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Travelers' Protective Association Day, June 10, 1893 at the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago

This large and important organization was represented by a reunion in which more than one thousand members took part. Five hundred delegates came to Chicago by special train, and were met by several hundred already in the city. They gathered in the morning at the Missouri State Building, in which a room had been set apart for the use of the association during the Fair.

The order of the day included the dedication of this room, a general reception, and exercises at Festival Hall in the afternoon; but, owing to the rainy weather, Sousa's band was brought over to the Missouri Building and the program was carried out there. The reception was in the hands of a committee of the Woman's State Board, under the direction of Mrs. Patti Moore, President, and Mrs. Blennerhassett-Adams, Vice-President of the Board. The afternoon exercises were conducted by George S. McGrew, President of the Travelers' Protective Association. Mayor Harrison, of Chicago, welcomed the visitors to the city, and Vice-President Stevenson, speaking for the State, commended the commercial traveler as a most important factor in the civilization of the times.

The revolution in business methods and the marvelous growth of American trade, under the system of which commercial travelers form so large a part, were reviewed in an address of welcome to the Missouri Building, by Henry T. Kent, of St. Louis, for the Governor, who was unable to be present. Many humorous incidents enlivened the day, which passed in the spirit of good-fellowship characteristic of this class of men.