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For B. Y. P. U. Edition Ala. Baptist.
The B. Y. P. U. of Alabama.

There are few States in the Union in which the B. Y. P. U. has met with more opposition than in Alabama. When the movement began it met with difficulties on every hand. Many of the most prominent and able ministers in the State regarded it with distrust, and some openly antagonized it. It was considered decidedly



Gwylyn Herbert, Secretary and Treasurer, and State Transportation Leader.

an innovation. Despite this, however, the movement grew, local Unions were organized and began doing good work, and soon the necessity for a State organization was felt. This resulted in the calling of a State convention by a number of local Unions. This meeting, which was held Dec. 14-15, 1894, at the First Baptist church, Montgomery, Ala., was attended by representatives from nearly all the Unions in the State, and the B. Y. P. U. of Alabama was organized with Prof. P. H. Mell, of Auburn, president; Dr. J. A. French, of Talladega, 1st vice-president; Mr. C. F. Wheelock, of Birmingham, 2nd vice-president; Mr. P. B. Brown, of Anniston, secretary and treasury. The work of the State organization between sessions was placed in the hands of an Executive Committee.



Paul F. Dix, 1st Vice-President, and Editor B. Y. P. U. Department Alabama Baptist.

Since that time the form of organization has remained practically the same, except that the number of vice-presidents has been increased to three, the Executive Committee from five to eight, and the Secretary and Treasurer

has been made also the regular State Transportation leader for the International Conventions. Annual conventions have been held regularly, meeting at the following places: In 1895, at Birmingham; 1896, at Anniston; 1897, at Talladega; 1898, at Montgomery, Clayton Street Baptist church; 1899, at Woodlawn; 1900, at Union Springs. Prof. P. H. Mell, the first president, was re-elected from year to year until the Convention of 1899, when he declined reelection, and Dr. T. W. Ayers, of Anniston, was elected president. The recent departure of Dr. Ayers for China, where he goes as a medical missionary, will leave the office to be filled at the next Convention.

The State organization has all the time held its own, but for the last few years has been steadily growing, the number of local Unions having almost doubled in the past year. The number of Unions reported at the last Convention was 37, with a total membership of 1512. Three hundred and eighty-eight young people studied the Christian Culture Courses, 151 were subscribers to the Baptist Union, and 269 were systematic givers. Contributions to various causes amounted to \$832.27. This year 44 new Unions have been organized with a total membership of 1600, making the present number



Brinson McGowan, 2nd Vice-President and Chairman State Executive Committee.

of Union members 3112. Reports for this year from all the Unions have not yet been received. There are at present local Unions at the following places: Anniston, Parker Memorial; Montgomery, First church, Clayton Street church, Adams Street church and South Montgomery church; Birmingham, First church, Southside church and Fountain Heights church; East Lake, Woodlawn, Avondale, Bessemer, Irondale, Pratt City, Pleasant Ridge, Wilsonville, Albertville, LaFayette, Childersburg, Marion, Sylacauga, Jacksonville, Columbia, Ashford, Arab, Riverside, Reform, Jasper, Clayton, Talladega, North Birmingham, Sheffield, Livingston, Whistler, Greenville, Collinsville, Huntsville, Dallas Avenue and First church; Geneva, Thomasville, Newbern, Tuscaloosa, Ozark, Dothan, Cedar Bluff, Union Springs, Prattville, Montevallo, Hawkinsville, Selma, Tuskegee, Thomaston, Louisville, Gravelle, Luverne, Pine Hill, Pisgah, Sycamore, James, Perryville, Camp Hill, Edwardsville, Northport, Abbeville, Seaborn, Troy, Bozeman, Mobile, Auburn, Fredonia, Russellville, Castlegary, Oxford, Greensboro, Ad-

amsville, Ackerville, Dolomite, Oneonta, McClarty, Hartselle, Big Sandy and Roanoke.

Under the direction of the Executive Committee the State Union now has a regular B. Y. P. U. Department in the ALABAMA BAPTIST, and the means of communication it affords helps the work very materially.

The outlook generally for the work in Alabama is better than ever before. The State work is better organized; the young people are more interested, and more than all, the ministry and the older Christians are realizing more and more the force of the movement, and now where once it met direct opposition, it receives only encouragement and aid. The enthusiasm with which it was organized, the steadiness with which it has done its work, its present prosperous condition and encouraging outlook all go to prove that the State organization was a necessity, and that it has filled, to a large measure, the place which it was given. There is still room for enlargement. There should be a prosperous B. Y. P. U. in every church of any size in the State. That is the practical end to which the State organization is working and which it hopes some day to attain.

For B. Y. P. U. Edition Ala. Baptist.
B. Y. P. U. of America.

JNO. H. CHAPMAN.

The Baptist Young People's Union was organized at a convention called for that purpose and held July 7th and 8th, 1891, at the Second Baptist church, Chicago, Illinois. For some time previous to the calling of the convention there had been an ever increasing activity among those who believed in special effort for the cultivation of the young. Many young people's societies were doing good work in various places, and city, and



Jno. H. Chapman, President B. Y. P. U. A.

State organizations had already come into being in some instances. Our national organization was but the natural outgrowth of this widespread awakening, and indeed this revival was by no means confined to the Baptist denomination, but had made itself felt in union and denominational organizations in other bodies. Neither was the calling of the convention entered upon without consideration. For as early as May, 1890, a conference of about 100 ministers and laymen from 15 different States was held in Chicago to discuss the situation and decide upon the proper steps to be taken. This conference heartily recommended the calling of the convention looking to organization.

In April, 1891, another conference was held in Philadelphia at which the plan of organization was fully discussed. Here it was decided that it would be wisest that the Baptist Young People's Societies should be eligible for federation in the national society, and that local names ought not to be a matter for national consideration.

When the final call for the convention for organization went forth it was signed by representative Baptists from 21 States, and in response to the call 2,900 delegates and visitors were enrolled at the Second Baptist church, Chicago. Never was so large a body more harmonious in the conduct of so important a matter, and it speaks well for the wisdom of the organization that the policy of the society as outlined at that first convention has been maintained without substantial change until this day.

The object of the union as expressed in this extract from the constitution, reads, "The object of this organization shall be the unification of Baptist young people, their increased spirituality, their stimulation in Christian service, their edification in Scripture knowledge, their instruction in Baptist doctrine and history and their enlistment in all missionary activity through existing denominational organizations."

It will be seen by careful study of the above that there has been no attempt made to add to the missionary machinery of the denomination, the promoters of the movement believing that what was needed among our young people was more knowledge of and more love for the work already in progress. The work of the national organization has been in active pursuance of these objects. The annual conventions have aroused zeal and enthusiasm and promoted fellowship among our young people. Our paper, "The Baptist Union," the organ of our national work, represents the thought and leadership of the most intelligent students in our



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denomination. But if our union had done nothing more than to lay out the three important lines of study, known as the Christian Culture Courses, it would have fully justified its existence and proved a blessing to the denomination.

These courses consist, first, in daily study of the Bible, covering the Old and New Testaments in their entirety in four years, and leading the student through the historical, poetical, prophetic and epistolary books, in successive years. The portion for each day's reading is indicated in the paper and helpful comments are prepared by thoughtful men, and in connection with this the young people's prayer meeting topics occur, usually growing out of the reading and having a full exposition in the pages of the paper.

Second, A study in missions. These studies also covering four years and setting before the student the



Prof. Ira M. Price, Chairman Ex. Com. and Leader of Educational Work.

fields, the forces and the accomplishments of our denomination in missionary effort.

The third course is called the Sacred Literature Course, and is a study in Baptist history and doctrine. It will readily be seen that the faithful following of these courses will result in a foundation of knowledge that shall make the student intelligent in the essentials of Christian activity.

The National Union has held nine conventions besides the one at which its organization was effected.

- 1892, in Detroit.
- 1893, " Indianapolis.
- 1894, " Toronto, Canada.
- 1895, " Baltimore.
- 1896, " Milwaukee.
- 1897, " Chattanooga.
- 1898, " Buffalo.
- 1899, " Richmond.
- 1900, " Cincinnati.

It is planned that the 10th anniversary shall be celebrated in Chicago,



Rev. E. E. Chivers, D. D., General Secretary B. Y. P. U. A., recently retired.

the birthplace of the organization.

The affairs of the union are entrusted to an executive from each state, territory, province, and to facilitate the execution of needed business an executive committee is chosen from members of the board residing in Chicago and vicinity to the number of nine, and a representative of each department, namely, the north, the south, the east and the west. The field covered by the constituency of the union embraces Canada and all the United States, and consequently its policy is necessarily broad and inclusive.

The union has had but the one president and two general secretaries. The first one, Rev. F. L. Wilkins, D. D., who for six years carried the burden of the union most ably, and Rev. E. E. Chivers, D. D., who for four years has been a beloved leader, but owing to the failure of his physical strength he too resigned on March 1, 1901, and the union is now temporarily without a general secretary.

May God bless and guide the board in the choice of another leader, and grant that the coming convention to be held in Chicago in the beautiful Coliseum may be a blessing to all who take part in it.

Chicago, Ill.

For B. Y. P. U. Edition Ala. Baptist.
ANNUAL CONVENTION BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION OF ALABAMA.

LaFayette, Ala., April 24, 25, 1901. General Information.

GWYLYN HERBERT.

The Baptist Young People's Union is a fraternal organization of young people's societies, of whatever name, in Baptist churches and all are cordially invited to send delegates. Baptist churches where no young people's society exist are also entitled to representation, and are earnestly urged to send representatives.

TIME OF MEETING.

The Convention will open at 9:30 a. m. on Wednesday, the 24th of April, and will continue in session until 10 p. m. Thursday, the 25th of April.

PROGRAMME.

The programme promises to be of intense interest, and of practical value and it is the desire of the Committee in charge that the Convention may be marked by deep spiritual power. "Organization and practical work" are the distinguishing features of the program. Some of our best workers among the young people will take part in the meeting.

RAILROAD RATES.

The railroads have granted a rate of one and one third fare for the round trip, on the certificate plan. Those attending the convention must pay full fare to the place of meeting, procuring from the ticket agent a certificate indicating that fact. If a through ticket cannot be obtained, be sure that you procure a certificate from each agent from whom a ticket is purchased. It is absolutely necessary that certificates be procured, for the rate of one third fare for the return journey will not be allowed unless the certificates are presented to the agent at LaFayette, signed by the secretary of the convention. Tickets may be bought three days before the meeting assemblies and the certificates will be good for the return journey three days (Sunday not included) after adjournment.

DELEGATES.

Each local society, whatever its name or constitution, or each church (Continued on 8th page)

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Mon. 8. II Kings 10:16-36. Reward for even an imperfect service (vs. 30). Compare II Kings 15:12.

Tue. 9. II Kings 11:1-20. God saved the King (vs. 2, 12). Compare Isa. 38:5.

Wed. 10. II Kings 11:21. Faithfulness in manual service (vs. 15). Compare II Kings 22:7.

Thu. 11. II Kings 13:1-13. Supplication in distress, deliverance granted (vs. 4). Compare Ex. 32:11-14.

Fri. 12. II Kings 13:14-25. One man an army (vs. 11). Compare II Kings 2:12.

Sat. 13. II Kings 14:1-16. A great truth recognized (vs. 6). Compare Ezek. 18:4.

Sun. 14. Prayer meeting. Foundations. Matthew 7:24-27.

—From the Baptist Union.

NOTICE.

DELEGATES TO STATE B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION.

Let all delegates to the State B. Y. P. U. Convention, LaFayette, Ala., April 24-25, send their names as early as possible to Bro. R. R. Darden, Chairman, LaFayette, Ala. It is requested that all names be in the hands of the Entertainment Committee not later than April 10th.

It is worthy of note that Maj. Jno. G. Harris, editor of the ALABAMA BAPTIST, who so kindly allows us the space for our weekly B. Y. P. U. Department, and has given us the additional space necessary to get out this addition, was the first man in Alabama to go on record at our State Convention as a contributor in money to the work of the Baptist Young People's Union. At the first or second State Convention, when contributions were called for the support of the work in the State, Maj. Harris was the very first to respond, giving five dollars in gold, saying as he did so that he wished to go on record as the first contributor to this work in the State. Those were days in which our organization had perhaps more real enemies than friends, especially in this State, but Maj. Harris was a B. Y. P. U. man then, and is still. He has always been ready to give of his influence, his time, his effort or his money, because he realizes that the young people's movement is one of the greatest things of the age, and, better than that, because he loves the young people.

We wish to extend sincere thanks to each one who has contributed to this edition of the paper. The prompt replies with assurances of real interest, received from all of whom we made request for something bearing on the young people's work, was very encouraging, and proves the deep hold that the movement has on our people. We trust the work in its several phases is so presented in this edition as to awaken new interest among our young people.

We would call special attention to the "reminder" which will be found in the article of State Secretary Herbert in another column. As he states, it is very necessary that he hear from all the Unions, with both, the statistical report and the donation of ten cents per member, as asked by the last State Convention. There is a great deal more work attached to the organization than there is expense, and as Bro. Herbert willingly does the largest share of the work the rest of the young people can hardly do less than hear the expense. Let him hear from you promptly with the information he asks, and also with the contribution which is as important.

Mr. R. R. Darden, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee at LaFayette, has sent out cards to all the Unions in the State urging them to send delegations to the Convention April 24-25. We received one of the cards too late to get in the issue of last week, but it is not too late to call special attention to it. If your Union has received one and has taken no action in the election of delegates, do so at once and have the names sent in to Bro. Darden as early as possible. The people of LaFayette are going to do the right thing in the entertainment of all who may come, but it will help the various

committees very much if all the delegations will endeavor to get their names in at once and avoid the rush that always comes the last moment. Don't delay the matter, but work up your delegations at once.

In talking with an old preacher about the B. Y. P. U. Convention meeting with the State Baptist Convention, he said: "Well, I can give you an illustration which I think fits the case. A good many years ago I found a beautiful young live-oak tree in the woods on my farm and I decided to transplant it. I did so, and set it out on the edge of the grove in front of the house, composed mostly of the kind of oak trees commonly called 'black-jack.' I took every precaution to make the young live-oak grow and make the beautiful shade tree that it seemed to give promise of when I found it in the woods, but notwithstanding all the care it received, it did not thrive, and for nearly ten years it has stood there, living it is true, but not growing, and utterly failing in the purpose for which it was planted, all because of the overshadowing influence of all those old 'black-jacks.'"

We would call attention to an article from the Baptist Union, in this issue of the paper, in regard to the International B. Y. P. U. Convention, which is to be held in Chicago July 25-28. In a letter received recently from Mr. John H. Chapman, President of the B. Y. P. U. of America, he says: "Send 500 delegates and visitors to the Chicago Convention July 25 to 28, 1901. Let Alabama speak 500 strong! Will you do it?" We must try and do what the President says, and if we do not succeed in having a delegation of five hundred, we do want to have the largest and best delegation Alabama has ever had at a National Convention. Let every worker who can possibly go begin to make plans to make this trip. It will be well worth your while. These great conventions are real well springs of enthusiasm, and are full of interest and profit to all who attend. It would be a good investment for any Union to at least bear a part of the expenses of at least one delegate. This is worth thinking about, and working for.

One of the most interesting and profitable services of our State Convention at LaFayette will be the Worker's Conference. "Choice fruits from many gardens." "The best thing your Society is doing." There can be more of real practical good received, so far as the work of the local Unions is concerned, from this one service than can be calculated. We doubt not that every earnest worker that comes to the Convention will come into that service with a great deal of interest, expecting to hear new ideas and methods and plans discussed. We trust they will not be disappointed, but they surely will if they all expect to hear without telling anything. If every Union that is represented will make a point of having a representative chosen to tell of the work of their own Union it will insure something of interest from all quarters. Of course the speakers from a single Union need not be limited to one, but be sure you have one to talk for you. Let every Union in the State take this up and remember this is to be a Worker's Convention. Come determined to put a great deal into it, and you will get a great deal more out of it.

For B. Y. P. U. Edition Ala. Baptist. The Approaching Convention.

It is now less than a month till the meeting of the B. Y. P. U. Convention. This will be the first time that this gathering of the Baptist Young People of Alabama has assembled in this section of the State, and those of us who are so fortunate as to reside in East Alabama, feel particularly anxious that the approaching convention shall be the greatest meeting of young people that has ever convened within the borders of our great State.

There is no better nor more appropriate place for such a meeting than LaFayette. For some reasons not necessary to mention here, this particular organization of our Baptist churches has not been so popular nor so successful as in other sections. Hence, we need the moral force that the presence of such an assemblage of young workers is likely to exert. It will enable many of the young people, as well as the older ones, to know something of the practical

methods of this department of our church life. So it seems appropriate that the meeting should be held here. The results so far as the general work is concerned, will not be depreciated, while the advantage to this particular section will be highly beneficial.

LaFayette is one of the best towns in the State. It has long been noted for the refinement and culture of its citizens, their broad-minded liberality, and their gracious hospitality. Among our people are to be found some of the most distinguished sons of this great commonwealth, who have been counted worthy to be entrusted with high official responsibility. This fact is due in large measure to the moral and intellectual sentiment that has prevailed in the community for so long a time.

It may seem to those who are unacquainted with the situation of our little town, that we are off to one side, and out of communication with the outside world. There is no town of its size in the State that has better railroad facilities. LaFayette is situated on the Central of Georgia Railway, just eighteen miles north of Opelika, and that road has two passenger trains a day each way. It is also the terminus of the LaFayette railway, which also has two trains a day each way. So if any one is disposed to think that it is a difficult task to get to LaFayette, let him disabuse his mind of this absurdity at once.

The people of this goodly little town are preparing to give those who attend the coming convention a most royal welcome. This welcome is not given by the Baptists alone, but all of our citizens, without regard to church or creed, will meet the visitor with open arms. We are expecting a full convention, and we do not want to be disappointed. I am glad to say that the indications at present point to a good convention, that will be largely attended.

I would most earnestly request all those who expect to attend the convention to forward their names at once to Bro. R. R. Darden, chairman of the committee on hospitality. Please see that you do this not later than the tenth of April, and thus greatly facilitate the work of the committee.

J. L. THOMPSON,
Pastor Baptist Church.
LaFayette, Ala.

For B. Y. P. U. Edition Ala. Baptist. Missionary Literature for Young People.

DOLLIE DIX.

The value to Young People of missionary literature cannot be overestimated. How can we be interested in, and take our share in missions unless we know about them? And how are we to know if we do not read.

Our Conquest Missionary Course, given in the Baptist Union (which it is hoped every Union will study), does much. But in so limited a space interesting details must necessarily be left out to make room for important facts, and often so much ground is covered that little deep impression is made. This is fully recognized by those planning the course, and each month books are suggested which will fill the need. But how many Unions procure the books, and how many members read them? How many Unions have a missionary library? If your Union has one and uses it, please report it and tell others about the good it has done.

How would this plan do to stimulate interest in the reading of books on missions? After procuring some books—perhaps there are some in your Sunday School Library ready for use—distribute them, and at the Conquest meeting, before the program, ask each member who has read one that month to report it and tell their impression of it.

The reading of the Foreign Mission Journal should also be urged upon all the Young People. There you will find letters from the missionaries on the field, and can grow familiar with their noble self-sacrificing work. During last year, and already this year many new missionaries have been sent out. Do you not wish to keep track of them? Read the Journal if you do. If you haven't it, send for it at once. The Foreign Mission Journal, Richmond, Va., only 35c a year.

El Modena, Cal.

For B. Y. P. U. Edition Ala. Baptist. Association of Unions.

J. F. GABLE.

Is there any benefit to be derived from the association of local unions in cities and districts? In answer to this question I wish to advance a few suggestions which it is believed may be more or less perfectly realized in any locality where two or more unions can meet together. All the arguments for the association of local churches will apply with added force to unions, since the benefits to unions will be seen to be internal as well as external. First, a few words in regard to forming an association of unions—a city or district union.

In cities or districts where two or more unions are in touch with each other, let some of the leaders agree upon a time and place for a general gathering, either of delegations appointed by the unions to act for them, or, if preferred, by the unions en masse. As a matter of course, not only the ablest but the most broad-minded and public spirited members should be elected, as officers—president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. An executive or advisory committee might be composed of one or two members chosen by each union to be associated with the general officers elected, and a constitution adopted if desired. Working committees may be appointed and meetings arranged for by the executive committee at stated periods, say monthly or quarterly, far enough apart to allow for adequate preparation and yet near enough together so that interest shall not die between times.

The general character of the meetings can best be determined by local conditions and may be shaped to secure some such results as the following:

1. Each union may get the benefit of the best experience of all in local management.

Those who undertake to lead and foster the workings of a union have no slight task before them as a rule. Problems and discouragements crowd thick and fast upon them and usually it does not take long to bring them to their wits' end.

There are two kinds of people on earth. I mean, The people who lift and the people who lean. Wherever you go you will find the world's masses. Are always divided in just these two classes. And, oddly enough, you will find, too. There is only one lifter to twenty who lean.

Questions such as these nonpluss and worry them: How shall we get the young people to attend regularly? How can the committees be induced to do the duties for which they were appointed? Why are not the C. C. C.'s more thoroughly studied? How can variety be brought into the meetings and interest maintained? What is the best time and place for the various meetings? etc., etc. Some of the unions will work out these problems more successfully than others; some have members with more marked ability and zeal than others, and in the general meeting each union may get the benefit of the varied experience of all along these and kindred lines.

2. There will be a broadening of the mind and stimulus to study.

Emulation and local pride are not at all unworthy motives to exertion under such circumstances and a healthful reaction upon the local union may result from the larger organization. Periodical reports may be arranged for in which local progress and workings are shown in more or less detail. One union may be strongly inclined to emphasize missions, another may give almost its entire attention to the Bible doctrines, while a third haltingly and intermittently follows the Bible Reader's course; by contact, each may stimulate the other to broader culture in spiritual knowledge. Again, if thought advisable, lectures might be arranged for on popular topics bearing more or less directly on the Christian life and conduct. These need not be expensive and yet full of interest.

3. The sphere of social life and influence is enlarged.

Not the least of the purposes served

by the young people's organizations is that of a healthy social life which gives a right turn to their surplus energies and guards them as much as possible from dissipating their spiritual forces. That extra religious gatherings and enterprises may be made a power for good, was amply shown in the fairs and bazaars held in London by Spurgeon's congregation, wherein not only thousands of dollars were brought into the treasury for building the new tabernacle, but scores of souls were awakened to their need for salvation by coming in contact with consecrated hearts and lives. (See Life by Conwell). Young people should be taught that all their powers, social and intellectual, ought to be used for the salvation of souls and the advancement of Christ's kingdom. The local union may at times become something of a worn out field for such exertions, and an enlarged sphere will furnish new opportunities for drawing young men and women to Christ. Possibly some giddy, thoughtless one whose influence for good has largely been forfeited may earnestly repent, and, sincerely desiring to be of service, find an effective place for work among strangers. "A prophet is not without honor save in his own country and in his own house."

4. Opportunity for denominational and missionary projects.

It will frequently happen that a body of young people drawn from several churches will be unable to do effective supplementary work along benevolent or missionary lines. An orphan may be supported, a box sent to the frontier, pictures and papers gathered for foreign use. In Louisville, Ky., a thousand people are taught in the Mission Sunday Schools, but this would be impossible were it not for the consecrated young men and women of the churches who sustain and work the schools in co-operation with the theological students. The north side of Montgomery is an open field for the establishment of a Baptist Sunday school which could be entirely run by the city B. Y. P. U. Most cities and districts have such unoccupied territory where work will be well repaid in spiritual uplift and the salvation of souls.

5. Advancing general moral and spiritual life.

Human nature is prone to follow the fashion set by the majority, or at least the prominent ones of a community, and disregard the saying, "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil." It is hard enough to do right when it is customary and fashionable to do so, how much harder when one must swim against the current! If it is customary for many of the young people to absent themselves from Sunday school because of indifference, and the Sunday night service for social purposes, even the most earnest and zealous new converts will be more or less affected by the custom. Salvation is of God, but morality and spiritual power are cultivated by man. Bad habits are drifted into, to get into good ones requires a definite purpose. A band of earnest young people moved by this purpose can quickly bring about a social revolution if they set themselves to do so. It can easily be made fashionable and customary to do right and have the respect and regard of right-minded people, and thus frown down and make unpopular the social debauchery which is often admitted unchallenged into what should be the best and cleanest society. The stern discipline of the Spartan Greeks and the early Roman legionaries appealed to the hero element in humanity. The Monastic and Mendicant orders and the Crusades of the middle ages stirred the religious instinct to supreme sacrifice; and the ringing calls of Liberty in modern times nerved the American Colonies, the French Revolutionists, and the Italian Garibaldi to lay life and property upon the altar of patriotism. All these motives appeal to us in Christ's service. A pleasure-loving people can never be a great nation. Wordliness and apathy will never bring the reign of Christ. "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." Upon the young people of our committees rest the responsibilities of the future, and they have at their command the whole armour of God, the better nature of humanity, and all the powers of righteousness. Shall they not use them in every available form? Montgomery, Ala.

OUR PAPER—THE BAPTIST UNION.

Some Reasons Why We Should Support It.

The Young People's movement is a fact. It is a significant fact, the influence of which is wide and far-reaching. It has brought with it a marvellous quickening of the young life in our churches.

The Baptist Young People's Union of America seeks to avail itself of the sweep and momentum of this great movement, and to turn it to largest account in the interest and service of our Baptist churches. An official organ is a necessity. Without it we cannot hope to do our specific work. Our paper—the Baptist Union—is at once the impelling and guiding force in our work, and the means of financial support. Our plea for the widest possible circulation of the paper is three-fold:

I. Our young people need it.

One of the distinctive features of the Baptist Young People's Union of America is its educational work. This is embodied in the Christian Culture Courses. All the material of these courses is published in the weekly issues of our paper. The paper is therefore, indispensable to all who would fully avail themselves of the benefits of this educational work, which has commended itself to the



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judgment of the most thoughtful men in our denomination. It is the work which has in it the promise of the future. The paper is equally necessary to all who keep themselves informed as to the aims and methods and progress of the Baptist Young People's Union of America. It seeks to keep our young people in close and sympathetic relation with all the interests and work of our denomination. It promotes fellowship. It quickens the sense of common life. It gives the elbow-tough of comradeship.

II. It is worthy of support.

It has always been an informing and inspiring paper. It was never more so than it is today. Our plans warrant the confident prediction that it will be still better tomorrow. The Christian Culture Courses alone are worth much more than the subscription price. Apart from the Courses, the paper offers a full equivalent in the form of stories, descriptive sketches, editorials, thoughts for the quiet hour, aids to Christian living and methods of Christian work. It is a case of good measure, pressed down, and shaken together and running over.

III. It needs support.

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and Provinces included in our vast field. Traveling costs; hotel bills cost. In some cases the expenses are met in part, very rarely in whole,



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by the Union or Convention desiring the service. The Baptist Union is expected to pay the bill. It may be questioned whether any of the Secretaries of our great societies traverse a wider range of territory during the year than the Secretary of the B. Y. P. U. A. Their expenses are met and their salaries paid either from permanent funds or from the offerings sent in by the churches to the treasuries of their respective societies. If their missionary publications do not cover the cost of production and distribution, the deficit—and this is sometimes large—is made up from the general treasury. In our case, The Baptist Union is expected to pay the bill. Is it to be wondered at that in these initial years of our work, with the heavy expense of organization and the purchase and establishment of our paper, we have been obliged to appeal to friends of our cause for help, or that we are still carrying a heavy burden of debt? It is asking much to expect that the paper alone would carry so heavy a load. Our paper is not a private enterprise. It is the property of the Baptist Young People's Union of America. No personal profit would accrue to any individual connected with the paper, or with the management of the general work, from any increase of revenue. All profits would go into the work, for its extension and betterment. We ask you simply to care for your own, and to make it of the greatest possible help to our common cause. Begin the work now. A few additional subscriptions in every society or church would put us where we need to be, in order to efficiency.

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It is absolutely necessary that all

the young people who expect to keep up with the work of the B. Y. P. U. State and National, shall subscribe to and read our papers. With the corporation of our own young people we wish to make the Young People's Department of the ALABAMA BAPTIST mean as much for the workers in our own State as does the Baptist Union to the National work. We would urge every Union in the State to make a special effort to increase the circulation of both of these papers by taking advantage of the very low rate club offer made below:

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From the Baptist Union.

Our Eleventh International Convention.

Preliminary announcement of the convention for this year was made in the previous issue. From this hour "Chicago 1901" is to be the watchword of all the Baptist young people in every part of the continent. Let it be once settled that it will be the largest and best convention our young people ever held. If we begin our work with that purpose and keep the matter constantly before us, there is no question but that we shall all realize our very highest expectations.

Possibly the change in dates may be embarrassing to some who have planned to come to the convention at the usual time, in the middle of the month. But a word in explanation will show how impossible it is to hold the convention in Chicago at any other time than the dates mentioned. It is the purpose of the Chicago Baptists to prepare for a great occasion, of course; that is the Chicago way of doing things. In order to take care of the many thousands who will attend the convention, there is only one place in which to hold it, the magnificent Coliseum, built last year for the purpose of holding great assemblies. This immense auditorium has been engaged for other meetings from the middle of June until late in July; it has been impossible to secure better dates than July 25th-28th so the local committee at once settled on these dates, after conferring with the International Executive Committee.

This word of hearty greeting is therefore sent to all the State transportation leaders. Begin agitation at once in your various States. Get into touch with the local Unions; hold rallies in every association, urging the Chicago convention upon every union. The fruitage will be seen in the crowning convention of all the years.

Concerning Chicago: Well, the reader knows where it is, and what it affords. When the writer visited the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, there was one spot of especial convenience pointed out to him. It was the hole in which Christ's cross was placed; the same spot marks the grave of Adam, and by especial advantage it was said to be the center of the earth. He told the guide that it was very kind in them to bring these important sites together in one place so that we could see them all at once. Now, Chicago is not the grave of Adam, but for the next four months it is to be the center of the earth to all loyal Baptist young people! It shall be the place "whither the tribes go up."

It will be a time of reunion; the "old guard" that marched in the forefront ten years ago will be there; the great reunion service will be a most memorable meeting. A look over the ten years, answering the question, "What hath God wrought?" will mark this convention with a better stone, a "red letter" year.

"Let the glad cry go forward," "Chicago, July 25th-28th."

Great men are the commissioned guides of mankind, who rule their fellows because they are wiser.—Carlyle.

There is a deportment which suits the figure and talents of each person; it is always lost when we quit it to assume that of another.—Rousseau.

For B. Y. P. U. Edition Ala. Baptist. B. Y. P. U. Membership.

The most important factor in the make-up and work of any organization is its membership. It may have high purposes, judicious management, systematic, practical methods, and all other things that would seem to make successful work certain, but without a membership that realizes the height of its purposes, that work together as individuals to support its management and carry out its plans, the accomplishment of perfect work is an impossibility. The individual member makes the organization.

This principle applies with more force, perhaps, to young people's organizations than to any other, one reason of which is that co-operation is the basis of enthusiasm in such work, and enthusiasm seems to be one of the great natural forces in the young people's movement. One of the things so often said about young people's societies is, that they seem to be full of interest and enthusiasm at first, and do much good work, but that the interest soon dies out. This is no doubt true in a good many instances, and there is good reason for it. Let us see if we can't find at least some of the causes and try and suggest some idea that may be helpful if applied.

In the first place, there must be some basis for any real interest. If young Christians go into a work such as the B. Y. P. U. is known to be, knowing its purposes and its methods, with the determination to accomplish what it is meant to do, then we have something on which to found an organization that will stand. But do all the Unions that are organized know what they are, what they propose to do, and how they propose to do it? It is to be feared that many of them are very much puzzled by the question of "how to do what." Of course, when in this condition, when the first enthusiasm passes they have nothing to go on. This condition however is simply a result of lack of information on the part of those who organize at first, although the necessary information is easily obtained. While the first enthusiasm is on, many new members are enlisted, who know no more of the work they should be expected to do than do those who enlist them, and of course their interest soon fails. It is easily seen, then, that the thing to do in the very beginning, is for the leaders to learn what the work is, and as one of the very first things, that it is real work and not child's play, and to go to work to organize a union knowing just what they are going to do and how they are going to do it, making a point of impressing each person who is to be enlisted in the work that it is necessary that they should understand just what the purposes, the methods and responsibilities of the work are. When the organization is perfected with such a membership as this, there is a real basis for genuine interest and enthusiasm. This plan should never be discontinued. Let the same care be taken with every new member who joins as was taken with the original membership. There should be a regular form of electing new members which would insure the election of no person who would be a hindrance rather than a help to the work. The persons who would fail to join simply because the prospect of work was laid before them, would do the Union no good if they did join, and would just be a dead weight. One earnest, active member is worth ten inactive, worthless ones. Many new members are utterly worthless to the organization simply because they are not impressed with the fact that there is anything to be done, and are not given anything to do, and oftentimes after being urged to join just for politeness, as it were, never find a place in the work. No doubt objection would be raised by some to the idea of refusing membership to any applicant, but this is not what is proposed. The idea is simply to insist on all applicants knowing what their responsibilities will be as members, and impress them with the fact that the union does not want members who will not work. This seems easy, but it is not done in our churches or unions. It is just a plain business proposition, and the plan can be carried out easily if once entered into properly. Religious workers are becoming more and more convinced that more systematic organization is a necessity, and that the times demand more practical methods. The purpose of this article is to try and impress

the young people that practical, systematic organization must begin with membership, and that if our unions are to accomplish what is before them, our standard of membership must be higher. Let our active members be active in the true sense of the word, and let each new member be given some definite work to do. When in all of our unions the individual members feel that the success of the work depend upon them, the enthusiasm will never die and great things will be accomplished.

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The B. Y. P. U. at Union Springs.

JOHNNIE M'GOWAN.

The Union Springs Union has not been heard from since the Convention, and the question has been asked us, "Did the Convention kill your union?" Why, I never heard of its doing such a thing; it is always a wonderful help. No, indeed, the Convention did not kill us, and we would have been glad to have had that pleasure again this year, but we have had many "ups and downs," and at last we could not get up again.

After the Convention we had taken up the Bible Reader's Course and found it so helpful and instructive. All the young people seemed interested, and it is hard to understand why we could not stay "up," but in the latter part of the summer some of the girls (you know they have to keep things moving) were sick and some off teaching and visiting, and those left were not strong enough to stay "up."

Last month we young ladies felt that we must revive our union, and as we could not interest our young men, we went ahead and reorganized, electing new officers, as follows: President, Miss McGowan; Vice President, Mrs. C. Nix Frazer; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Slaughter; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Patterson; Organist, Miss Ellis. All ladies. Have you a union in the State that can beat that? And now with the Lord's help we are going to stay "up," and if we should send in a list of members who want to go to LaFayette it would surely frighten that union; but there! don't get too badly frightened, Bro Thompson, for I will promise you to cut the list down to fifteen or twenty away.

We have a devotional, social membership and missionary committee, with an earnest, wide awake chairman on each one, and we expect some good results from our committees, later on. Last week we sent out some twenty odd postal cards to persons who had been interested, or whom we thought would be, and, alas! we received only one response at our next meeting, and some way our faith got weak, and we could not help but feel a little discouraged, but, just at that time we received so much help and encouragement from the earnest, enthusiastic president of the union at Dr. Stakely's church, who happened in our little city on business. He reports their union in a flourishing condition, and after hearing about their good meetings, and what they were doing, we felt like we could do something, too, if we would only have patience, gird on our armour anew, and say, "We can and will do some work for the Lord. We will not give up."

We held our first business and social meeting last Friday evening. We had a good attendance, and after our business was attended to, we spent a pleasant social evening.

Why don't the unions write for our column, and tell us something about their work? We could receive so much help from each other in that way, and get acquainted with all the unions. Let's all pledge ourselves to carry a large delegation to LaFayette the 24th and 25th of next month, and help to make it the very best Convention we have ever had.

This time next year I hope our union will be among the very top ones.

Union Springs, Ala.

We are very glad to have the above report from the union at Union Springs, and heartily commend the earnestness of the Christian girls at that place. They have probably the only organization in the State with all lady officers, but that is no reason why their work should not be highly successful. We bid them god-speed in their reorganization, and hope to hear from them again.

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CHRISTIANS IN HIGH PLACES.

One of our Methodist exchanges states that the Governors of Indiana, Illinois and Missouri, respectively, are loyal and active Methodists. It is said also that the Governors of North Carolina, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas are Baptists. Probably most of the Governors now in office are professors of faith. President McKinley is a devout Methodist; in other days he attended prayer meeting, and may do so yet. President Garfield was a member of the Disciples or Campbellite church, and was an elder in the same. Many of the men who lead in national affairs today are men of piety—senators, representatives, department officers, judges, magistrates of all degrees.

It has been said that Mr. Ingersoll's views of religion precluded that advancement in public life which otherwise his talents might have won. A while ago a brilliant senator declared that in practical politics the application of the Decalogue and the Sermon on the Mount was an iridescent dream; and from that time his power waned. He was swept from the councils of the nation, and gradually dropped into obscurity, and then into the grave, thus ending one of the most ineffectual lives that have ever entered into American history. Deeply fixed in the consciences of our people is the conviction that righteousness exalteth a nation, and even in politics it is nothing against a man that he has religious convictions.

And yet the places of public trust have their temptations. Emergencies arise in which fealty to party organization seems to demand things that are at war with a good conscience. Sometimes party service overshadows the high and holy service of Christ, and the Christian in politics allows himself to drift into things which bring years of regret. Paul announces a principle which applies in this case, as in many others, "Whatsoever ye do, whether ye eat or drink, do all to the glory of God."

OUR DAILY WALKS.

God is to be specially honored in our daily walks. The tendency to separate business and religion is quite noticeable, and as the engagements of business are multiplied religion is more and more driven into solitude and neglect. And, therefore, the great duty of Christians now is to bring religion into a more and more intimate relation with their trades, their professions, and their various methods of industry. Neither religion nor business will be injured, but rather both will be benefited by such an alliance. Business will make religion practical, and religion will redeem business from selfishness and injustice.

Our Savior, when He lived on

earth, did not seclude Himself from those occasions and employments in which men have a daily and necessary interest. He conversed with the Samaritan woman as she drew water from the deep well; He was present at the marriage feast of Cana; directed the toils of his Apostles as they cast their nets into the sea—indeed, the Gospels more frequently exhibit Him in contact with week-day callings than amid the services of the Sabbath. And even so should the religion which He established manifest among men its salutary, sanctifying and ennobling influence.

Let the Sabbath have its due honor, honor which so many withhold from it. Let the house of God behold the gathering of fathers and mothers and sons and daughters and servants and masters in its holy courts. Let the voice of praise and the breathing of prayer go up as the smoke of sweet incense to Jehovah. Let the Pentecostal presence be invoked until it comes and fills a congregation of immortals with raptures of heaven, or causes them with unfeigned, earnest penitent faith to call upon God their Savior. But then let the disciple of Jesus go forth from the church as the Master went forth from the Sabbath synagogues, to mingle with the crowds of men, to take an interest in the pursuits of men, yet with a perpetual sense of spiritual realities upon him. Let him take as the first maxim of his business the rule of Christ: "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me" and "to finish His work." Let him go to his business as the servant of God, his example shining as the light of God in the world's outer gloom. Let him weigh his doings in the balance of the sanctuary, putting his account books into the one scale and his precious open Bible into the other. Never let the world say that a little spirit, a talent for confusion and mistakes, a taste for idleness, characterizes a servant of the Most High. But, O thou servant, whom the eye of a Holy Watcher regards, whether thou dost eat or drink, or whatever thou doest, do all to the glory of God.

FIELD NOTES.

Dr. Provence came in Sunday from Brundidge and that section, where he took part in the fifth Sunday meetings.

Attorney General Griggs leaves the President's cabinet and Hon. P. C. Knox, of Pittsburg, is to take his place.

When Bro. Crumpton closes his books for Home and Foreign Missions, let there be no falling off, but a great increase.

The Jefferson hotel, Richmond, Va., which cost a million dollars, was burned on the 28th ult. Insurance over \$600,000.

See Dr. Shaffer's letter to the Baptist churches of Alabama. The Institute must be a success, so think over this letter and do your best for your pastor.

April collections for missions! must be the word for the next thirty days. Let every church be up and doing. Let every member of every church get to work.

Grace Baptist church, Monroe City, Mo., will formally open their house of worship the first Sunday in April. Dr. S. H. Ford, of St. Louis, will preach the opening sermon.

The B. Y. P. U. fellows can write when they start! When they begin on that ten and fifteen minutes program some of them will have to stop "ere the beginning is made."

The B. Y. P. U. is rapidly increasing in number and great interest is being manifested. Meets every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. All are invited.—Abbeville Times.

Rev. W. J. Elliott supplied for Dr. Stakely at the First Baptist church, this city, last Sunday morning, and Rev. H. W. Provence at night. Rev. A. F. Dix was with South Montgomery in the absence of Pastor Gable.

High waters in every direction is the news of the past week. The snows melting in the mountains and the heavy rain storms have caused the streams to do some damage.

Say, pastor, is your church on the list? What list? The one Bro. Crumpton printed last week and week before. If not, see to it that your name is written there on the next.

The types committed an error in Dr. Henry W. Battle's letter in last week's issue: "intellectual vividity" should read "intellectual virility." Mistakes will occur. We regret it.

Missions! missions!! missions!!! Let the cry go out for the next thirty days. Let the children, the young people, the women, and the churches all chime in and pull for missions.

A word sufficient about our Century meeting—pioneer missionaries were glorified and anti-missionaries were notified that future missions would be magnified. More anon, however.—Greenville.

Bro. Richard Hall sends us the news from Florence, Ala. Hall is a worker, and one of the best. We wish him a long life of usefulness and his church great success as the years come and go.

Don't forget the pictures of the young folks! A cluster abounds on the first page. They're workers—every one of them—and their hustling qualities are known of most men in these and other parts.

From Opelika to the Atlanta Journal goes the following bit of news: "Rev. J. F. Purser, pastor of the Baptist church here, will deliver the commencement sermon of the Opelika public schools on June 2d."

Mr. A. K. McClure retires from the editorial management of the Philadelphia Times. Mr. McClure is a great man, a pure and clean man, and journalism sustains a great loss if he goes out permanently.

The writer had the pleasure of joining together in matrimony Deacon Lewis Johnson and Miss Minnie Hines, on March 27th. Both these estimable Christians are members of Providence church.—J. F. Watson, Orrville.

A London paper, the Saturday Review, advocates all Europe stepping in to protest against the United States having exclusive control of the Nicaragua canal. The despised "little republic" seems to be of some account when it takes all Europe to stop it in a project of its own.

Dr. Stakely has returned to Montgomery from the century meetings at New Decatur and in the Tennessee Valley. He reports good meetings and enjoyable ones. The brethren are aroused to the importance of the work. The rains interfered with the meetings.

In this week's "Field Notes" you cause me to say our collection was the "neat sum of about \$2,600," when I said, and it should be \$26.00 (twenty-six dollars). Please make correction, as Bro. C. might think we were withholding some.—J. S. Falkner, Columbiana, March 28.

Dr. Sampey will take Prof. McGlothlin's place on the programme at the Institute at Anniston. Dr. M. goes to Europe with his family, and Prof. S. comes home! Just prepare, and set your house in order—there's got to be a big turnout at Anniston in June. Nothing else will do.

The expenses at the Institute in Anniston next June will be only about \$20.00. A two hours' canvass in most of the churches will assure the pastor's attendance. Let's see: The influence from twenty dollars invested in your pastor at the Institute will last millions of years. Isn't it a good investment, then?

The Babies' Branch.—Will all the leaders of this department of the Woman's Missionary Union be kind enough to send me a report of their various Branches by the 22nd of April, so that my report to the Home and Foreign Boards may be made before the close of our conventional year?—Florence I. Harris, Montgomery, Ala.

Robbers blew open a safe and secured \$4,122.49 at Reform, Pickens county, on the night of the 29th. It was school money, just shipped from the treasury department, for the teachers of the county. A reward of \$500 has been offered by the express company for the capture of the robber or robbers.

Replying to our lines, "We observe that Bro. Baber hasn't forgotten the training of his youth"—relative to the hundred-acre watermelon patch—the good brother lifts his glasses from his eyes, looks far over the field where in July his possessions will lie, and says, with a soft, sweet smile: "Ah, brother, some things may be forgotten, but others, never."

The workings of a legislature—who can account for them? A bill to prohibit the catching or killing of opossums in Pickens county passed, but a uniform school book bill which would have saved thousands of dollars to the parents of the State was "lobbied" to death! and the cigarette bill and other good bills were pitched into the jaws of the "legislative goat."

The B. Y. P. U. came at us with the "war paint" on, and we gave way to the amount of about four pages. They realized what a good thing a special issue was, and they have just walked away with our new dress. We will endeavor to do business at the old stand, on half rations, this week, and promise the brethren that if they will read what our young people are doing in this issue we will let them all in next week.

If we had to choose between advertising in the ALABAMA BAPTIST and doing with one clerk less, then we would have to let the clerk go. Our experience with past years, both as to the desirability and class of customers reached by this paper, is most satisfactory. The fact is, we just can't get along without the aid of the BAPTIST in our business.—C. L. Ruth & Son, Jewelers, Montgomery, Ala.

Having recently passed through a long and severe spell of sickness, I have gained sufficient strength to come over here with my brother, Dr. R. S. Curry. I am very feeble—a mere skeleton—I am weak physically but strong spiritually. I feel that I can sing as never before, that precious hymn: "Savior, more than life to me, I am clinging, clinging close to Thee."—J. H. Curry, Columbus, Miss.

The State Institute at Anniston, June 20—July 4, will be the most helpful of all the meetings for our young pastors. The training they will receive at Anniston will influence their lives afterwards. The churches ought to begin to think over the matter and resolve to send their pastors. They need the help the Institute will give, and the Institute will need their co-operation. So work to that end, churches and pastor.

It was my pleasure and privilege to preach to a good congregation in the school house, at Chisholm, Sunday afternoon. From what I could learn there is a good opening for a Baptist church in this growing village. Chisholm is about three miles from the capitol, on the lower Wetumpka road, and has about one hundred and fifty white inhabitants and no organized church. There are about twenty Baptists in the neighborhood who are anxious to have preaching at least twice a month.—W. J. Elliott.

The ladies of the Baptist church had their annual white sale Friday afternoon and evening, and were quite successful. Their collection of useful and ornamental articles sold readily, and the refreshment table was liberally patronized.—Greenville Advocate. It's all right, and we haven't any curiosity, but just what a "white sale" is, is where the interrogation point sticks in our mind. As to the "collection of," etc., and "the refreshment table"—well, we have no questions, the mills have always ground exceedingly fine on these points.

Rev. W. H. Patterson died in Eufaula last week. He was in his 65th year and had devoted nearly half his life to the ministry. He had served churches in Midway, Dawson, Ga., Cartersville, Ga., and was pastor of the church at Blakey, Ga., at the time of his death. For several years he was a teacher, conducting a large and flourishing school in Eufaula, and was afterwards for a time president of the Union Female College. A cultured Christian, tenacious of truth and right, and one consecrated to the Master's cause, no citizen has ever, perhaps, enjoyed the love and esteem of a wider circle of friends. He leaves a wife and two sons. The funeral was held in the Baptist church, Rev. M. B. Wharton officiating.

One of the oldest Jewelry Houses in Alabama is C. L. Ruth & Son, of Montgomery. The senior member of the firm has for the past 25 years held the good opinion of the people as an honest jeweler. Confidence is indeed "a plant of slow growth" and with such a jeweler the public is safe in dealing. The junior member is the optician, graduate of the best optical colleges here, and has studied methods in Europe as well. Every person whose eyes he tests will have a painstaking, thorough examination of the eyes, and if glasses are not needed or medical treatment instead he will tell you.

Miss Willie Kelly sends the following extract from Miss Price's letter: "Wen Chow.—The work of the M. E. and C. I. M. is resumed and services well attended. Nearly all country churches are again opened. The four missionaries in the city report that they have never known the people so friendly. At our Sunday meeting we had such a room full of attentive mourners, for which I praise the Lord," and she asks special prayer for a young woman who is very much interested. Nearly all have gone back to their stations—even the Gospel Missioners—way inland.

We are glad to note that Bro. W. B. Crumpton has paid us a visit, although his stay was short, owing to the vast amount of work before him. Yet there is not a man nor woman but who would be glad to have him come again. He made us all feel good, and badly, too. When we see that so much depends on us as a Baptist people, and then see how little we are doing, we feel ashamed. But we, as a church, are determined to do more this year, by the good Lord's help, than we have ever done. Our church and our town have been made better by his visit. The Lord send him back again.—Pastor, Florala, Ala., March 25.

On the fourth Sunday in September, 1900, a little band of Baptists came together at Oak Grove, a station on the M. & O. R. R., some fourteen miles north of Mobile, Ala. They called a presbytery, consisting of Elders J. R. Newell and Berry Byrd and went into the constitution of a church, there being one licentiate among the number. They went to work for the Lord. They have a nice little house of worship; so they can now have services. Last Sunday, the 17th of March, they called for the ordination of Bro. Wm. Bradley. The presbytery consisted of Elders J. R. Newell, J. E. Brunson and H. C. Mason. Bro. Newell preached the ordination sermon; text: "Preach the word," 2 Tim. 14:2. Prayer was offered by Elder Brunson, and the charge was delivered by Bro. Mason. Two deacons were ordained the same day. The Lord has greatly blessed those brethren by adding to them almost daily some one that was saved. There are five candidates ready for Brother Bradley to baptize.—Berry Byrd, Citronelle, March 19th.

I have been wanting to acknowledge, in some way, the kind reception and hearty welcome I have received from the ladies all over the State. To write a personal letter to each place would mean fifty-one letters, and to write up my trip would be an utter impossibility, should I say all that was in my heart; but I do love you, my dear sisters, and may we earnestly pray that this work done in His name, and for His cause, will bear much fruit. I can go back to China in August with the blessed thought, "You are praying for me." I shall go to a few more places, promised in January, and then I am through. Had a letter from Mr. Pruitt last night, and he has lately received letters from North China and the prospects are very bright. I hear from Anniston that Dr. Ayers and family sailed on the 15th, though he was not at all well. Also hear good news from our Central China station. We so much need a young lady to help in our girl's school at Shanghai. Will you not pray that God may send us just the right one to return with me? Would that the young lady could be from Alabama.—Willie H. Kelly.

Last Friday evening we closed at St. Francis Street church one of the most delightful and successful meetings it has ever been my privilege to take part in. It was a genuine revival which touched every church in the community. Our house was crowded at the night service and before the close of the meeting we were compelled to hold the day service in

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the main auditorium. We had as many as five hundred or more people at the morning service before the close of the meeting. I have never seen a church more thoroughly aroused than our church was by the meeting. Figures cannot begin to tell the results. We have taken on new spiritual life. Just how many professions of conversion there were I am not able to say. I have baptized 31, received one other for baptism and five by letter, and I am certain there are others to follow. Bro. Shell has received several for baptism and some will go to other churches. Dr. Carter Helm Jones, of Louisville, Ky., assisted us for about twelve days and captivated the whole community. He is a remarkably gifted preacher in more respects than one. I regard him as one of the finest preachers I have ever heard. I do not believe he has a superior, if an equal, in the Southern Baptist Convention. As a pastor evangelist he is, in my opinion, a model. He is not a manipulator and he has no high pressure methods. He simply preaches the old gospel in simplicity and power and leaves men to accept it or reject it. We hope to have him again next spring. The writer will assist Bro. Shell in special meetings this week.—W. J. E. Cox, Mobile.

If You Feel Depressed

Use Horstod's Acid Phosphate.

Dr. W. E. Pittman, Lynchburg, Va., says: "I have used it in nervous depression and dyspeptic troubles, with good result."

For the Alabama Baptist.

Florence, Alabama.

RICHARD HALL.

On Wednesday, March 20th, Brethren Edgar James and S. S. Broadus were ordained as deacons, Bro. A. J. Ashcraft, who was elected at the same time, being already a deacon.

Dr. J. O. Rust, of Nashville, delivered the charge to the deacons, an exposition of 1 Tim. 3, setting forth the institution, qualifications, duties and rewards of the office of deacon. It was desperately practical, uplifting, humiliating and helpful.

On the evening preceding Dr. Rust delivered a lecture for the benefit of the pastorial fund on "The Life of the Social Idea," which was in part the address delivered before the Kansas City Baptist Social Union. The address was scholarly, informing and inspiring, the closing passages being as fine a piece of eloquence, both for diction and delivery, as I have ever listened to.

At the beginning of the year the Sunday school elected Bro. C. W. Ashcraft Superintendent, and it has enjoyed a boom ever since, not the kind that makes you nervous lest it should collapse, but one of the quiet, steady kind. A plan is on foot to build a room for the primary department, which is to be so constructed that it can be thrown into the main auditorium whenever needed, and also be used for prayer meetings.

Bro. J. W. Vesey has been called to the charge of the East Florence church, and will commence work the first of April. This church has grown steadily since Bro. C. C. Winters took charge of it a year ago, and the outlook is very encouraging. The Sunday school has overflowed and a room in the basement has been built for the infant class.

Bro. Winters has taken charge of the churches at Carrollton and Pickensville. The best wishes of his friends in East Florence accompany him.

The purpose of God to give the world to Christ is the great encouragement to missions.—Dr. Augustus A. Strong.

Early home associations have a potent influence upon the life of the State.—Child.

CATARH CAN BE CURED.

Catarh is a kindred ailment of consumption, long considered incurable; and yet there is one remedy that will positively cure catarh in any of its stages. For many years this remedy was used by the late Dr. Stevens, a widely noted aut ority on all diseases of the throat and lungs. Having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, and desiring to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge to all sufferers from Catarh, Asthma, Consumption, and nervous diseases, this recipe, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing, with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. Noyes, 835 Powers Block, Rochester, N. Y.

For the Alabama Baptist.

TRIP NOTES.

W. B. C.

I have been, since my last Trip Notes, to a number of places of which I will write a little later. I want now to speak of a trip to

NEW ORLEANS.

Because of the interest friends have in the coming convention. I visited Brother Moseley in his sick room. The poor fellow has had an awful time with a desperate spell of sickness in which he had great suffering. His life was despaired of for a while, then it was feared he might be a cripple for life, if he recovered. His friends in Alabama will be glad to learn that he is on the road to recovery, and will soon be at his work again. Five long weeks he has suffered from his sickness and his mind has been greatly disturbed about his little flock, struggling to get in a home of its own, and just at the critical moment being deprived of his help. I saw the beautiful lot on St. Charles which has been purchased and on which they hoped to have, by the convention, a handsome little house of worship. They have chosen wisely, and one day, with God's blessing, the Baptists will be known in that part of the city, where now they are a despised few. Brethren who subscribed to this building last fall, while Brother Moseley visited the Associations, ought to forward their money without delay. The contract has been let, but the money must be in hand before the work can go on. I preached for the church in the morning in their little rented house on the corner. My! what a racket electric cars can make passing every five or ten minutes, while a man is trying to preach! I pray the Lord to deliver us from corner lots, where the cars seem to run through the house. Keep your eyes on Moseley and his little church. The Lord has a use for them and they will be heard from, once they get on their feet.

AT THE FIRST CHURCH

Brother Edwards was beginning a meeting with Brother Taylor, of Chicago, the "Savior Evangelist," to help him. I talked to a fine audience of young people in the afternoon. The boys and young men were conspicuous for their absence. What is to become of the men in our cities? is a great question. The First church is admirably located—no better place could be found—50,000 people are in easy reach of the church. The building, once a theatre building, furnishes more room than they know what to do with. The audience room is all that any one could wish. A large congregation of attentive hearers were present the night I was there, and the meeting opened with good prospects. The church has a flourishing mission in a distant part of the city, and the young pastor is planning wisely for the future. I was impressed with the spirit of hopeful enthusiasm which seemed to pervade the Baptist people whom I met. The newspapers are exceedingly kind and are helping to put the Baptists before the people. Think of a common preacher being interviewed by two reporters and his picture adorning the pages of the paper the next day! "What did it cost you?" a brother, who saw it asked. When I replied, "Not one cent," I suppose my daughter furnished the picture, there was a raising of the eye-brows and a significant "Umph."

My visit was so short I failed to see brethren Dobbs and Tompkins, the other two Baptist pastors, but I heard favorable reports from them. Heaven bless these four young preachers! What a field they have! How difficult, how important! If the Baptists of the South would only put the money in the hands of the Home Mission Board to sustain the work in this great and wicked city! The young men there are only the picket line. They are brave and true, but they must have strong backing to succeed. Our Home Board must be sustained—it cannot retreat—it must move forward.

THE CONVENTION

Is all the talk with every body in the city. I looked in at the great Presbyterian church, where the Baptist hosts are to assemble. It will hold probably 2000 people. In front is a spacious park. Hotels, boarding houses and street car lines are all convenient. The street cars, unfortunately, give no transfers, and this will make travel costly when one has to go daily over several lines.

To the Churches of Alabama.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Will you relieve your pastor for two weeks to attend our State Institute at Anniston, June 20th to July 4th? Will you pay his expenses, which will be about \$20.00? Brethren, let me beg you to do so. The Institute will be a great school for our preachers. Dr. Jno. R. Sampey, of our Seminary, will be our chief teacher, and will be supported by a number of our ablest pastors. Above all men, our pastors need to know and love each other; and this will be a splendid opportunity for the broadening of their acquaintance and fellowship.

We greatly need such a grand meeting of our pastors in Alabama. You can make it possible for your pastor to attend. Let the church, or churches of which he is pastor, give him the necessary funds and tell him to go. It will be a beautiful expression of your appreciation of him, and he will enjoy it. Some of you please attend to the matter at once, and do not allow him to ask for the favor. It will be a great occasion, and your pastor should be there. It will be at the time of a fine Chataqua at Anniston, and our pastors will be benefited by it. Write me that you will send your pastor, and I will make arrangements for his entertainment. Direct him to purchase his ticket to Anniston on account of the Chataqua, and he will be entitled to half fare on railroad. The utmost that can be done for the comfort of the pastors and preachers shall be done.

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JNO. P. SHAFFER.

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Brethren, go to the convention. It will be a great gathering. The railroads will give one fare for the round trip. The great St. Charles will put its rates at \$2.50 a day; good board can be had elsewhere for \$1.00 a day, and may be cheaper even than that. Let the churches send their pastors; it will do them good.

For the Alabama Baptist.

The Fruits of Our Missionary Work.

JNO. F. PURSER.

We are told to judge a tree by its fruits. Let us look at some of the results of Foreign Missions. A little more than a century has passed since God mightily worked in the heart of the English Cobler, "filled his soul with a heaven-born desire to carry the good news of salvation to the heathen of India. Then followed that first missionary money, less than forty dollars, wherewith to send the preacher, and the work was begun. Carey's wife refused to go with him, his friends discouraged him, the indifferent mocked and ridiculed him, but none of these things moved him. Today the gospel has been proclaimed the earth around. Judson waited seven years for his first convert. Strong in faith, nothing doubting, he asked as the fruits of his labor "to be able to translate the Bible into Burmese, and to have one hundred souls redeemed through the instrumentality of his preaching. Truly, God blesses us above what we are able to ask or think, as is witnessed by the translation of God's Word into many tongues, and the thousands in heathen lands who have become followers of the meek and lowly Jesus. Asia, Africa and the islands of the seas have heard the story of the cross told by our missionaries. Nor is this all. The spiritual leaven has marked a mighty revolution socially and intellectually. Women no longer are compelled to occupy the degraded position to which heathen superstition and prejudice assigned her. The untold tortures of foot-binding are beginning to be looked on with disfavor. The inhuman cruelty which burned a widow on her husband's funeral pyre is no longer sustained by general public opinion, and is forbidden by the English law. In many lands, notably in Japan, association with Christian nations has stirred a desire for progress, and awakened them from lethargy and ignorance. China will soon be opened as never before to the civilizing influences of Christianity. God has set the seal of his approval on the work of Foreign Missions, and the church which neglects this known duty will shrivel and die. We are true followers of Christ only as we yield obedience to Him, and manifest the Christ spirit. Do we as pastors and people feel the solemn responsibility of the great commission as laid upon each one of us? To each child of God this truth should press home. "If we do not carry the gospel, it is our duty to send it," for how shall the heathen "believe in Him of whom they have not heard?" Christ came to seek the lost, to lift up the down-trodden; shall not we, if we would have the Spirit of our Lord, strive as

we have never done before to do our part in the great work of evangelizing the world? It is a blessed work. Oh, that our churches would be fired with zeal to do more praying and more giving than ever before! Then would we see the fruits in a revival of religion in our home land. The Spirit would abide with us, and our sons and daughters would be converted.

Troy, Ala.

For the Alabama Baptist.

An Earnest Appeal.

W. B. CRUMPTON.

MY DEAR BROTHER:—We have only one month now before the books of the Home and Foreign Boards close. I am greatly distressed lest Alabama shall fall behind last year's figures. The convention in New Orleans is convenient to us this year. Many will want to go and I hope they will; but our representation depends largely upon our contributions—one representative for each District Association and one for each \$250 contributed to the Boards of the convention. Alabama was entitled to 56 last year on the money basis. At this writing we are entitled to only about 44.

The Boards have enlarged their work and increased the workers. The convention directed the forward move. It was the right thing to do. We ought to applaud them for doing so. Brother, should we not uphold them in this advance? We must; it would be criminal not to do so. I believe we will. Let every body "help now. Every child, every man and woman among us, ought to do something handsome this month.

Brother, please let me hear from you at once. Write me if I shall look for a contribution from your church.

Let the money come in promptly. He that cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he must pass himself.—Herbert.

OBITUARIES.

MRS. ELIZABETH ACKER, NEE O'NEAR.

Born near Franklin, Tenn., Sept. 29, 1823; married to Dr. A. S. Acker, March 3, 1853; died at Lincoln, Ala., March 8, 1901. Between the first and last of these dates the long and useful life of my mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Acker, was spent in deeds of love to her husband and children, acts of kindness to her neighbors, and faithful service to her Master.

At the age of ten years she came with her parents to Alabama, and settled at Jacksonville, in the old county of Benton, of which county her father, William O'Rear, was sheriff for one term.

In 1846 they moved to the Blue Eye settlement, now Lincoln, where her parents were gathered unto their fathers at a ripe old age, and where she spent many long years of her busy and happy life as the wife of the late Dr. A. S. Acker.

She was the last of a large family. One brother died in the Mexican war; another, Capt. Elisha O'Rear, fell in the service of the South while gallantly leading his company in the charge at Franklin, Tenn.; her brothers died in different States of the West, whither they had scattered.

She lived on the same homestead for forty-six years, and, at her death-bed, stood one who had been her neighbor for all these years, and who feelingly paid his tribute of praise to the dying.

For sixty-one years she was a consistent member of the Baptist church, and her last words on the hereafter were: "I have learned to trust fully,

and I am only waiting." Her last few years were spent in affliction, but her much worn Testament is evidence of the fact that physical suffering did not lessen her trust in the Savior.

She leaves four children as follows: W. D. Acker, Iron City, Ga.; J. E. Acker, Ozark, Ala.; Mrs. B. A. Burton, Lincoln, Ala., and the writer of these lines.

On March 9, 1901, after a touching funeral service, conducted by the Rev. T. K. Trotter, in the Hall cemetery of Refuge church, our mother was laid to rest. Father and mother are sleeping side by side. May our lives be as successful and our end as peaceful as theirs, is my prayer and desire.

E. D. ACKER.

March 25, 1901.

Bro. Parker Gray, who died at his home in Pine Level, Montgomery county, on Feb. 9th, 1901, was born near Wetumpka, Elmore county, May 23rd, 1820. He united in early life with the Orion Baptist church. Later his membership was transferred to the Baptist church at Pine Level, near which place he settled, and where he lived until a few months before his death, when he moved into the village. A devoted wife and eight affectionate children are left in deepest grief.

The writer of this sketch, as pastor, had known Bro. Gray for two years. Though feeble, it was his delight to be prompt and regular in his attendance upon the public service. He manifested a commendable zeal in the welfare of his church, and was greatly venerated by his fellow citizens and ardently loved by his relatives. He was a hospitable neighbor, patriotic citizen and an exemplary Christian. There were scarcely any bounds to his affection for and devotion to his wife and children.

Family, church and community will miss his genial presence and helpful counsel. With tearful eyes and sorrowful hearts family and friends laid his remains to rest in the cemetery of Liberty church, near Post Oak, Bullock county. The sentiments of the grief-stricken family as they stood by the open grave and the casket, with its lifeless contents, doubtless found expression in the following sad lines:

"Tis hard to break the tender chord
When love has bound the heart.
'Tis hard, so hard to speak the words:
'We must forever part.'

"Dearest loved one, we must lay thee
In thy peaceful grave's embrace,
But thy memory will be cherished
Till we see thy heavenly face."

May the dews of divine consolation fall copiously upon the hearts of the bereaved and broken church.

J. W. DICKINSON.

On the evening of March 2nd, 1901, the angel of death came among us, and called away our beloved sister, Mrs. S. C. Rhodes. Born in 1820, and baptized at the age of twenty by Dr. J. J. D. Renfro, she gave forty years of her life to earnest service of the Savior she loved. She was a faithful member of the Clayton Street Baptist church from the time of its organization until her death, and her consecrated life was a beautiful example to all who knew her.

As a teacher in the Sunday school, as a worker in the ladies' societies, and as a cordial supporter of her pastor she was responsive to every call of duty. Our whole church feels keenly the loss of our dear sister, but the influence of her life abides like a sweet benediction. May the Father's blessing rest upon the bereaved family, and may His grace sustain them in this sore affliction.

H. W. PROVENCE.

On the morning of the 16th Sister Willie Lee, wife of A. B. Lee, breathed her last on earth, at her home in Camp Hill. Sister Lee was a member of the Baptist church at Camp Hill, and was much beloved by the entire community. She was a good woman. She leaves her husband and one daughter to mourn their loss. She was laid to rest in the old burying ground at Rock Springs, beside her mother and father. She died in great confidence in her Lord and Savior.

Affectionately,
JNO. P. SHAFFER.

The Southern Union's Affiliations.

BY L. O. DAWSON.

When the B. Y. P. U. A. was organized it sought to gather all Baptist young people into one great body, dividing the country into different departments, each designated by a color and under the direct control of departmental committees. The department of the Green (the South) made progress, but much slower than the great needs of the field demanded. Instead of being able to go at once into the work, it was busily engaged in self-defense.

The formation of the Southern Union and its policy to "attract none, but help all," soon practically removed the work from the realm of controversy, but the adjustment of relations between two bodies occupying the same territory was manifestly a delicate task. As in all cases where the parties concerned are anxious only about the cause, and with no theories to uphold, the difficulties of the situation were happily overcome by a conference at Chattanooga between committees appointed by the B. Y. P. U. A., the department of the Green, and the Southern Union.

With the good of the young people as the uppermost thought in the minds of all, the conference agreed that we should make the Baptist Union the common organ for all young people's organizations, with the proviso that all Southern unions were to be neither legally nor morally bound for the payment of its debts. By this the paper contained a great constituency, which it sorely needed, and the Southern Union secured a literature, the demand for which it was financially unable to meet. Meanwhile, a common bond of unity was established.

The B. Y. P. U. A. further agreed to do all its work in the South only through the officers and representatives of the Southern Union, gradually withdrawing the department of the Green.

In the international conventions the Southern tier of the States were to be represented by the Southern Union, and the chairman of its executive committee was to have a voice in and be a member of the executive committee of the B. Y. P. U. A. The relation, therefore, between the two organizations may be stated in a single sentence: "Complete independence, with close affiliation."

The arrangement has proven to be a most happy one, and peace, progress, and unity is the spirit pervading the hearts of the vast majority of the people.

The relation of the Southern Union to the Southern Baptist Convention and its three Boards is most aptly stated in its full name, which, though lengthy, is one of which we may well be proud, viz.: "The Baptist Young People's Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention." What the Woman's Missionary Union Aux. to the S. B. C. is financially to the convention, the Southern Union is and hopes to be in all its denominational educational work.—B. Y. P. U. Quarterly.

For B. Y. P. U. Edition Ala. Baptist.
Harness the Young People.

W. B. CRUMPTON.

When I joined the church, a boy of only thirteen, nobody asked me to do anything. Indeed, there was nothing to be done. The pastor lived miles away and came only once a month, preached on Saturday and Sunday, returning home on Sunday afternoon. There was no Sunday school, no prayer meeting. Missions was never heard of, except now and then someone was heard to ridicule it. The annual protracted meeting in the summer, when farmers were most at leisure, was the season when everybody turned out. The big dinners on the ground and the chance to meet with one another insured a big crowd. The meetings often resulted in great revivals. Thousands of the best members our churches have ever had were converted on these occasions. The young converts were neglected. There was never an effort to train them in any way. By God's grace and His merciful providence many of them made great men and women for Christ and His cause.

But we live in a different age. Thank God, the young people are being trained. Pastor and people are coming to see its importance. The young people themselves are showing that they are willing to be trained.

They are organizing for study and for work. Study will feed them, work will give healthful exercise. The result will be great spiritual growth. If, under the old system, some giants were developed, we may look for an army of giants under the new. My exhortation is: *Put them to work.* There is great need for it in the churches. The cause is suffering, oh, so badly, for the want of workers, and the young people need it.

I mention only one line of work: Why not put the mission collections in their hands? Let a mission committee be appointed from among them. Give the pledge cards and envelopes into their hands. Hold up before them the motto: "A pledge from every member and every pledge collected." Let the committee make its report every quarter to the church. Let the results be read out publicly on a Sunday morning. If need be, let the committee be reorganized, weeding out those who will not work. Pastors tell me their greatest trouble is to get somebody who will work the system. Brother pastor, harness the young people.

Montgomery, Ala.

For B. Y. P. U. Edition Ala. Baptist.

The B. Y. P. U. and College Prayer Meetings.

BRINSON M'GOWAN.

I decided that night that I would endeavor to enlist our Young People's Union in the work, and we would hold services with the sick, the unconverted and those who were denied the privilege of worshipping with God's children. This I succeeded in doing and we began at once preparations for holding our services. We found upon inquiry that there were many in our church, who for good reasons, could not be present at the church services. We found that they were glad to have us meet with them and we began our work.

None of us had had any experience in Christian service, but the Holy Spirit is ever ready to teach those who are willing to learn, and trusting in him for guidance we felt assured that we would be led aright. Rich has been our experience and many have been the blessings we received. Our work was not confined to Christians and church members. We visited the homes of the unconverted and sang and prayed and told them of Jesus' power to save. Most of those with whom we met were glad to have us and always invited us to come again.

The impressions I received that night have been born out in my experience since that time. There are wonderful possibilities in cottage prayer meetings. Many souls can be reached in this way that can be reached in no other. There are some who will attend a cottage service that you cannot get into a church. Then you will find timid Christians who feel free and easy in a service of this kind who will relate their experiences when they would not dare to do so in a church service. I have known them to do this, and then ask the prayers of those present in their behalf, that they may be given strength to stand up and speak for God at any and all times. And later I have seen them get up in church service and tell of the joy at having their tongues loosed. I have known special objects to be prayed for at these services and have seen evidences of God's answer to that prayer. I have seen answer to prayer made for the salvation of friends and loved ones.

It is to be regretted that there are some people calling themselves Christians who do not believe in holding cottage prayer meetings. They claim that the regular services of the church are sufficient to meet the needs, and that people must attend the house of God if they desire to hear His word. They also say that these extra services tend to detract from the church services, and besides are unnecessary and are calculated to tire one of religion. Some few are so unkind as to ascribe improper motives to those who engage in this kind of work.

But thank God those who hold these views are few, while there are many who know of the sweet blessings and privileges that come to one through these services. They know that there are many who have not the opportunity of visiting God's house and who are rejoiced to have their Christian friends come in and pray and sing with them. They have seen during these services many souls who

have wandered from God reclaimed and brought again into the fold of His earthly kingdom, and they have heard those who love the Savior say that they never tire of hearing of His love and mercy. Those who have interested themselves in these meetings will tell you that the only motives which prompt them to do so is the desire to be used of God for helping others, and to receive for themselves blessings and be strengthened in their souls.

My experiences in these services has been limited to a few years, but the multitudinous have been the blessings I have received during that time. I had heard of cottage prayer meetings a long time before I ever attended one. One night some Methodist friends invited me to attend with them a meeting that they were to hold with a sainted woman, who had been bedridden for a number of years. I did so, and as I sat and listened to the sweet songs, the earnest prayers, and the many testimonies of God's love and goodness, I experienced great joy at having come and was much impressed with the opportunities that these simple services afforded of cheering the afflicted of God and of accomplishing great things for Him in the advancement of His cause and kingdom.

House to house service is Christ's one work and was engaged in by him and his disciples. I believe that they are as much required of us as attendance upon the house of God. How closely we can be drawn together in our homes, and how near we feel to the Savior as we gather around our firesides, the most sacred spot on earth, to worship Him. We all believe in family prayer, how much more so should we believe in a union of family prayers.

But what is of more value to young Christians than anything else, is the source of strength and power it gives in the building up of our Christian character. What blessings and sweet experiences come to us as we gather together from place to place, singing songs of praise and telling of the Christ who came to save. God grant that our cottage prayer meetings may multiply, and that every church and Young People's Union may become interested in a house to house service.

What advantages some of our larger cities offer for this kind of work! Let our unions in the cities become interested and begin work in its destitute portions. Many are dying around us without God and without hope when you and I might give them the bread of life. Let us visit them with the word of God and try to bring them to a saving knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If we do this, God will richly bless and prosper our souls.

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PRAYER.

MRS. W. W. HARRIS.

Prayer is the spiritual weather glass. By this we may know whether it is fair or foul with our hearts. It is the pith and marrow of practical Christianity. To be prayerless is to be without Christ, without peace, without hope, and without heaven.

A habit of prayer is one of the true marks of a Christian. All the children of God are alike in this respect. From the moment there is any life and reality about their religion, they pray. Just as the first sign of life in an infant when born into the world, is the act of breathing, so the first act of men and women when they are born of God, is praying. The Holy Spirit, who makes us new creatures, works in us the feeling of adoration and makes us cry "Abba Father!" The Lord Jesus, when he quickens us, gives us a voice and a tongue, and says, "Be dumb no more." God has no dumb children, for it is as much a part of their nature to pray, as it is for a child to cry. They see their need of mercy and grace. They feel their emptiness and weakness; they cannot do otherwise; they must pray.

We may look carefully over the lives of God's saints in the Bible, and cannot find one of whose history much is told us, who was not a man of prayer. We may read the lives of many eminent Christians who have been on earth since Bible days, some rich, some poor, some learned and some unlearned—Calvinists and Arminians—but one thing they all had in common—they were all men of prayer. We study the reports of our missionaries, and see with joy that heathen men and women are receiving the gospel all over the world. There are conversions in Africa, New Zealand, Hindostan, China, Japan, and all the islands of the sea. They are naturally unlike one another in every respect, but one striking thing we observe at all the Missionary stations, all the converted people pray.

The evidences of the real work of the Holy Spirit is an inclination to private prayer. A man may preach from false motives; may write books; make fine speeches and seem diligent in good works, and yet be a Judas Iscariot, but a man seldom goes into his closet and pours out his soul before God in secret, unless he is in earnest.

The Lord has set his stamp on prayer as the best proof of a true conversion. When he sent Ananias to Saul in Damascus, he gave him no other evidence of his change of heart than this, "Behold, he prayeth." There are wonderful examples in Scripture of the power of prayer. Nothing seems to be too great, too hard or too difficult for prayer to do. It has obtained things that seemed impossible and out of reach. It has won victories over fire, air, earth and water. Prayer opened the Red Sea, brought water from the rock, and bread from heaven. Prayer brought fire from the sky on Elijah's sacrifice. Well might Mary Queen of Scotland say: "I fear John Knox's prayers more than an army of ten thousand men." Prayer can obtain relief when those we love are taken. It brings down One who can fill the gap in our hearts with himself, and say to the waves within, "Peace be still."

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BY A. R. E. WYANT.

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This world is God's world. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." He is its King. But the King has his garden in which he delights. The Scriptures speak of the church as being God's garden. The garden of the Great King is found among his saints. He has chosen us and put us in our place. As in the royal garden there was a variety of beautiful flowers and trees, so in God's garden every Christian grace and glory is found. As earthly gardens have their fountains, so the Spirit is a spring, welling up in the midst of God's garden to refresh the souls of the saints. As men delight to walk and take pleasure in their gardens, so Christ's care and delight is for his church. Rejoice, dear friend, if you have been divinely planted in the garden of the King.

Love is its own witness to the soul that loves; communion is its own attestation to the spirit that lives in fellowship; and we can only enter into Christianity through the door of discipleship.—John Cuckson.

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"Therefore bear thou, and query not. Therefore dare thou, and fear thee not. And though thy heart break, still the Lord Shall be thy thousand-fold reward."—Sunday School Times.

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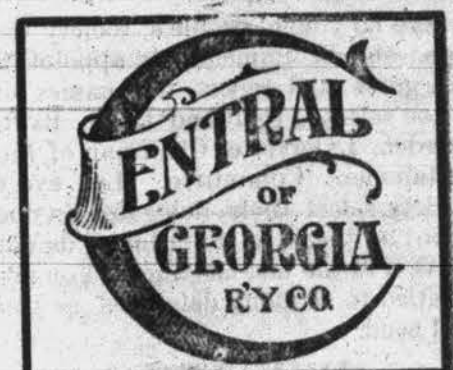
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where no young people's society exists, should immediately appoint its delegates and report the names of those selected to attend to Mr. R. R. Darden, LaFayette, Chairman of Entertainment Committee. Let every society select their delegates in due time; let there be no failures, do not leave it to the last meeting. You are entitled to as many delegates as you will send.

ENTERTAINMENT.

Ample arrangements are being made by the people at LaFayette for entertaining the convention. They are expecting at least 225 and have provided for more.

The blessing of God has been manifest in the work of our societies in the past, and the inspiration and enthusiasm which have come from the conventions have not been lost upon our churches. May we not look forward to the new century for richer blessings and greater stimulation for Christian service, and shall not the convention of 1901 be the beginning of a nobler consecration and greater endeavor in the work to which we have been called?

A convention is what the delegates make it more than they realize. So much depends upon a sympathetic, prayerful, spiritual atmosphere. If the attendance be large, the spirit hopeful and responsive, a thrill of new power will go through the whole body. Pray that this may be realized.

If those who come to the convention come prepared to ask questions, state difficulties, report criticisms, and take part in open discussion, our session may be more than profitable. "In the multitude of counselors there is wisdom." If the officers of our local societies are meeting with difficulties and discouragement, let us know of it that the causes and remedies may be studied when we come together.

A REMINDER.

Up to date only six out of eighty-two local societies have responded to the appeal of the Treasurer of the B. Y. P. U. of Alabama. There are hundreds of letters sent out annually by the Secretary, besides B. Y. P. U. literature, with the view of forwarding the interests of the B. Y. P. U., a task incurring a large outlay of time and labor, all of which has been cheerfully and freely given. Surely then every local society will wish to share in this work by helping to pay for postage and stationery.

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Of the eighty-two local societies in the State only sixteen have returned the statistical postal card sent out by the secretary. Attend to this at once, as we desire the report to be complete for the convention.

Bessemer, Ala.

PROGRAMME FOR B. Y. P. U. STATE CONVENTION, To be held at LaFayette, Alabama, April 24 and 25, 1901.

KEY THOUGHT—ORGANIZATION AND PRACTICAL WORK.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

9:30—Song Service.
9:45—Devotional Exercises.
10:00—Addresses of Welcome.

(a) In behalf of the Union, Mr. W. B. Bowling, LaFayette.

(b) In behalf of the church, Rev. J. L. Thompson, LaFayette.

10:30—Response—Henry D. Laatham, Montevallo.

10:45—Enrollment of Delegates.

11:00—Report of Executive Committee.

11:10—Report of Secretary and Treasurer.

11:20—Report of Editor B. Y. P. U. Department.

11:30—Election of officers and Business.

12:00—Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

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(b) The Conquest Missionary Course.

(c) The Sacred Literature Course General Discussion.

3:00—Devotional Exercises.
3:15—How to Organize a B. Y. P. U.

U.—Mr. E. L. Davant, Montgomery.
3:30—Membership in the Union—Mr. Paul F. Dix, Montgomery.

3:45—Duties of the President—Mr. Brinson McGowan, Birmingham.

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4:00—The Part of the Committee—Mr. T. Murrie Dix, Montgomery.

4:30—The Part of the Leader—Mr. L. S. Jones, Montgomery.

4:30—The Part of the Members—Miss Janie Lou Rives, Montgomery.

4:45—Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

7:45—Song Service.
8:00—Devotional Exercises.

8:15—The Benefits of the Organization—Rev. Chas. A. Stakely, D. D., Montgomery.

8:45—Some Conditions of Efficiency in Young People's Work—Rev. M. B. Wharton, D. D., Eufaula.

9:30—Adjournment.

THURSDAY MORNING.

WORKERS IN CONFERENCE—8:30 until 9:15.

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9:30—Devotional Exercises.

THE LITTLE GIANT—B. Y. P. U.

9:45—"Its Eyes"—The Lookout Committee—Miss Annie E. Barksdale, Montgomery.

10:00—"Its Mouth"—The Prayer Meeting Committee—Miss Millie Bealle, Birmingham.

10:15—"Its Ears"—The Music Committee—Miss Achsah Hall, Birmingham.

10:30—"Its Hands"—(a) The Social Committee—Miss Aeolian Spear, Montgomery.

10:45—(b) The Executive Committee—Mr. W. B. Bowling, LaFayette.

11:00—"Its Feet"—The Missionary Committee—Mr. C. S. Ellis, LaFayette.

11:15—"Its Brain"—The Good Literature Committee—Mr. H. G. Webb, LaFayette.

11:30—"Its Backbone"—The Pledge—Mr. Henry R. Dill, Birmingham.

11:45—"Its Heart"—Christ—Miss Mattie Brannon, Bessemer.

12:00—Adjournment.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

WORKERS IN CONFERENCE—Two until Three.

3:00—Devotional Exercises.

3:15—Court of Inquiry, Progress and Needs—Rev. W. R. Ivey, Bessemer.

Court of Pleas:

3:35—(a) State Work—Gwilym Herbert, Bessemer.

3:50—(b) Fuller Training and Wider Outlook—Rev. J. F. Gable, Montgomery.

4:10—Question Box.

5:00—Business.

THURSDAY EVENING.

7:45—Song Service.

8:00—Devotional Exercises.

8:15—The Duty of the Church to the Young People—Rev. James M. Shelburne, East Lake.

8:45—The Duty of the Young People to their Church—Rev. John F. Purser, Opelika.

9:15—Consecration Service—Dr. A. C. Davidson, Birmingham.

At the Union Sunday afternoon the following were elected delegates to attend the B. Y. P. U. State Convention which meets in LaFayette, April 24th and 25th: Mrs. H. C. Risner, W. W. Campbell, F. P. Nichols, R. L. Brumeloe and W. R. Jordan; Misses Emma Hardy, Eva Carlisle and Lola Dunkin; Mrs. Robert Brown—Randolph Leader.

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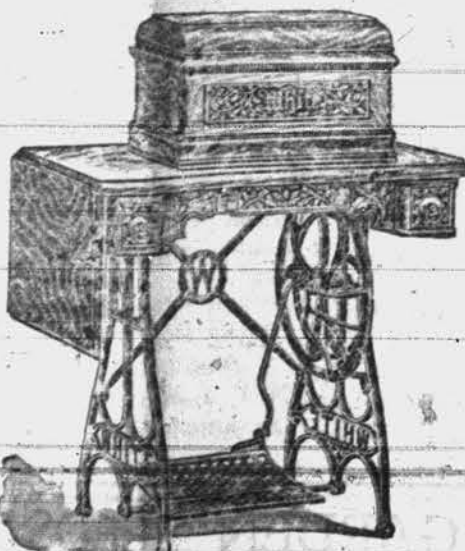
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Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage executed by D. C. Davenport to Mrs. Mary E. Jurey, on the 6th day of February, 1897, and recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of Montgomery county, Alabama, in Mortgage Book 148, at page 18, one of the conditions of which has been broken, the undersigned will sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, at the Court Square Fountain, in the city of Montgomery, Ala., within the legal hours of sale, on Monday, the 15th day of April, 1901, the following described property contained in and conveyed by said mortgage, situated in the county of Montgomery and State of Alabama, to-wit: That certain lot situated on the north-east corner of Jeff Davis and Cleveland Avenues, fronting fifty feet on the east side of Cleveland Avenue and running back, east, along the north side of Jeff Davis Avenue, one hundred feet, more or less.

MARY E. JUREY, Mortgagee.
P. C. MASSIE, Att'y for Mortgagee.

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MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in four mortgages executed by H. A. Osteen to Mary E. Jurey, on the 21st day of July, 1900, and recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of Montgomery county, Alabama, in Mortgage Book 164, at pages 106 to 112, one of the conditions of which has been broken, the undersigned will sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, at the Court Square Fountain, in the city of Montgomery, Ala., within the legal hours of sale, on Monday, the 15th day of April, 1901, the following described property contained in and conveyed by said mortgage, situated in the county of Montgomery and State of Alabama, to-wit: The east half of Block Fifty-four, according to the plat of the Highland Park Improvement Company dated March 11th, 1898, and recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of said county, in the Plat Book, at page 1064.

MARY E. JUREY, Mortgagee.
P. C. MASSIE, Att'y for Mortgagee.

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By G. T. Edwards, Surviving partner of Bradley & Edwards.
M. W. RUSHTON, Attorney. 13-41