20	--	200	1,000
4. Hanibal	68	25	4	16	--	30	--	125	900
5. Memphis	45	15	--	18	--	--	--	40	1,000
6. Trenton	33	15	--	--	--	10	--	10	200
7. Sedalia	45	19	--	80	--	16	--	--	900
8. Centralia	29	10	After	Former	Report-	--	--	--	1,150
9. Jefferson City	46	25	--	--	--	35	--	--	2,100
10. St. Charles	30	10	After	Former	Report-	--	--	--	1,700
11. Washington	38	15	"	"	"	--	--	--	3,800
12. Little Rock	24	10	"	"	"	--	--	--	75
	728	324	4	74	43	208	--	2,255	\$35,225
16 Societies 1870	931	402				243			
4 " " Loss-1872	203	78				35			

This loss came about mostly through the withdrawal of the Bloomington and Springfield Societies, which joined the Central Illinois Turner District.

Also due to the elimination of the Red Bud and Birden Turner Societies. In general, the membership did decline somewhat in the Societies as well as in the Turner Districts.

IV BOSTON DISTRICT

1. Boston T. V.	198	69	--	26	--	76	27	700	\$11,850
2. Lawrence T. V.	58	20	--	12	--	14	--	45	2,300
3. Shelburne Falls	39	39	--	15	--	3	--	--	100
4. Norwich T. V.	19	8	--	--	--	--	--	--	550
5. Greenfield T. V.	48	19	--	--	--	17	--	--	1,240
6. Manchester T. V.	40	10	--	8	--	7	--	12	1,820
	402	165	--	61	--	117	27	757	\$17,860
1870 with 5 Soc.	376	156	--	--	--	124	14	--	----
1872 Gain	32	9	--	--	--	--	13	--	----
Loss						7			

V WISCONSIN DISTRICT

1. Milwaukee T. V.	194	72	--	--	--	130	20	1,000	24,550
2. " " South Sd.	138	84	--	16	15	62	--	145	10,500
3. " " East Sd.	55	22	--	8	--	52	29	--	6,530
4. " " North Sd.	137	43	--	--	--	101	--	30	6,880
5. Racine T. V.	35	12	--	14	--	10	--	30	4,050
6. La Cross T. V.	51	13	--	--	--	45	--	70	6,575
7. Madison T. V.	84	19	--	--	--	42	--	400	10,975
8. Monroe T. V.	20	--	--	--	--	--	--	32	4,350
9. Sheboygan	36	24	After	Former	Report	30	--	--	250
10. Concordia T. V.	27	12	"	"	"	10	--	--	100
11. Farmington T. V.	32	8	--	12	--	--	--	100	3,350
12. New Holstein	59	29	--	--	--	20	--	11	70

V WISCONSIN DISTRICT (cont.)

Societies	Members	Act-ives	Fen-cers	Sing-ers	Rifle Men	Boys	Girls	Books	Propert
13. Osh Koch	86	29	--	--	--	37	--	150	650
14. Cedar Burg	60	20	--	--	--	10	--	--	100
15. Appleton	42	12	--	15	--	23	--	--	2,660
16. Mayville "Eintracht"	46	28	--	--	--	30	--	40	330
17. Sauk City T. V.	25	10	--	--	--	--	--	--	100
18. Water Town	42	18	--	--	--	30	--	80	12,550
19. Fond Du Lake	65	42	2	--	--	40	--	150	1,500
	1,234	461	2	65	15	672	49	2,238	\$96,070
15 Societies 1870	1,114	476	--	--	--	517	13	--	
Gain 1872	120	--	--	--	--	155	36	--	
Loss	--	--	6	--	--	--	--	--	

VI CHICAGO DISTRICT

1. Chicago Turn-Gemeinde	280	120	10	25	--	222	6	1,000	\$16,050
2. " T. V.	112	61	4	27	--	70	14	10	24,860
3. " Vorwaerts	117	43	--	32	--	93	--	--	13,950
4. " South Side	143	50	--	--	--	55	--	--	Fire
5. Pekin T. V.	33	15	--	--	--	14	--	--	2,300
6. Peru T. V.	46	25	--	14	--	15	--	200	2,335
7. Ottawa T. V.	54	16	--	14	--	20	--	90	10,750
8. Freeport T. V.	74	14	--	12	--	48	--	10	15,070
9. Jacksonville T. V.	32	18	--	--	--	--	--	80	2,900
10. Champaign City	30	18	--	--	--	12	--	--	1,750
11. La Salle T. V.	45	24	--	--	--	--	--	6	1,015
12. Cairo Turn-Gemeinde	32	32	--	--	--	--	--	4	1,950
13. Blue Island T. V.	75	40	--	10	7	34	--	50	925
14. La Porte T. V.	60	33	--	18	--	18	--	--	280
	1,133	509	14	152	7	601	20	1,450	\$94,135
17 Societies-1870	1,039	548	--	--	--	717	38	--	
Gain 1872	94	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Lost 3 Soc.	--	39	--	--	--	116	18	--	

VII SOUTH-EAST DISTRICT

1. Baltimore Soc.	60	60	6	18	--	40	--	1,024	2,000
2. Washington Col.	125	30	--	20	--	20	--	--	1,000
3. Martinsburgh TV.	20	1	--	5	--	20	--	116	2,490
	205	91	6	43	--	80	--	1,140	5,490
3 Societies-1870	176	44	--	--	--	54	--	00	
Gain 1872	29	47	--	--	--	34	--	--	

VIII WESTERN NEW YORK DISTRICT

Societies	Mem- bers	Act- ives	Fen- cer	Sing- er	Rifle Men	Boys	Girls	Books	Property
1. Rochester Social	122	84	--	16	--	50	--	95	\$ 9,400
2. Buffalo T. V.	200	80	--	30	--	42	--	125	3,600
3. Syracuse Social	63	19	--	--	--	24	--	--	14,550
4. Auburn T.V. Frosinn	17	8	--	--	--	--	--	--	150
5. Dunkirk Vorwaerts	27	14	--	--	--	--	--	4	150
	429	205	--	46	--	116	--	219	27,850
7 Societies-1870	342	158	--	--	--	173	--	--	--
Gain-1872	87	47	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Lost 2 Societies						57			

IX PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT

1. Philadelphia Turn- Gemeinde	220	88	6	25	20	190	--	393	\$20,000
2. Manayunk T. V.	19	10	--	--	--	--	--	--	300
3. Wilmington Turn- Gemeinde	22	16	--	--	--	--	--	--	75
4. Riverside Progress T.V.	9	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	150
5. Egg Harbor City- Vorwaerts	36	15	--	--	--	40	--	30	380
6. Seranton T. V.	45	20	6	--	--	26	--	25	2,800
7. Trenton Soc. T.V.	58	44	--	14	--	20	--	233	2,644
	409	198	12	39	20	276	--	681	\$26,349
7 Societies-1870	436	190	--	--	--	231	--	--	
Gain 1872	--	8	--	--	--	45	--	--	
Loss	27	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	

X CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT

1. Troy T. V.	100	58	--	15	20	--	--	6	2,510
2. Albany Capitol	54	21	--	--	--	37	--	115	115
3. Albany Social	45	20	--	--	--	--	--	100	850
4. Poughkeepsie Soc.	30	20	--	--	28	12	--	40	1,150
5. Newburgh T. V.	44	24	--	--	12	12	--	25	1,000
6. Utica Social T.V.	33	15	10	--	11	--	--	--	200
7. Rondout T. V.	22	10	--	--	--	20	--	--	500
	328	168	10	15	--	81	--	1,671	7,710

This and the Hudson River District combined recently under the above name.
6 Soc. of both Districts 1870:

	316	231	--	--	--	99	--	--
Gain 1872	12	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Loss		63				81		

XI NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

1. Newark Soc. T. V.	201	80	12	20	--	110	24	160	\$22,150
2. Orange " T.V.	54	24	--	--	--	--	--	48	800

XXIII CINCINNATI DISTRICT

Societies	Mem- bers	Act- ives	Fenc- ers	Sing- ers	Rifle Men	Boys	Girls	Books	Property
4. Cummingville T. V.	29	10	--	--	--	35	--	--	75
	530	90	--	19	38	245	23	2,600	\$52,825

The Cincinnati district had in 1870, 15 societies and 1,050 members. After the last convention, this district divided and formed the Ohio Valley District. Only the Cincinnati Turngemeinde and societies which are close to the above city made up the above District.

Both Districts together count 1,098 members--gain of 48 active Turners in 1870 - 471 Boys 478 - Girls 12
 Both Districts in 1872 - 374 Boys 531 - Girls 35
 Gain Boys 53 - Girls 23
 Loss 97

XXV TEXAN DISTRICT

1. San Antonio T. V.	150	55	--	--	--	35	--	--	2,450
2. Austin T. V.	168	45	--	16	--	35	24	--	2,350
3. Turnverein New Braunfels	112	40	--	--	--	27	--	30	1,150
4. New Braunfels T. V.	74	60	--	8	10	30	--	--	790
5. High Hill T. V.	29	12	--	12	--	--	--	20	215
6. Fridrichsburg T. V.	62	20	--	--	--	64	--	--	250
	595	232	--	36	10	191	24	50	\$7,205

This district joined the Bund in 1871.

XXV PACIFIC DISTRICT

1. San Francisco T.V.	298	268	13	33	30	118	17	600	18,550
2. " " Eureka	87	69	--	30	--	99	--	20	6,800
3. Oakland T. V.	45	28	9	18	--	21	--	60	2,150
4. Sacramento T. V.	94	25	2	10	--	20	--	85	7,580
5. Maryville T. V.	61	25	--	16	--	10	--	--	3,300
6. Stokton T. V.	93	12	--	12	--	--	--	--	4,000
7. San Josa T. V.	46	21	--	8	--	25	--	--	240
8. Boise City T. V.	21	14	--	8	--	12	--	--	700
	745	462	24	135	30	305	17	765	\$46,320

This district started the Pacific Turnerbund some time ago. Last year, they joined the American Turnerbund as the Pacific District.

XXVI NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

1. Providence Soc. T.V.	35	16	--	--	--	22	--	118	1,500
2. Worcester Soc. T.V.	60	20	--	--	--	22	--	135	2,000
3. Clinton T. V.	48	26	--	--	--	16	--	2	380
	143	62	--	--	--	60	--	255	\$3,880

The societies of this district belonged to the Boston District until 1868. At that time they left our Bund. During the last year these societies united and again joined our Turnerbund.

XXVII NORTH IOWA DISTRICT

Societies	Mem- bers	Act- ives	Fenc- ers	Sing- ers	Rifle Men	Boys	Girls	Books	Property
1. Guttenbert T. V.	50	20	--	14	--	42	6	4	400
2. Garnavillo T. V.	54	19	--	--	--	24	--	--	450
3. Dubuque Soc. T. V.	40	17	--	--	--	50	--	450	800
	144	56	--	14	--	116	6	490	1,650

The above district was organized this year.

SUMMARY OF THE DISTRICTS

Districts	Soc- iety	Mem- bers	Act- ives	Fen- cers	Sig- ers	Rifle Men	Boys	Girls	Books	Prop- erty	Na Vote
1. New York	12	1,021	437	44	93	66	1,160	138	1,699	\$133,575	20
2. Ohio Valley	11	568	284	23	65	--	286	12	2,370	36,695	11
3. St. Louis	12	728	324	4	74	43	208	--	2,255	35,225	15
4. Boston	6	402	165	--	61	--	117	27	757	17,860	8
5. Wisconsin	19	1,234	461	2	65	15	672	49	2,238	96,070	25
6. Chicago	14	1,133	509	14	152	7	601	20	1,450	94,135	23
7. South East	3	205	91	6	43	--	80	--	1,140	5,490	4
8. West New York	5	429	205	--	46	--	116	--	219	27,850	9
9. Philadelphia	7	409	198	12	39	20	276	--	681	26,349	8
10. Central N. Y.	7	328	168	10	15	21	81	--	1,671	7,710	7
11. New Jersey	3	287	124	12	36	--	120	24	208	23,350	6
12. Pittsburg	9	656	279	28	34	16	260	14	822	35,930	1
13. Savannah	2	84	32	--	--	--	--	--	--	200	2
14. Kansas	12	416	179	--	10	--	113	--	729	51,865	8
15. Minnesota	7	439	358	12	34	--	173	22	570	25,595	9
16. Upper Mississippi	12	605	367	--	101	35	204	--	1,450	35,985	12
17. Look Out Mountain	3	135	46	--	18	--	17	--	308	2,975	3
18. Passaic	6	258	145	2	4	18	116	--	112	9,800	5
19. Rocky Mountain	2	85	25	8	--	43	--	--	122	2,595	2
20. New Orleans	1	150	70	--	--	--	100	--	--	20,000	3
21. Michigan	5	299	142	--	14	--	55	18	400	5,440	6
22. Central Illinois	5	276	133	--	22	--	89	--	130	20,300	6
23. Cincinnati	4	530	90	--	19	38	245	23	2,610	52,825	11
24. Texas	6	595	232	--	36	10	191	24	50	2,705	12
25. Pacific	8	745	462	24	135	30	305	17	765	43,320	18
26. New England	3	143	62	--	--	--	60	--	255	3,880	3
27. North Iowa	3	144	56	--	14	--	116	6	490	1,650	3
Total	187	12,304	5,654	201	1,130	417	5,761	394	23,501	\$819,374	24

In the Year of 1870 the Bund consisted of

	Districts	Societies	Members	Actives	Boys	Girls
1870	25	156	9,920	4,500	4,770	202
1872	27	187	12,304	5,650	5,761	394
Gain	4	31	2,384	1,154	991	192

This is a result, which is most satisfactory.

To the above report the following interesting notices are added:

132	Societies	have	gym	classes	for	boys
18	"	"	"	"	"	girls
23	"	"	Night	or	Sunday	Schools in which elementary sub-
			jects	are	taught,	also extra subjects as drawing etc. are given.
			Number	of	pupils	are 1884.
83	Societies	own	their	Turn	hall	
24	"	have	Fencing	sections.		
69	"	"	Singing.	"		
18	"	"	Rifle	"		
101	"	"	Libraries			
63	"	"	Dramatics	"		
38	"	"	their	own	Saloon	
53	"	"	Sick	Benefit		
126	"	are	incorporated.			

Sixty-six societies made reports on mental endeavor to the Vorort, that means that 121 Societies had no activity of this nature or failed to report same.

The report did show that 42 Societies had regular lectures and debates. It also was reported that the participation was generally good; also the selections of a lecture theme was very interesting.

Although the mental effort is still somewhat small in comparison to the other society activities, it is reported that this year there was a good increase over other years. Timely resolutions and continued agitation in this direction should bring about satisfaction for good results.

Finally the Vorort offered the following resolutions in consideration of the statistics:

1. Due to the fact that the Savannah Turner District did not send in any National dues nor present any report since 1869, we request the Convention to suspend this district from membership in the Turnerbund.

2. The following Societies were reprimanded for negligence in regard to fulfilling their national duties, although they were repeatedly reminded as to their duties of sending in their statistical reports:

1) Terre Haut T.V., 2) Ironton T.V., 3) Centralia T. V., 4) St. Charles T.V., 5) Washington, Mo. T. V., 6) Norwich T.V., 7) Sheboygan T.V.,

8) Concordia T. V., 9) Sauk City T. V., 10) Manayunk T. V., 11) Endora T. V., 12) Chetop T. V. with the hope that my successor in this office will continue with the same desire and interest to keep the statistical report from year to year and that in the near future the growth of our Turner activities will be doubled.

Signed

Heinrich Metzner

H. Von Langen favored that two societies from Chicago, who are not really German, but who are in accord with our rules and regulations, should be permitted, to join our Bund. This request was forwarded to the Committee on Platform and Statutes.

With the consent of the convention, the report of the Chicago benevolent committee was read and adopted. The reading was from the National organ and the original was in the hands of the Vorort.

Recess

J. R. Fellmann, Secretary

3 SESSION

MAY 21, 9 A. M.

The convention was opened by chairman Walber and delegates Hermes, Haebe and Kuhm were absent.

The minutes of both previous session were read and adopted.

The committee for the Indianapolis situation was given more time for deliberation.

A letter from the Louisville Turngemeinde to invite the delegates to their festivities was read and a motion passed: To inform the Louisville Turngemeinde that the delegates to this convention will consider it an honor to be present and that as many as possible will attend. Also that the session of today shall start at 1p.m. and continue until 4 p.m.

A dispatch from H. Amano Goeg was read and decided that same should be recorded in the minutes of the convention. It read as follows:

Buffalo, N. Y. May 19, 1872.

Gut Heil and Best Wishes for your conference and intellectual progress.

Amand Goeg.

A letter from F. Kisselbach of Cincinnati was read and same was turned over to the committee on complaints and appeals.

The committee for Heading on Instructions and Questions reported that they completed their task and all requests etc, were turned over to the respective committees.

The committee on complaints and Appeals reported in behalf of F. Kisselbach from Cincinnati that the convention was not competent to make a decision. Because a formal appeal was not made to the Turner district. The committee report was adopted.

The committee of the National Turner Paper made a written report which was read and adopted. But a request by delegate Lewison asked for postponement to give him the opportunity to confer with the publisher.

S. Spitzer presented the following motion:

Decided: That appeals of a Turner in regard to expulsion from his society can only be considered by a convention, if the respective district decides to bring same to the attention of the convention for a final disposal. This was referred to the committee on platform and statutes with the request to report back as soon as possible, with a definite recommendation, so that a ruling can be passed by the convention at once, that would dispose of the pending appeal.

As no other committee reports were on hand, the yearly report of the Vorort was considered and the following items proposed:

1. Motion passed: The part of the women voting and political questions, as well as the manifest which was presented by the Vorort to be

turned over to a special committee of 5 delegates for deliberation and making the final report.

2. Motion Passed: The part of the resolutions which deals with National Turnfests, also the part which considers Life Insurance to be turned over to the committee on National Affairs.
3. Motion passed; The Vorort is requested to have representation at the 3 Teacher days.
4. Motion passed: To work toward a ruling, that in connection with every Teacher day, a practical child turning, which will show the Spiess and Lions method of free mass exercises, should take place. For the purpose that the teachers will see for themselves the practicality and usefulness of the Turner exercises.

Recess until 1 p.m.

J. R. Fellmann, Secretary.

4 SESSION.

May 20, 1 p.m.

The convention was called to order by the chairman Wallber. The following delegates were absent: Haebe and Kuhm.

The chairman reported, that he appointed to the committee on manifest of the Vorort, Womens' rights and political questions, the following Turners: Rappaport, Feinse, Fernitz, Reis and Haas.

A letter from the Turner Society in Covington, Ky., was read which requested that in place of J. Hermes, who is ill, Turner H. Herm be appointed as their delegate to the convention. Motion made and adopted.

A telegram from San Francisco, Calif., which requested some participation for the Buechner lectures was referred to the Vorort.

A telegram from the District meeting in Austin, Texas was read and received with thanks.

The special committee of the Indianapolis situation again was granted more time, until the beginning of the session of the next morning on May 21. Turner Charles Koehne was voted a seat in the convention.

The committee on platform and statutes, due to the resolution made in the morning session, reported the following new construction of Par. 24 of the Statutes:

On complaints and appeals of a member against his society, his district Vorort will act. If necessary the District convention will take over.

On complaints of a Society against their district the district convention will act, and in case an appeal is made, it will go to the Bundes Vorort for a final act.

An Appeal of a Turner against the action of the District convention for expulsion, can only be considered if the District board makes a request for same to the next National Turner Convention. Adopted.

The committee on Mental Culture made the following report:

To the convention of the N. A. T. B.

Gut Heil!

Your committee recommends the following resolutions for adoption:

1. A) Lecturers should be engaged by the National Vorort, who should visit all of the Societies of the Bund and give lectures about popular scientific themes.

B) During the year each society should have at least three lectures.

C) To cover the expenses of this undertaking the Vorort is to have tickets made, which would admit one to the lecture. These tickets should be sold for \$1.00 and every society is requested to take as many tickets as they have members. If a society needs additional tickets, the Vorort must send some without extra cost. The society is requested to pay the expenses of the lecturer during his stay in that city. The tickets can be disposed of by the societies in any way they prefer.

2. A) The Vorort should recommend books and pamphlets to the Societies, which are suitable for lectures and discussions in the Society meetings.

B) The Vorort should give a clue as to how a systematic mental culture can be successfully conducted.

C) The Vorort should, about every two months, present a question for a debate to the Societies. This, to be voted on and the result should be forwarded to the Vorort and each society vote to be published in the Bundes Organ.

3. To recommend to the Committee on platform and Statutes to add to Par. 11 of the Statutes, at the right place, the following words: "Also to work in their respective states for the obligatory schooling of boys and girls."

4. The Convention is of the opinion, that the reason for most of the human evil, is due to the lack of a general education. This can be eliminated through the establishment of a National educational institution, like the German Universities, from which an all around general education will find an inroad to all inhabitants.

The convention requested all Turners, whenever possible, to work toward the establishment of a National Educational Institution; the cost for same must be born by the National Government.

With Turner Greeting,

Ph. Rappaport,
H. Krueger,
J. Szabo, --The Committee--
C. Feinse,
G. Fernitz,

The report was received and taken up in part for discussion.

1. a) b) and c) regarding lectures were rejected, after a lengthy debate.

At the request of delegate, Lewison, the report about the Bundes Organ was again referred to the respective committee for further discussion.

Recess.

J. R. Fellmann, Secretary.

5 SESSION

May 21. 9 a.m.

The convention was called to order by the Chairman Wallber. Delegates H. V. Langen was absent.

The minutes of the last two sessions were read and adopted.

A letter from the Pittsburg Central T. V. which contained instructions, was turned over to the committee of tabling.

A dispatch from the Chicago Turngemeinde, a request for the Seminar, was turned over to the revision Committee.

Two letters from New York, of a political nature, were turned over to the Special Committee of which Turner Rappaport is chairman, also a letter from the Turner Society in Detroit.

ADDITIONS TO THE ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Decided: In order to proceed quicker, the chairman of the convention will note as before, all delegates who want the floor. The motion to close the debate is in order if made by a delegate whose name is on the list of speakers who asked for the floor. However, no speaker can be interrupted.

Decided: A vote according to district votes will not be taken, if a unanimous vote had been taken before.

The committee for investigation and reporting on conditions of the two Indianapolis Societies made the following report:

"In consideration that the Social Turner Society from Indianapolis was taken into the district of the Ohio Valley Turner district, both societies must be considered as belonging to the Bund. That it would be a set back for the Turner movement in Indianapolis to eliminate one or the other as a member of the National organization therefore be it.

Resolved: That the two Indianapolis Turner Societies must consider within three months that they must unite. If one or the other should refuse to comply with this request, this Society will then be considered as not belonging to the Bund. To organize a new district after both societies are united can bring no objections.

The Committee

E. Kuhm, E. Miller, and C. W. Heyl.

The report was received and unanimously adopted.

In regard to Section 1, of the report of the Committee on Mental Culture, which was rejected at the end of the convention session - a motion by delegate Rappaport.

Decided: The Vorort should take the Committee report as handed in, and forward same to all societies for consideration and action. The result should be forwarded to the Vorort, same should be obligated whenever favorable action is shown, to make preparation for the lectures.

Here followed continuation of the discussion on the report of the Mental Culture Committee.

Section 2. a) b) and c) was adopted. See report.

Section 3. was referred to the Committee on platform and statutes.

Section 4. the following substitutions were made:

Decided: The Societies are instructed to work through their representatives in Congress, to establish a general National University, the cost of same to be born by the National Government.

This total report as amended was adopted.

Decided: To adopt all completed committee reports. The following passed motions were read.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL-BOOKS

On the Convention of the American Turners:

The undersigned committee which was appointed by the Vorort to take charge of the School books which were published by the Vorort made the

following report:

According to the judgement of competent Schoolmen and according to our own inspection, we find that the series of school books meet all expectations which can be looked for in that type of a school book.

We recommend therefore that this convention will adopt the following resolutions:

a) The Societies of the Bund are requested, to give these books all consideration and to see to it that they are adopted in our public and private schools as part of the teaching course.

b) The present school book commission should continue to function as such. The convention should pass a ruling to that effect.

To explain this action, the copyright and all contracts are executed in the name of the old commission (of course for the Bund.) For that reason a change cannot be made.

c) Motion passed: To publish a handbook with illustrations about practical turning, including boys and girls turning, this to be used as a textbook for class leaders.

The Committee

Marx Burgheim, L. Naegele, and E. Kuhm.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS

This committee makes the following report about its activities:

1. In connection with the release by the Vorort about the women vote question, the committee received instructions, of which several considered that the Vorort did overstep its authority; others wish, in addition, that the Vorort be reprimanded for their action. This committee has representation from the following districts:

Central New York, Kansas, Pittsburg, South East, Look Out Mountain, Cincinnati, and Chicago district.

In order to^s justice to both parties, the committee invited the first Speaker of the Vorort, Turner Spitzer, in order to give a better understanding in this rather agitated situation. Turner Spitzer stated that the Vorort published the manifest in consideration of Par. 5 of the National ruling in which he has the first command of the Bund and that it is his duty to further the interest of the Bund to the best of his ability. The meaning of this paragraph is such a general one, that the part ruling of the convention is left for the Vorort to complete any action in the interest of the Bund.

The committee is, therefore, of the opinion, that the Vorort did not overstep its authority, while they made propaganda for the Womens' vote privilege, and for the same reason should not be reprimanded.

Considering the question, whether the Vorort used the best effort, to promote the best interest for the Bund, and whether it would have been better if the Vorort had permitted the convention to consider the Womens' vote question first, the committee wants no part in it, because this lays within the Vororts right to be considered by them, and not within the jurisdiction of the committee. Most likely, it will be the consideration of the convention to decide if the position of the Vorort in regard to the womens' voting can be endorsed or not.

2. We received a number of resoltuions, which ask that the former Cincinnati Turner District and the Terrehaute convention be reprimanded for several actions, which were considered unnecessary. We were not able to consider this request. In the first place, the ones involved, who were to be reprimanded, were not invited to appear at this convention, and for that reason any opportunity was denied them, to make their stand known, or permit them to defend themselves. In the second place, there was no proof to substantiate an offense.

3. In the complaint of Turner Adolph Frey, the committee is forced to again take the same stand as before which was adopted by the convention. According to the Statutes, the convention has no right to pass a ruling in this case, because the regular procedure was not followed by by-passing the District convention, this appeal was rejected by the committee.

The Committee,

Ph. Stein, A. Grueneberg, and G. Freygang.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE BUNDES ORGAN

The districts listed below made the following instructions in regard to the National Turner Organ.

- 1) New York District-- The editors of the organ should print weekly at least one article relating to history, theory or practical turning.
- 2) Upper Mississippi District-- Retain the present paper "Zukunft" as the National Turner organ.
- 3) Minnesota District-- Retain the "Zukunft"
- 4) Michigan District-- The Organ should not get mixed up with cheap party politics.
- 5) Central New York District-- To retain the "Zukunft" as our National Organ.
- 6) Boston Turner Society-- Discontinue the "Zunkunft" as the National Organ. Instead to propose the "Pionier" as the National Organ. If this is not accepted, to have the Turners start their own National Turner paper.
- 7) Ohio Valley District-- To retain the "Zukunft" as the National Organ.
- 8) Pittsburgh District-- Retain the "Zukunft".

9) Central Turner Society, Pittsburgh-- The "Zukunft" does not treat the matter of Turnerism to the extent which is expected from a Turner paper, therefore, be it decided that the "Zukunft" should be eliminated and instead a time paper printed. The undersigned committee decided, after careful consideration to offer the following resolutions for consideration.

1) Resolved: That the "Zukunft" be retained.

2) Resolved: That, to the former obligations with the publishers of the "Zukunft" this additional request should be made: To have at least one original article published weekly, which should be in the interest of Turnerism.

3) Resolved: That the publishers of the "Zukunft" shall not be permitted to charge for the publication of society election notices.

4) Resolved: That the publishers of the "Zukunft" made the concession, to have Societies send in articles which show their Society activities in a complete and interesting way.

5) Resolved: That the editor of the "Zukunft", Turner Richard Goebel, for his faithful service for many years for our National Organ, to be voted the thanks of the convention.

The Committee

Wm. Kleinoehle, L. A. Gratz, and C. W. Heyl.

Decided: Instructions, Complaints, etc. which were in the hands of grievance Committee in regard to the Vorort's Manifest, shall be turned over to the Special Committee, whose chairman is Turner Rappaport.

The reports on hand were discussed in detail and disposed of as follows:

Committee Report on School Books.

Point A) and B) was adopted.

Point C) was tabled until the report on practical turning would be received.

Report excepted -- Motion C) passed.

Committee Report on National Organ.

Motion 1) and 2) passed 3) was defeated 4) laid on the table, 5) passed.

Report was accepted, 3) and 4) passed.

Committee Report on Complaints and Appeals.

After a lengthy discussion, the following motion was passed as to part 1 of the Committee report:

Decided: That the Vorort did overstep its authority in behalf of the Womens' voting rights and some definite political questions, which was addressed to the German American Turners and to the American public as the Manifest of the Vorort.

Recess

J. R. Fellmann, Secretary

6. SESSION.

May 21. 2 P.M.

The convention was called to order by chairman, Wallber. Delegate C. Haebe was absent.

Continued debate on the report of the Complaint Committee. Parts 2 and 3 was again turned back to the committee for further consideration.

A motion by delegate L. A. Gratz in regards to the Vororts Manifest, was referred to the Committee on Platform and Statutes.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR POLITICAL QUESTIONS AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS.

To the Convention - Gut Heil!

The committee requests the recognition of the Manifest which was produced by the Vorort.

a) In the political field- satisfactory. However, they request that the convention again make known, that Turners should join the party, whose platform is closest to ours, and that, in this direction, they will never

consider nor be influenced by a person who is of an opposing mind.

b) In connection with the women's rights question, the following changes were made in the passage of same: "In addition, we must be a defender of women's rights, if we keep true to our program, in which we stated, that we are for equal rights for all human beings, and that we are ready and willing to defend these principles. For us, the woman is a real companion to the man, and no curtailment of any rights can be permitted." We believe, through observation, that though nature developed differences in body and mental condition of the sexes no human rights are endangered in any way.

Ph. Rappaport,

H. C. Haas,

C. F. Reis.

MINORITY - REPORT.

Motion passed: That the principle of the Turnerbund as stated in the platform, express the general belief from which the important and timely questions of our political and social life as well as the equal rights of women can be settled. Also that the question at this time, can be satisfactorily explained and for that reason, will receive the proper understanding and support from all Turners. No further resolutions are needed to make this Turner principle more binding.

Signed: Feinse and Fernitz.

Both reports were received.

Delegate F. Werner made a motion, that the majority report, in the last line, between the word "sex" and the word "none" the following to be added: "prevailing, which are withholding the woman's right to vote up till now in public and political situations". This addition was accepted by the majority of the committee.

After careful discussion of this important question, the majority

report, as amended, was adopted and especially point a) received 232 votes against 15, and point b) received 225 against 22 votes.

A recess was declared of one hour to attend the gymnastic exhibition.

A second letter from F. Kisselbach was read and same was turned over to the Cincinnati Turngemeinde.

Motion passed: The delegates of this convention express their full satisfaction for the demonstration of the Juniors of the Louisville Turngemeinde in connection with their gymnastic exhibition, and by this motion will express their sincere appreciation to the Society, to the Turn teacher, and to the Juniors.

J. R. Fellmann, Secretary.

7. SESSION

May 22. 9 a.m.

The convention was called to order by chairman Wallber. The following delegates were absent: Rappaport, Haebe, Miller, Best, and Buck.

Motion Passed: That all committee reports be spread in the minutes of the convention.

The following committee reports were read and received:

REPORT ABOUT PRACTICAL TURNING.

The committee added Turn teacher C. Anthes from Louisville. This committee presents the following resolutions for adoption:

Par. 1 Resolved, that the Turn teachers' Seminar should be supported, and continue to function.

Par. 2 Resolved, at the request of many districts that the Turn teachers' Seminar should be changed to the city of New York.

Par. 3 Resolved, that all National Turner Societies should purchase the following Turner books:

1. National Turn Book

by Rabenstein

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| 2. Textbook for Free-exercises | by Lion |
| 3. Exercises of mixed Jumps | by Lion |
| 4. Women Turning | by Kloss |

Par. 4 Resolved, that in exhibitions of Juniors, only obligatory exercises should be permitted.

Par. 5 Resolved, that by Squad Contests the judges will state into how many parts the main exercise should be divided.

Par. 6 Every Turner should, in the development of his exercise, state the inbetween movements.

Par. 7 To recommend to all districts to have leader's courses. The time to consist of a 4 weeks period.

Par. 8 The nomenclature of the various exercises in our Turner language is so varied, we are requesting that the Par. 3 quoted books be used as our guide. Where these in themselves differ, the Turn teachers' Congress should decide. The adopted changes should be given to the Vorort and same be added to their Turner book stock which can be purchased by the Societies.

Par. 9 Resolved, to permit the prize judges to shorten the obligatory exercises, if there is not sufficient time on hand.

Par. 10 Resolved, that by prize turning at the National Turnfest, 3 judges should function on every apparatus. They are to decide on the judge, who is to be responsible for all the judges lists, and in case of a dispute about the exercises of a Turner, he must render the final decision.

Par. 11 Resolved, that the districts are requested to find out the reason why some societies do not have Turn classes, and to investigate further.

Par. 12 No regular employed Turn teacher is permitted to take part in a Turnfest as a prize Turner. (Turners, who are leaders of Junior classes, although they may receive pay for it, do not come under this ruling.)

Par. 13 Resolved, programs of Free exercises and marching tactics which will be used at the National Turnfest must be sent to the Vorort at

least 3 months before.

Par. 14 Resolved, that the 'Turn teachers' Seminar provide, that both men and women can attend in order to prepare women teachers for the women Turners.

Par. 15 Resolved, that in connection with the National Turnfest, the prize Turners should have quarters close to the field of competition.

Par. 16 Resolved, that all resolutions of previous conventions which are in consideration of practical turning, and which are not eliminated by any of the above resolutions, remain in force and we recommend that they be carried out to the letter.

H. Metzner, Chairman

C. Steinmetz, Bey, C. Anthes, L. Best,

A. Stecher, H. Stumpf.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL AFFAIRS.

The committee recommends to the convention, the following resolutions for adoption:

1. Resolved, through the districts to levy an extra assessment of 5 cents per member, for the purpose of a Bundes fund to assist several districts.
2. Resolved, to hold the next Bundes Convention in Rochester, N. Y.
3. Resolved, to hold the next National Turnfest in Cincinnati, Ohio.
4. Resolved, to have the next Bundes Vorort in the Chicago District.
5. Resolved, that all Turner Societies should hold, at least once a month some kind of an entertainment by Turners and Juniors, and the families of same should be invited and receive reserved seats. In such entertainments, recitations, and declamations. Turners and Juniors should take part in the program.
6. Resolved, that all societies, which have saloons, should provide a separate entrance to the gym and to the meeting hall so they may be

entered without going through the saloon.

7. Resolved, that all Turn classes are orderly, and that cleanliness must be carefully observed by all Juniors. Also that classes are to be orderly dismissed.

8. Resolved, that delegates to conventions should not be bound too closely to instructions, that societies and district should permit same a more free hand.

9. Resolved, to make a practice to use the word you "Du" among Turners; this should be adopted in all Turner Societies.

10. Resolved, that the Vorort be requested to assist the people in the State of Rhode Island, who do not as yet have the voting privilege. That every effort should be made politically and otherwise to change the injustice.

(11. Resolved, that the Turnerbund recognizes and endorses the establishment and maintenance of good free schools in all parts of the United States as a foundation for freedom and as the main support for the continuation of this republic. Also, every Turner should make it his duty to agitate for free schools and for an obligatory school law, and for the introduction of our Turner systems in all public schools.

12. Resolved, that the Schultze-Delitsche system of Loan Association cannot be considered as practical. However, same is recommended for individual societies and districts.

13. Resolved, the proposition to obtain reduced fare to the German Turnfest in Bonn, May 4, 5, and 6 of this year, was placed into the hands of the Vorort.

14. Resolved, that a resolution from the Chicago Turngemeinde, that in the year in which a National Turnfest is to be held, that no district Turnfest should be conducted. This resolution cannot be enforced and cannot be considered as a partial act.

H. V. Langen, Chairman

Buck, Seidler, Buehl, and Kimmel.

COMMITTEE REPORT ON EXAMINING THE VORORT BOOKS.

The committee examined all books and receipts, and find everything in correct order.

The Treasury has the amount of \$860.34. This is satisfactory if one considers the small amount of dues the National Treasury receives.

The payments were made promptly by societies and the areas are small and can be considered good.

a) A request of \$25 to the Wisconsin District is considered questionable by the district. The delegates of same should explain so that this question can be settled.

b) The Turn school books brought about a deficit of \$450.14, which () should be covered during the next 3 years.

c) The committee finds itself in a position, to state, that more expensive books should not be bought.

d) The Turn teachers' Seminar in Chicago did cost the Bund \$390.10. It seems that the cost will justify that the institution should be given up, unless some more advantageous results can be obtained.

e) In the inventory book, the amount of \$200 is listed, which was sent to the Seminary. The committee requests an explanation from the Chicago delegates if same are still at hand, or if they were burned.

f) The Statistical Reports were read to the Convention by the Secretary of the Vorort and will be printed.

g) Against Societies who are careless in sending in their report, steps should be taken to compel prompt action, and if necessary they should be expelled from the Bund.

h) The committee stated that the Vorort has a very thrifty and practical management. The Treasurer also was complimented for his clear and efficient

bookkeeping.. We do hope, in the interest of the Bund, that this important branch of managing the Bund, will always be continued in this businesslike manner.

The Committee

John Meinhardt, Henry Miller, John Erfert.

The three reports were then taken up separately and each point debated.

About the report on revision:

a) The request for \$25 from the Wisconsin District were placed in the lost column.

b) and c) was eliminated and in its place the following was added: "by a smaller capital layout for publishing the School books, the financial result can be considered as very favorable."

d) This passage was eliminated.

(e) As the Chicago delegates assured the convention that the books were not burned, this passage was also crossed off.

f) Adopted.

g) Decided, to cross off the Savannah District for non-payment of dues and not sending in their report. Decided, that the following Societies should be reprimanded for not sending in their statistical report: Terre Haut T. V., Ironton T. V., Centralia T. V., St. Charles T. V., Washington, Mo. T. V., Little Rock T. V., Sauk City T. V., Manayunk T. V., Eudora T. V., Chetopa T. V.

h) Unanimously adopted.

The entire report, was made better by adding and changing and then adopted.

REPORT ON PRACTICAL TURNING.

All paragraphs from 1 to 17 were adopted.

The following additions were made:

Decided: Districts which have a membership of over 200, should make

an effort to send at least one Turner to the Turn teachers' Seminar to become a teacher. Necessary expenses should be paid out of the district treasury.

Decided: That the Vorort is instructed to print all rules and regulations pertaining to prize turning, National, and District Turnfests; in fact, to collect all rules which are not, as yet, embodied in our Statutes. After printing same, it should be mailed to all districts in sufficient quantities.

This total report was then adopted as amended.

REPORT ON NATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. was eliminated.
2. was adopted.
3. was postponed until a deficit fund is adopted.
4. was adopted.
5. 6., 7., and 8. was tabled.
- 9., 10., 11., 12., 13. and 14. was adopted.

The following additions were made:

Decided, the Bund finds in the movement to change the National drafting by inserting the acknowledgment of one God, one Jesus, and the Bible of our free government as a dangerous effort. We are, therefore, opposed to same and against such a move.

Decided, if a Society, that conducts a National Turnfest has a deficit, the Vorort is then empowered to assess all societies to make up the sum of \$1,000.

Decided, the proposition about Life insurance groups is to be given over to the next Vorort for investigation. All documents in regard to it are to be placed in the hands of the New Vorort.

After the above motion was passed in regard to a deficit by, a National Turnfest, article 3 of the Committee's report was also adopted.

The following cities, aside from Rochester, were voted on as the place for the next convention with the following results: Cleveland 13, Detroit 14, New- Ulm 38, Leavenworth 10, Milwaukee 37.

As to the next National Seat of the Turners, aside from Chicago, the following cities were voted on: St. Louis 35, Milwaukee 75.

As to the city for the National Turnfest, aside from Cincinnati, the following cities received votes: St. Louis 29, Milwaukee 31 and Leavenworth 36.

Motion passed. This convention has a duty, to extend our thanks to all Turners who worked for the high aims of our Turner bund, especially those who made personal sacrifices in their effort to carry on.

Also to those who assisted so nobly in the very difficult effort to again unit the divided Turner groups into a National Turner bund, our respect and thanks are given.

Also, last but not least, to all members of the National Vorort who did such a good job in managing the affairs of our Bund, our sincere thanks.

Also, in addition, a special commendation for the unselfish and untiring effort of our National President Turner S. Spitzer, to our faithful Secretary H. Metzner and to the watchful and competent Treasurer, H. Merz, our most Sincere thanks.

Their actions gained a friendly remembrance to all Turners of our Turner bund.

Finally the entire report as amended was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMPLAINTS ETC.

To the convention of the N. A. T. B.

I In the situation of Adolph Frey, who made the appeal to this convention, against the judgement of the Indianapolis Turner society, the undersigned committee made the following resolution:

1) Because both parties were not represented in the same way during the investigation, and because the both, the accuser and the accused made contradictory statements, we, due to the lack of proof about the situation, made the following suggestion:

We find, if Adolph Frey would admit all of the guilt, which he will not, then the expulsion from the society was too severe a punishment.

2) Decided, that on account of the above mentioned reasons, and also to be of the same mind, as the decision made October 16, 1871 by district Vorort session, which was held in Louisville, we believe that the expulsion of Adolph Frey by the Indianapolis Turner Society should be declared null and void. However, we feel that this Turner should be reprimanded by the Indianapolis Society for some of the admitted insulting remarks he made.

(II In regard to the request of the Cincinnati Turngemeinde to have the Cincinnati Turner district withdraw the reprimand made to Turner Louis Buehler, we find that the convention of the Cincinnati Turner District in Terre Haut, Ind, had no right to judge a single member of a Society.

It was therefore decided to reprimand the action of the convention of the Cincinnati Turner District in Terre Haut, Ind. in regard to Turner Louis Buehler.

III On account of the complaints by the Cincinnati Turngemeinde against the report of the Terre Haut convention, about accusations and untruthfulness it was

Decided, because of the offense did not show sufficient proof and therefore could not be considered, we cannot meet the request to reprimand. We recommend that societies and districts in dealing with misunderstandings and disputes, follow their rules of business. Also, to abstain from newspaper articles in consideration of settling such situations.

The Committee

Gustav Freygang, Alex Grueneberg, Ph. Stein.

P. S. As a member of this Committee, and as a follower of the White-wash of the Convention, and because I took part in the appeal of Turners A. Frey, I wish to state once more that I do not consider the action of the convention as entirely justified and proper.

Philip Stein.

This report was accepted, discussed and finally adopted unchanged.

J. R. Fellmann, Secretary.

8. SESSION.

May 22. 2 P. M.

The convention was called to order by chairman Wallber, all delegates were present.

To the National Convention of the North American Turnerbund at Louisville, Kentucky.

Gut Heil!

The Committee on Platform and Statutes presents the following as their work:

I PLATFORM

The Turnerbund, by uniting all societies who accept the platform of the National Organization, aim to educate its members to develop strong bodies and a free, sound mind. It is also a special duty, to make a sincere effort to use every available means to bring about a clear understanding and can assist in bringing about such human benefits which will raise the standards of human rights.

The National Organization should be a planning school for revolutionary ideas, which has its origin in a natural plan and for that reason is a rational conception of a better worldly view.

For the above reason, the Turners fight against slavery and Nativisms, and especially are against a curtailment of human rights, which are opposite to fundamental human laws, and cannot be united with rules for the betterment of humanity.

In order to defend the principles of the Turnerbund in regard to the American politics at the present time, which on account of the present party politics may lead to missuse of human rights, every Turner should be on the alert to take a stand against all social and human injustice.

II STATUTES

1. The Turnerbund consists of united Turner societies of the United States under the name of "North-American Turnerbund."

2. The societies form among themselves District units and the organizations, which are near each other form a District Vorort.

The rules for their management should be left with each district. However, no ruling can be in conflict with our National Statutes.

The Districts must conduct a convention at least once a year.

Districts, who join the National Bund, have to pay dues for one whole year, if they join during the first nine months of the fiscal year. If they join during the last three months, the dues will be credited for the next year. Part payments are not accepted.

The same ruling holds good for societies who plan to join the District.

3. If several societies reside in the same city, they should belong to the same District, in order to work together.

If several organizations from the same city wish to join the district, the district officers must decide. In case of an appeal, the District convention will make decisions.

4. The law-making body of the Bund is the National Convention, which convenes every two years.

5. The National Convention elects the seat of the Bund, and the district, the members of the Vorort.

The Vororts district is responsible for the property of the Bund as well as the management of the next National Convention.

6. The Vorort is the executive part of the Bund and has as its duty, to conduct the business of the Bund in the best possible manner.

It consists of 9 members as follows:

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| 1. Speaker | Treasurer, |
| 2. Speaker | and four other members |

Protocal Secretary, Corresponding Secretary

All are elected for a period of two years.

The Vorort should have a sum of money to pay and pay in part some of these officers who give a lot of time for such office duties. The amount of money to be used for such purposes will be voted on by the convention.

The Treasurer has to furnish bond. The amount to be stated by the Vorort.

If a district has a complaint to make against the Vorort, it is placed into the hands of the District Vorort for consideration and action. If no settlement can be reached to satisfy both parties, a vote must then be taken by the entire Bund membership.

7. The Districts must be represented by the National Convention, and only District delegates can have seat and vote. These delegates are entitled to the entire votes of the district. The number of delegates makes no difference. Districts, which do not have representation direct or indirect, or if they do not make a satisfactory report, within 4 weeks from the date of the convention to the Vorort, will be suspended from the Turnerbund. This action must be published at once in the Turner paper.

8. The method by which the delegates are elected will be left in the hand

of each district.

Any member of a District Turner Society can be elected according to the fashion of the District.

The members of the Vorort cannot represent any District at the Convention. They have all the privileges of other delegates, but cannot vote.

9. Every Bundes- District pays a yearly dues of 10 cents for each member. This must be paid during the first half of the fiscal year, into the National treasury.

The year starts in January for both the District and the Bund.

Every District with less than 50 members has one vote. For every additional 50 or a fraction thereof, one extra vote.

10. One of the first requests for all Turner Societies should be to work for the introduction of our Turner system into all public schools.

(This is considered as a necessity to bring up our youth strong and healthy.

11. The Turner Societies are requested to conduct their turning according to a rational principle. Also to see to it that Turn teachers or class leaders, who know our Turner method and are able to instruct classes in this manner, are appointed in school.

12. Societies are also requested for the mental advancement of their members, to have instructive lectures and debates during each month. The theme for same will be furnished by the District office. The Societies are requested to make a report of same within 4 weeks to the District office on a formula sent for that purpose. These reports will be arranged by the District office and mailed to the Vorort. They will publish a total report about this undertaking in the National Turner paper.

It is also the duty of every Turner Society to work in their home circles for the establishment and completion of good German-English Schools. The following subjects should be part of the curriculum: Music, singing, drawing, and turning. These subjects are to receive full consideration

in obligatory schooling. The German language should also be a subject for our schools.

13. Every member of our Turner society must see to it that their children attend the public schools up to the age of 14 years.

14. Turners who are not American citizens must take steps at once to become citizens. Every Turner is obligated to become a United States citizen.

15. A Turner who is in possession of a Turn pass issued by a National Turner Society where he now resides. Such Turners do not have a waiting period, do not pay an entry fee, and do not have to be voted in. A Turner with a Turn pass from a foreign land has the same privileges, but has 6 months time to present his pass. However, these Turners must pledge themselves to live up to the by-laws of these societies.

16. A Turner who leaves his society without meeting his obligations and who decides to join another Turner society, shall as soon as this is known be expelled from the latter, until he meets all of his obligations with his first society.

17. A Turner who changes his residence, should join the new society if there is one in that city. However, if an exception is desirable in regard to this, the district office of that district can take such action.

18. Turners who belong to a Turner society, which refuses to join the Bund for special reasons, cannot enjoy the privileges as a member belonging to the Bund. Such Turner societies are not entitled to any of the privileges and supports by the Bund.

19. The conventions are held during the second half of the month of May. The opening date will be set by the Vorort.

At the request, by the majority of the District officers, the Vorort shall take steps to call for a special convention. The time and place for same will be in the hands of the Vorort to decide. This must be done in at

least 60 and not before 30 days. If the Vorort does not act, the districts call the special convention.

20. On alternate years of the convention, a National Turnfest should be held. The place to be designated by the convention.

21. The National prizes for turning and mental effort should consist of diplomas and wreaths. By district meets, other prizes are permitted.

The theme for literary prize contest, of which one must treat the subject of bodily exercises, will be decided by a National Committee which was appointed by the convention.

Turn teachers can only take part in literary contests for prizes.

The themes for the prize winning literary work shall be published in the Turner paper.

22. The District Vororts must send in a complete statistical report to the National Vorort every 12 months at the close of the fiscal year. The Vorort also makes up and presents an annual report to the entire National membership.

23. Accusation or suspicion in any form cannot be made public in any form. However, if a complaint is at hand that has definite reason for such accusation, it is then the duty of every Turner, Society, or District to bring this to the proper authority.

24. The platform of the Bund should be used as an introductory to the Society constitutions. The latter shall not contain anything which is in opposition to the National Constitution.

Members, societies, or districts who do not respect any of the rulings of the National platform or of the statutes, shall be expelled by the respective authority.

25. On complaints or appeal of a member against his society the district Vorort has jurisdiction over same; in case of an appeal it is acted upon by the district convention.

Complaints of a society against a district is taken up by the district conventions; if an appeal is taken it goes to the Bundes Vorort.

Appeals of Turners against the decision of the District convention for expulsion, can only be considered when recommended by their District board to the next National Convention. This body must dispose the grievance and give the final decision.

26. The Statutes can only be changed during a regular convention. All proposed changes must receive two-thirds majority of the present National vote to become legal.

The Committee

S. Spitzer

A. Gottlieb

H. H. Andresen

Anton Voigt

Hugo Gollmer

This report was received and after detailed discussion and some changes, which were stated above, it was adopted in accordance with the two-thirds majority of the Bundes votes, as the platform and statutes of the North American Turnerbund.

This same committee also presented two more special reports as follows:

I. ADMITTANCE OF NON GERMAN SOCIETIES

In regard to admittance of non-German Turner Societies into membership of the Bund, the Committee finds, that there is nothing in the constitution which would prevent such action. However, we recommend that such societies must submit to the following ruling:

1) The Platform and Statutes must be followed by them, the same as by the German Societies.

2) These Societies must translate the platform and statutes, and pay

the cost of same. They must subscribe to the Turner paper, receive all of the Turner publications which are of Turner interests. Also to receive the minutes of the convention and all of the notices which are issued by the Turner authorities.

3) They are requested to communicate in German with their district and National officers and as delegates, should send only those who can speak the German language.

4) For all offenses of their members against the platform or the statutes of the Bund, which may come by not knowing the German language, their Society must take the joint liability, if the proper authority should make a decision.

The Committee

S. Spitzer, A. Gottlieb, H. H. Andresen, Anton Voigt, and
Hugo Gollmer.

II SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

In connection with the making of resolutions, the committee received from various district delegates and in part from the National Convention suggestions for consideration and planning.

The committee, however, deems it best to recommend to the National Convention to abstain at this time, from all decisions, and from manifestation issued by the Vorort. In the first place, all considered desire and principles are already included in the revised platform and statutes, and lastly in the motions already passed, and set down clearly and with expression; additional resolutions seem to be unnecessary and would be only a repetition.

If more resolutions would again be made at this time, the execution of same would be outside of our jurisdiction; it would mean that we do not know our strength, but over estimate same.

The Committee on Platform and Statutes.

A. Spitzer, A. Gottlieb, H. H. Andresen, A. Voigt, and H. Gollmer.

Both reports were received and after a discussion unanimously adopted.

Decided: Because, the negotiations with Dr. Buechner are in such complete stages, he is ready to start his tour right after the president's election. The Vorort is requested to give this proposition prompt attention.

Decided: To recommend to all Turner Societies, Professor Kottlinger of Milwaukee, textbook on reading.

Decided: The Vorort is authorized to pay \$100 to the Chicago Turn-gemeinde for expenses incurred by the Turn teachers' Seminar.

The chairman of the convention asked whether any additional reports were to be made; then stated that all reports are in.

The chairman appointed as committee for establishing the themes for literary work, the following Turners: Rappaport, Stein, and Steinmetz.

Decided: The delegates of this convention wish to express to the Louisville Turngemeinde as well as to all liberal citizens of Louisville our sincere thanks for all their friendly hospitality.

Decided: To extend to the publishers, editors, and reporters of the two newspapers, the "Volksblatte" and the "Anzeiger" for their active support in this work and for their regular participation, the thanks of the convention.

Decided: The Vorort should receive \$250 per year as before for general expenses.

Decided: To accept the invitation of the Louisville Turngemeinde to a commers.

Decided: To extend the thanks of the convention to the chairman, secretary, and the rest of the officers of the convention for the efficient

and impartial conduct of the proceedings and for the faithful execution of the assigned duties.

Recess until 8:30 p.m.

J. R. Fellmann, Secretary.

LAST SESSION

May 22 at 8:30 p.m.

The convention was opened by chairman Wallber; all delegates were present.

The minutes of both sessions were read and adopted.

Decided: The convention instructed the last Vorort to receive all Bundes correspondence and moneys until July 1st and to forward a receipt for the money received.

The committee to make up themes for literary prize questions reported, that they were not able to render a report for lack of time, it was -

Decided: that the rules in regard to same should only be in force after the convention.

Decided: The last Vorort is requested, to edit and print the minutes of the convention.

Convention closed -- Sine Die

J. R. Fellmann, Secretary.