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## The B. Y. P. U. in the Church.

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The Baptist church needs a training ground for its young members. An organization for the development of its new material. A meeting that seeks to bring out the capabilities of their members, and teaches them to put these capabilities into practice, for their own good and more especially for the good of those around them.

Some one has said: "Leaders are born, not made." But if there are born leaders amongst us, there must be some place of development for these leaders, so that they will be efficient and capable to lead.

It is said that Armour, the "meat king," had his son to start at the lowest position in his great meat establishment in Chicago, and gradually work his way through every detail in the meat packing business. By mastering every detail in the work, he is prepared to be an efficient and capable leader in his heritage.

Just so with the young church member, if he is ever to be a wide-awake, working member, he must be trained, and in touch with the minutest details of church work.

Such a place we claim the B. Y. P. U. is, if properly conducted and carried on. Not only a place to show you, "what to do, but how to do."

The church is really composed of people of hidden possibilities. Perhaps naturally capable to do a great deal towards furthering the work of the church. How are they to be gotten into the work? We have had preachers for ages. We must have men to carry on the work, where are they to be had? How can they be gotten? The answer is, Train the young church member to do the work. Without this training, we not only lose the work which they may do and the help to others, but soon we lose the young member himself and perhaps he is never again to be reached. They must be trained in such a way that they will meet the requirements of the church work of today. Can't the B. Y. P. U. do this work?

The church must have something of the character of the B. Y. P. U. in order to have leaders and workers for the future. The S. S. needs workers. The prayer meeting is carried on by the faithful few. The Mission work needs helpers. Can't a B. Y. P. U. help to furnish these? What use have Churches for eloquent and well-educated preachers? The members are not competent to listen. The Superintendent of the Sunday School must have help or else he can't carry on his work. The present Missionaries and Missionary workers cannot forever carry on their present labors. The Church of the coming generation will have to be a step backward unless it work gets recruits from somewhere.

A pastor of a new Church in the upper part of our State, a city church tells his members that all have a work to do in the Church and must be at it, if he is to be their pastor. When a Church gets grown, it will soon be on the decline, for the work must either go forward or it will go backward of itself.

The Sunday School is where the Bible is taught. The B. Y. P. U. is where you are trained to use this Bible. Every part of B. Y. P. U. work is essentially what is to be done, how is it to be done? The Christian culture course in the B. Y. P. U. gives its members instructions in Baptist doctrine, church usages, mission and evangelical work.

The Sunday School furnishes the majority of the converts for the churches, this is the aim of the Sunday School. The B. Y. P. U. instructs these new members along the lines of Christian activity and the use of whatever efforts they control in the efficient extension of the kingdom of Christ.

Why does the B. Y. P. U. exceed the Prayer Meeting in the training of the young church member? My observation is, in the first place, you can't get them to attend the prayer meeting, there is nothing for them to do. To have a person interested in any kind of work he must have some part of it to do.

The B. Y. P. U. is carried on by the young church members themselves. They have a regular course of study. These studies are of course based on the Bible, church doctrine, missionary and evangelical work. The meeting is devotional, but not altogether so. The work is adapted to the needs of the younger worker and furnishes information which will keep alive the energy and "go-forwardness" of those engaged in it. This work is based on some material to be used. Each meeting links with the last and points to the one that comes next. The subjects furnish food for thought. Becoming

acquainted with the subject urges on to new work and experiences.

"The Sunday School teaches; the B. Y. P. U. trains those who are taught." The Sunday School furnishes the young Convert to the Church, the B. Y. P. U. trains him to do work in the church. From the Sunday School the church member is first realized; from his training in the B. Y. P. U. he is able to help in the church work. The Sunday School teaches its members the Bible, the B. Y. P. U. instructs them how to put this knowledge to practical and beneficial use.

The B. Y. P. U. has clearly a place to fill which no other church auxiliary has yet filled. "Practice makes perfect" and if the talents of the young church members are put to use, they will be developed as they can in no other way.

Some have talents in one direction and some in another. On whatever line of work these talents lay they should be found out, so as to bring out the highest possibilities in them and mature their possessors along the lines of the greatest good.

The men and women, who are the leading spirits of the church to-day will not be here always. With the proper encouragement and care in B. Y. P. U. work, men and women will be trained to take these places and anxious to help in the work for the extension of Christ's Kingdom.

The "Man of the Hour" is with us today.

With his present development, he has his own way.

But when comes the morrow, oh where shall he be, His energy past his usefulness will flee.

For morrows must come and victors must fade, With achievements forgotten he'll be "in the shade".

So we must plan for the future, while we triumph to-day, That the morrow may break, in even brighter array.

This should be the motto; "Be never content", It will account for progress, which none will repent.

If the B. Y. P. U. doeth its best, year in and year out, Each year they'll do better, without any doubt.

## Thanks His Friends.

Mr. A. J. Ouzts, who by dint of hard work and close attention to business has steadily improved his farm since settling near McKendree, had the misfortune to lose his barn by fire recently, and has requested us to convey his sincere thanks to his neighbors for their heroic work in saving his stock and vehicles. Had not Mr. Ouzts' friends come to his assistance the loss would have been much greater.

**Cabbage Plants:** We have all varieties of sea-coast cabbage plants for sale. Received fresh by express. Dunovant & Co.

## EXCELLENT ADDRESS.

### Extracts From Address by Prof. J. N. Harper Before the Live Stock Association.

"No man can measure the farmers' opportunities, and the progress that is now being made along all lines of agricultural development throughout our country is simply wonderful. But, gentlemen, we are not making the progress that we should. However, within the last year many factors have been at work improving the agricultural conditions of our state. Among these may be mentioned the work of the State Agricultural and Mechanical Society, the Farmers' Union, this Live Stock association, the grand work of our State department of agriculture, the work of the State experiment station the work of our Agricultural and Mechanical college and the work of the United States department of agriculture. Some one has said, 'Though the art of agriculture is far older than civilization yet this world-wide vocation is still in the infancy of its development.'"

"I believe that every acre can be made to quadruple its present average production and it will when the larger demands are made upon it. At this meeting I wish to say as briefly as possible that we can not hope to make much progress in general agriculture without keeping considerable more live stock. It is not probable that there will ever be a complete revolution in our present system of farming. Southern soils are naturally better suited to cotton than to most any other crop, and for ages cotton will be the chief money crop.

"There are, however, a great many plants that could be grown here profitably in proper rotation with the crops that are now grown that would materially change our present methods, and to convert these crops into ready money, we must keep more live stock. How often has it been said that the one crop system is the curse of the South. No country of any age has ever remained permanently wealthy agriculturally that depended upon one or two crops and before we can ever hope to make any advancement we must stop devoting so much of our labor and time to cotton.

"It is true farm labor has been more or less demoralized in the South for 40 years and for many years the farmers have been forced to sell their main money crop for about what it cost to produce it. This condition was caused largely by debt and the condition of things generally but there is a gradual improvement. The farmers of the South are getting to be more independent. However we must confess that the labor problem is still at its worst and there are a great number of our farmers who are still drifting around

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## JOHNSTON NEWS.

Mrs. W. L. Coleman left on Monday for Savannah, Ga., for a visit to her sister Mrs. Mary Ryals.

Mrs. Grey, of Greenville, has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. G. P. Cobb.

Mrs. Emma Mobley entertained a few of her friends with a dining on last Thursday.

Mr. Will Hoyt will leave this week for Asheville, N. C., for a visit to his little daughter.

Messrs. Luke Rushton and Cip Jones of Batesburg visited relatives here on Sunday.

Judge J. D. Allen, of Edgefield, was a welcomed visitor here on last Monday.

Mrs. W. B. Cogburn and Miss Ruth Cogburn visited at the home of Mr. A. P. Lott last week.

The Union Station, a comedy, by the home talent, and under the direction of Miss Critchfield, of Indiana, will be had on Friday evening, 12th, at the school auditorium, and promises to be very amusing.

Mr. H. D. Grant, now of Branchville, visited friends here this week.

Miss Harriet Toney entertained six of her girl friends with a luncheon on Friday of this week.

Mrs. M. E. Norris spent several days of last week in Aiken at the home of her brother, Mr. Myers.

Mrs. Mary Ashley, of Fruit Hill, spent a few days of this week here with her brother, Dr. B. L. Allen. She was returning from Aiken where she went to attend the marriage of a relative.

Delightful in every way was the tea on Friday evening with which Mrs. J. H. White complimented Miss Mary T. Nance. Miss Nance is a young woman of charming personality and all present were delighted to meet her again, and the hours quickly passed. A tempting repast was daintily served and souvenirs of the occasion were found at each place. Those that formed the party were: Mesdames J. L. Walker, T. R. Dennis, J. A. Lott, J. W. Marsh, and Mesdames Lillian Mobley, Dora Wertz, Zilma Payne and Lillie LaGrone.

On Tuesday afternoon, from 3:30 to 6 o'clock Misses Lucille and Josie Mobley entertained the Y. W. A., in a charming manner. Progressive games were indulged in, after which a salad course followed by sweets was served.

Mrs. A. P. Lewis has returned from a short visit to relatives at Meeting Street.

## Source Considered.

"What makes the newspapers tell so many lies?" asked a rather inconsiderate Peorian of a newspaper man the other day, according to the Herald-Transcript.

"Because we have to get most of our information from liars," was the jolting reply.

## RED HILL LETTER.

One of the most enjoyable social gatherings that we have had anywhere around here for some time was a box party at the home of Dr. W. E. Prescott, on last Friday night. This party was given for the purpose of entertaining the young people and obtaining money to help buy furniture for the Prescott school house. Dr. Prescott's home is a great place for such an entertainment, as it has spacious rooms and hallways well equipped and beautifully lighted with acetylene gas lights and above all because Dr. and Mrs. Prescott are there to scatter sunshine among their guests. Fathers and mothers as well as the young people were there from different sections of the country.

The first part of the evening was spent in social conversation and playing games and then the contest for a beautiful cake began. Quite a number of couples promenade in the hall and judges were placed to decide which couple walked the most gracefully. The cake was awarded to Miss Emmie Lanham and Prof. C. M. Mellichamp and second prize, a box of nice candy, was awarded to Miss Mabel Prescott and Paul Hammond.

Another beautiful cake was given to the one who drew a certain number out of a box in which were a hundred numbers. Mr. Charlie Wates of Clarks Hill drew 23 and got the cake.

The boxes which were brought by the ladies were then sold to the highest bidder and the young men buying the boxes not only got the box with its delicious contents but had the opportunity of eating with the young lady who brought it (and also judge of her cooking ability.)

The neat sum of twenty-five dollars was taken in.

A debate, upon country and town life, was engaged in by some of the most advanced pupils in our school on Friday afternoon and was greatly enjoyed by the pupils, some patrons, and the teachers. Rev. J. T. Littlejohn announced the decision of the judges in favor of the "country crackers" and in his remarks highly complimented the pupils of the Red Hill school, saying that they had such strong minds.

We are looking forward to next Saturday afternoon week, as the Woman's Missionary Society has announced that they will then serve oysters at the school house. They are to be fresh Norfolk oysters, and served stewed at twenty-five cents per plate and the proceeds to go towards buying a handsome pulpit suit for the church. This is a worthy cause and they hope to have a large crowd present not only of Red Hillians but from various other places. Be sure and come and bring your wife and daughters or sisters, or somebody's else sister or daughter.

## REHOBOTH TIDINGS.

The weather has been so unusually favorable for this season of the year for farm work our farmers are far in advance of previous years. Many large fields have already been plowed up for another crop, and we are glad to report that our farmers are more interested in corn and forage crops than in former years. The cold weather some time ago damaged small grain considerably, especially oats in this section.

The Rehoboth Sunday school was re-organized last Sunday morning, electing the following officers for the year: J. D. Hughey was re-elected superintendent, J. E. Stone, assistant superintendent and W. M. Stone, secretary. All of these are young men who are greatly interested in the Sunday school cause.

Mrs. E. C. Winn happened to a very painful accident last Wednesday by a fall which badly sprained her ankle.

The young people of Rehoboth, Cleora and Red Hill will meet at the new home of Mr. R. A. Wash, next Friday evening to enjoy a valentine party.

Mr. George Golphin, a very intelligent and promising young man from the town of Ninety Six, visited a friend in the community last Monday.

Mr. John Quarles, a popular and handsome young man from the Red Hill community, called on a friend last Sunday evening in our community.

Messrs. C. H. Whatley and Willie Whatley visited friends near Kirksey last Saturday and Sunday.

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## Greatly Pleased With Miss Mary T. Nance.

Mr. A. R. Nicholson, county superintendent of education, told us on Monday of his visits last week to Berea, Limestone, Pine Grove, McKendree, Meeting Street and Long Cane schools, calling also upon the negro schools in those communities. Mr. Nicholson's visits followed closely upon the visits of Miss Nance to the above schools, and without exception the teachers spoke in the highest terms of Miss Nance and her work. All of them expressed the belief that her coming among our people will give a new impetus to the cause of education in the county.

On this same afternoon the women expect to organize a W. O. W. circle and all the women who are interested in joining now or at some future time even are requested to be present.

Ask Mr. Littlejohn what the vision is that he has seen. He is expecting great things for Red Hill in the future and so is

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## "Marked Copy" Did the Trick.



"MARKED COPY" on a newspaper wrapper is sure to make the receiver open and read.

Last year a southern man bought fifty copies of his local paper containing a suggestion for a factory location, marked them and mailed them to fifty individuals or concerns that might be interested.

Result: Twelve immediate inquiries, three propositions for the factory site, one thriving factory located which to-day pays wages to 175 persons living in that town.

Watch this paper for such opportunities to BOOM YOUR TOWN.

## One Hour in Johnston.

It was the writer's good fortune to spend one hour between trains in Johnston Friday morning. It is said the human body undergoes a change every seven years, but the town of Johnston has experienced a complete metamorphosis in a shorter space of time. Old houses have been made new by re-modeling and re-painting; handsome new residences now grace lots that were vacant; the long row of old-style wooden stores along Main street, like so many box cars side by side, have given place to modern brick structures, some with marble fronts.

The most artistic building on the business block is the home of the Bank of Johnston. While the writer was passing down Main street the very attractive exterior of the building arrested our attention and a look at the beautiful tile, heavy plate glass, marble and massive mahogany fixtures within caused us to enter involuntarily. We were warmly greeted by Mr. S. J. Watson, one of the most capable and efficient bank officers in the state, as well as a citizen whose sterling traits of character would make him a tower of strength in any community.

In elegance and convenience of arrangement, the interior of the Bank of Johnston surpasses many of the city banks. The large outer counter, over which passes many thousands of dollars each day, is constructed of massive, beautifully carved mahogany, mounted upon a heavy marble base. The conveniently arranged desks within, one for each official, are also made of highly polished mahogany.

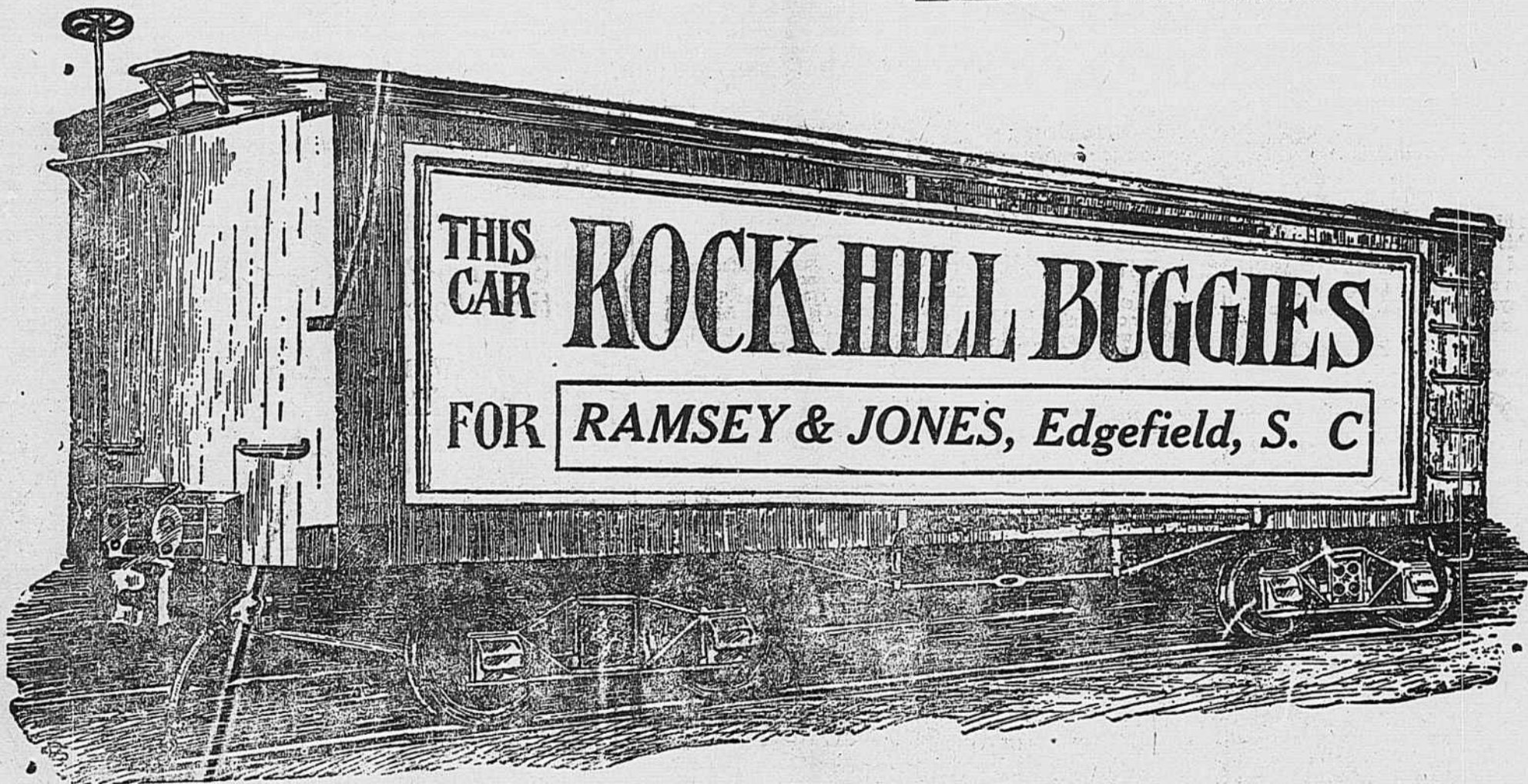
The writer was ushered by Mr. Watson into the "holy of holies," where the gold and silver and mortgages of "horses and lands and cattle on a thousand hills" are kept. In the center of the steel vault is a screw door safe of the most modern type, which though small and unpretentious in appearance, defies the most expert yeggmen.

This prosperous institution has a capital of \$75,000 and surplus and undivided profits of \$10,000. Last year, soon after consolidating with the newly organized Farmers Bank, the Bank of Johnston paid a dividend of fifty per cent to its stockholders, being practically all of its surplus earnings up to that time. The officers of the bank are: J. D. Eidson, president; S. J. Watson, cashier; H. G. Eidson, assistant cashier; W. B. Ouzts, receiving teller, and W. C. Derrick, paying teller.

Thirty more years ago—just how many need not be stated—a cottage surrounded by roses and pomegranates stood upon the site where this beautiful, modern bank building now stands, and if we are correctly informed, it was in this vine-clad cottage that the writer was born. For that reason this spot, now the heart of the business portion of the town of Johnston, has hallowed associations for us.

After leaving the bank, the writer met and chatted with several friends which made our short stay in Johnston exceedingly pleasant.

Enter the Corn Growers' Contest.



We have in transit a solid car of the Celebrated Rock Hill Buggies. In this lot of forty buggies we have all styles, including Carriages, Top Buggies, Open Run-abouts with rubber tires, at prices to suit every purse.

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