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### SALUTATORY.

It is with just a little heart flutter of trepidation that we make our bow before that vast and miscellaneous audience, "the general public," and entrust our gentle and delicate book for the first time upon the treacherous sea of journalism. We offer no apology for our presence not even the time honored one of response to "a long-felt want," but simply call your attention to the fact that we are here. We have come because we want to, and we wanted to because we felt we ought to, and we felt we ought to because we saw there was work to be done. Moreover as there will always be work for all to the end of time we have come to stay. We hope that you will like us and give us a cordial hand shake of welcome but if you do not we intend to stay just the same for we are not here to be kissed and petted but to work.

Primarily, our mission is to help forward the various objects of our young peoples' work upon our own field and to strengthen and increase the effectiveness of the work in its every part by a union of the whole. The hope of the future in either church or state is the young and any movement which does not give large place in its plans for the utilization of youthful energy and the culture of young manhood and womanhood for future service must ultimately fail of its object.

But while devoted especially to local interests we shall aim to cultivate a genuine altruism which shall seek to further the prosperity of our young

peoples' work in the entire county and the world at large. We firmly believe that in Christian work at least we most truly help ourselves when we seek to help others. In so far as we may be able, therefore, we desire to be helpful to all.

Nor do we desire to be exclusively denominational. Nothing does more to erect denominational barriers and impede the progress of truth than ignorance of each other and each other's work. The demand is for increased knowledge, enlarged views and broadened sympathies, if we would be true followers of Him who is "the Author and Finisher" of a universal salvation. Let us then appreciate the fact that there are honest-hearted and faithful souls beyond the limits of our own fellowship who are rendering sincere and acceptable service to the same Christ to whom we have vowed loyalty and who Himself has said, "and other sheep I have which are not of this fold: them also I must bring and they shall hear my voice and there shall be one fold and one shepherd."

Finally, we shall not confine ourselves solely to matters distinctively religious. As citizens we have duties of a local and of a general character and we shall strive to make the most of our limited talents and means for the betterment of social, commercial and political conditions as far as our influence may extend.

The scope of our humble efforts as thus outlined may seem hopelessly large but we go forth in the name of Him who said, "Go ye into all the world," and are hopeful, yea confident, because of His promised "Lo, I am with you alway."

We would like to call the attention of our Baptist Young Peoples' Societies, whether B. Y. P. U.'s or C. E.'s to the recommendations contained in the report adopted by the District Meeting at its session of Feb. 16th an account of which appears in another column. As far as the first clause is concerned we can do nothing in a practical way until action is taken by the Executive of the C. E. County Convention. It was intimated that it would be necessary that our B. Y. P. U.'s take on the additional letters C. E. in order to meet the constitutional requirements of affiliation with the Endeavorers. Positive exception was taken to this as the B. Y. P. U. conventions make

no such demand of C. E. Societies. Of course as individual societies we can only await notice of action on the part of the Convention Executive. In the other matter there is no need of delay in action. A County convention of our Baptist Young People meeting at the same time and place as the District Meeting would be a most desirable and helpful organization. The Monday evening preceding Tuesday of meeting is open to us why not have on that evening a rousing Young People's rally. We suggest that every Society and Union in the County send two delegates to the place of the next District Meeting for the purpose of effecting an organization on Monday night. Let us hear from you before our next issue goes to press about March 25th.

### The District Meeting.

The Kings Co. District Meeting, which convened with the Upper Aylesford Baptist Church, proved to be of much interest and profit to those who were privileged to attend it. There was a goodly representation of the pastors present but the lay representatives of the church were conspicuously absent. Encouraging reports were given from the different fields and several matters of practical interest discussed. The advisability of our B. Y. P. U.'s co operating with the C. E. County Conventions was mentioned and a committee appointed to make recommendations thereon. This committee reported later to the District Meeting as follows, which report was unanimously adopted.

Your committee appointed to consider the desirability of the B. Y. P. Unions of Kings Co. uniting with the C. E. Societies in County Convention, report as follows:—

We would recommend the B. Y. P. Unions in connection with our churches to meet by delegation with the semi-annual conventions of Christian Endeavor; provided the Executive of that convention can make arrangements for such a representation.

We further strongly advise the Young People's Societies of our Baptist churches in this County to organize a convention to meet at such times as may be deemed wise in connection with our District Meetings.

J. B. MORGAN,  
M. P. FREEMAN, } Committee.  
J. P. NEILY,

At the afternoon session Bro. Cohoon was called upon to read Dr. J. Denovan's paper upon "The Place and Power of the Holy Spirit," which called forth an animated discussion in which Pastors M. P. Freeman, D. H. Simpson, E. O. Read, C. H. Martell and J. B. Morgan and Revs. A. Cohoon and J. L. M. Young engaged. It is unnecessary to say that the paper was a very able one and in the main was assented to by those who spoke upon it. Much regret was expressed that the Dr. could not have himself been present to elucidate some of the more difficult and obscure points.

In the evening the District Meeting united with the church in a recognition service for its new pastor. Very interesting and excellent addresses were given by Revs. C. H. Martell, A. Cohoon, J. L. M. Young and M. P. Freeman to which Pastor Morgan made fitting reply.

The entire exercises of the day were of a most helpful character and many pronounced it one of the best gatherings of the kind they had ever attended.