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### CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIAN WORKERS.

Outline of the Program of the Young People's Convention in Gastonia July 5-9—Some Hints of the Conference of Work.

All indications point to a large, enthusiastic, and spiritual convention in Gastonia. Are you coming?

We feel sure that after reading the programme, which we publish in full in another page in this issue of the A. R. P. you will decide that you can not afford not to send your pastor and at least two delegates from your society to this convention.

opportunity. If you are to get the most out of this conference, Dr. Kennedy must have your questions some time before the convention meets. Send them at your first opportunity to me and I will send them to Dr. Kennedy.

**JUNIOR CONFERENCE.** At the same hour that Dr. Kennedy discusses Y. P. C. U. methods, Miss Grace Kirkpatrick will meet the Junior workers and conduct a similar conference for them. The Junior Superintendents have probably heard from Miss Kirkpatrick with reference to this conference, but if for any reason, she has not received your name, write her. It is earnestly hoped that a large delegation of Junior workers will be in attendance at the convention, and that the Junior work of our church will receive a great impetus from the new methods of work learned there and the new purpose formed. "To know Christ and to make Christ known."

The programme is rich in good things, but the daily Bible studies conducted by Miss Saxe, alone would be worth coming to the convention to hear. Miss Saxe is a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute. Dr. Torry, the Superintendent of the Institute writes:

"I have known of the Bible work of Miss Saxe for several years. She was formerly a student with us at the Bible Institute, and we have rejoiced in the wonderful work that God has enabled her to do, teaching Bible classes in different cities in America. She is sound in doctrine, wise in methods, and has a remarkable gift of interesting people in Bible study, and showing them how to study the Bible for themselves."

Mr. Alexander, who accompanies Dr. Torry in his evangelistic work, writes: "Miss Saxe has held the largest Union Bible classes of any woman in America for the past six years. I have seen Miss Saxe hold the attention of an audience of one thousand people night after night in popular Bible study. I have never seen the audience she has failed to interest."

Other interesting features of the programme have already been pointed out to you on this page. It is all good and you can't afford to miss it. Plan to come and receive a blessing yourself and pray that through the inspiration received you may be a blessing to others.

Rev. W. H. Pope, who is to speak daily during our convention, recently spent several months on the Pacific coast doing evangelistic work. The California Independent published weekly at Los Angeles, where one of his meetings were held, says:

Mr. Pope is a rare evangelist in the reach and thoroughness of his work. His aim is not simply to lead a revival movement for a few weeks and save as many souls as he can in that time, and leave the church no better equipped for its regular work—far from that; he desires to teach and train the church members so that they will assist him in winning souls during the revival and keep it up when he has gone. In this way he accomplishes great good. His preaching is scriptural, practical and persuasive. One thing is characteristic of his preaching; men hear him gladly and are persuaded to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The pastor of the church in which these meetings were held, says: Rev. H. W. Pope is a good preacher, clear in doctrine, luminous in illustration, apt and skillful in presenting the truth. His knowledge of the Bible is wonderful, and above all, he has a passion for souls. If there is an unconverted man in the audience, he is after him in a tactful way before he gets out of the house and nothing will satisfy him but thorough conversion.

We need to come into touch with this rare evangelist and experienced personal worker. We need to catch something of his spirit as a preparation for the evangelistic meetings that are to be held in each of our congregations this summer. Are you planning to hear him?

PHAYER FOR THE CONVENTION. I hope you are not neglecting this most essential element in preparing for our convention. No better suggestions for this could be given than those made in anticipation of the great British Christian Endeavor Convention. Hence we repeat these topics for prayer this week and urge Y. P. C. U. members and all others interested to follow them. We have prayer circles organized in many societies to pray for a revival. Let each of these circles pray along these definite lines that this convention may be one means of bringing about this great spiritual awakening for which we have

been praying. An eminent English minister made the following suggestions in anticipation of one of the great British Christian Endeavor Conventions. They are equally applicable to our Convention in Gastonia and we hope that all Y. P. C. U. members will carry them out.

1. Pray that all members who attend the Convention may come in the deep and reverent mood of a great expectancy. All of one accord. Acts 2: 1.

2. Pray that all the sessions may experience that quickening atmosphere in which all the powers of the soul may become awake and alive unto God. Like a wind. Acts 2: 2.

3. Pray that speakers and hearers alike may be induced with a new enthusiasm, a burning passion for souls and God. Like as of fire. Acts 2: 3.

4. Pray that Gastonia may feel the pulse and contagion of our presence, and that every corner of it may be stirred in holy wonder. It filled all the house where they were sitting. Acts 2: 2.

5. Pray that the power and witness of the Convention may run throughout our church, and may awake a response in mission lands. "My witnesses . . . to the uttermost parts of the earth."

**SOME FACTS AND FANCIES.**  
—BY JOAN—  
There seems to be a "Blue Law" crusade sweeping over the State, at the present time, from the mountains to the seashore. The bone of contention is soda-water. "Senseless, sparkling, sizzling soda-water must not be sold on Sunday." Everything in the way of refreshments, cigars, papers, etc., must be bought on Saturday before. This is no doubt according to the teachings of the good book and we have naught to say against the good people having their way about the matter. However, it is a significant fact that while the Blue laws pertaining to soda-water etc., are being enforced, other violations of the Sabbath are carried on with impunity. The telephones are operated in full blast on the Lord's day and there is never a murmur to be heard from the ministers—save and except one good man, who is always on the Lord's side in everything. The lust for gold is creeping into the very pews of the church. If it is wrong to sell a cigar or a newspaper on the Sabbath, why in the name of all that is good is it not also a sin to compel the "Hello Girls" to work on the Lord's day? The man who sells a few papers or an ice cream on Sunday will never be wealthy nor will his greed for gold ever cause him to go to perdition. How about the man, company, corporation or who or whatever, one cares to call the thing or concern that compels its employees to break the laws of God and man on the Good Lord's day by working part of each Sabbath? And, there is no extra pay attached to the labor either. Now, the writer is not opposed to either the telephone lines or the soda water fountains being run on Sundays, provided the man who owns them does the work himself, but when he compels an employee to perform this service and that without any compensation I am opposed to it. "Agin it" first, last and all the time. But it is the same thing that is permeating our system of government; the legislation for the few. Special privileges for the wealthy, for the corporations and a freeze out for the little fellows. Because I do not happen to own a telephone line or a trolley system, I have to close up my place of business and not dispense a few glasses of cool, clear, sizzling, senseless soda water to the thirsty drinker. And I must refrain from selling a newspaper to the poor man who is not able to subscribe for the daily by the year, but must forego the pleasure of a paper until Sunday. While the man of means goes to the post office and gets his mail, papers, letters and all goes home and in slippers and gown reads and enjoys the news of the day. But because a poor fellow does not happen to have enough money, together at one time, to subscribe for the paper, he has to go without this treat. If it is wrong in the one case it is certainly wrong in the other. It is a poor rule that will not work both ways. I am for either a closed town, without discrimination or favor, or for a wide open place. It is either right or wrong—there can be no compromise in the matter. Why not legislate against the railroads, hotels, livery stables etc., they are all equally guilty of violating the Sunday laws. It would be well in passing to look into the matter and see why such conditions are allowed to exist. Why should ministers busy themselves with these small matters when so many more important matters could be discussed and an attempt made to remedy them.

On the Arid plains of southern Colorado a tribe of sect people known as the Penitentes or "Los Hermanos Penitentes" have a settlement very remote from any other civilization. They are all Mexicans or Spanish people who have been cast out of the Catholic church for their strange beliefs and customs. On Good Friday it is a custom of this deluded people to go through a service and actually crucify one of their number on a cross in the manner exactly recorded in the New Testament. Some time the penitents is selected and quite often he is a volunteer, to be crucified on "Calvary's Hill," in the exact manner as the Saviour was. It is not the purpose of these ceremonies that the crucified should die, but on Good Friday last, the victim, one Jesus Gonzales, did actually suffer death, owing to an ardent desire to depict the crucifixion of the Saviour. Instead of letting the ceremony go on for half an hour as had been the custom

heretofore, through religious frenzy, it continued for two hours. When the cross was lowered the smiling lips of Gonzales were silent forever; the eyes upturned to the sky were rigid in death's cold embrace. The penitentes looked at each other in surprise, but murmured, "God's will be done." The agony of the cross had been too much—and the poor misguided young man died in what must have been mortal agony—suffered a martyr's death all for the gratification of a weird, wild, strange, uncivilized people who are religious fanatics.

The county authorities have made every effort to secure evidence in the case, but as all of the participants in this most weird affair speak Spanish, it is very hard to obtain sufficient proofs to make arrests. None of the sect will talk of the matter. In this so called civilized country does it seem possible that such a tragedy could be enacted? And yet it is a lamentable fact that these ceremonies take place every year, though none have proven so fatal before. Truly this is the most blasphemous piece of business that has been enacted in a generation. It ought to be stopped. It must be stopped.

### "PISTOL TOTERS."

**Rigorous Policy of a Southern Judge Calls for Commendation.**  
Knoxville Journal and Tribune.

Judge Sneed, of Knox County, is the latest accession to the ranks of the judicial anti-pistol toters. The judge has declared that hereafter, regardless of politics (and this, by the way, is a large concession), he is going to impose the full limit of the law—fine and imprisonment—upon persons convicted in his court of carrying concealed weapons. All that is necessary to break up this baleful practice is for judicial officers to pursue this course impartially and determinedly. The man who goes armed generally has a wholesome fear of a "jail"—something he can't slip up on and shoot.—Chattanooga Times.

Thousands of the best citizens of Knox County will bless Judge Sneed if he will rigidly enforce the law against every man brought before his court charged with carrying a pistol. It is unlawful, and all good citizens want to see the laws enforced. There are families here, as well as in other counties, that have been burdened with grief because of the violation of this law, and there are men in their graves who, but for this foolish and barbarous habit, would be living the right enforcement of the law carrying pistols will be a measure of mercy to those who may be tempted to carry them. Many a man has got into trouble without intending it, and whose life has been blighted, when it would not have been so but for the pistols he carried about his person.

We repeat, if Judge Sneed enforces this law, "regardless of politics" and of personal considerations, he will have the support and the blessing of hundreds of good women and good men. It will be a blessing and a help to the boys of the country who are growing up and who will soon be young men. Incidentally, it will help the county if the law shall hereafter be rigidly enforced against election officers who stand over the ballot boxes of the people with pistols in their pockets, or belted to their persons, for the purpose of intimidating voters, as has been done in the past. If Judge Sneed will see that the next election officer who goes to the polls armed with a pistol or pistols is fined to the top of the notch and sent to jail, he will be doing his county and State a service.

It may be added that Gov. Cox has said he will not pardon a man convicted of a violation of the law, unless recommended for pardon by the judge before whom convicted. We take it that Judge Sneed will not ask for the pardon of a man charged in his court with carrying a pistol and convicted by the verdict of the jury.

Congressman Oudger is having considerable difficulty in disposing of the appointments of the Naval Cadetship. Among those who have been tendered the appointment and who have declined are Victor Williams, Herbert Williams, of Asheville; Duke Leatherwood, young Elias, son of the Hon. Kope Elias, young Moore, son of Walter E. Moore, of Jackson, and others. In the last few days Mr. Oudger has tendered the appointment to Edmund Breese of Brevard with S. Smith of Skyland as alternate.

### ART OF LAUGHTER.

**Scientific Discussion of Good Effects of the Cachibatory Frogs.**  
London Chronicle.

The immediate physical results of indulgence in laughter are numerous. In the first place, the act of laughing involves the exercise of a large number of muscles, including many of those of the face, neck, chest, and abdomen, which, if they are exercised sufficiently, often become correspondingly well developed, as do also all those glands, blood vessels, nerves, and other tissues in intimate connection with them. The facial muscles, for example, of the man who laughs often and easily are generally developed to a degree which gives him the facial roundness of a contented child. But laughter accomplishes much more than the production of this mere outward appearance of well-being. It has a highly beneficial influence on those two vital organs, the heart and the lungs.

During what is called a "fit" of laughter the lungs may be almost completely emptied of their contained air. Fresh air is then drawn into the fullest extent of their capacity, inflating, perhaps, those little-used air cells which contained previously only stagnant air and bacilli—for in the shallow breathing we ordinarily practice comparatively large tracts of air cells are not used. During this process the general circulation is accelerated, impure air is hurried out of the system and fresh air hurried in. While the forcible ascent and descent of the diaphragm during inspiration and expiration the liver and other abdominal organs undergo a kind of kneading not unlike that undergone during massage, and which is of great benefit in rousing them from that torpor to which they are liable. The heart is also stimulated to more vigorous contraction during the active cachibatory process. Persons who, so to speak, let themselves go, and laugh with a will, sometimes bring almost all the principal muscles of their body into play, twisting, turning, and bending themselves almost double in sheer muscular exhilaration.

It is a matter of everyday experience that one feels the better for a good laugh, an explosion of laughter being, in truth, a nerve storm, comparable in its effect to a thunderstorm in its nature (on a very small scale,) doing good by dissipating those oppressive clouds of care which darken the mental horizon.

A class of 13 nurses was graduated from the nurses' training school at the State Hospital at Morganton Thursday evening. Gov. Glenn was present and delivered an address and the diplomas were presented by Mr. J. F. Caldwell, of Charlotte, president of the board of directors of the Hospital.

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Mrs. Mildred E. Orr and husband, Henry E. Orr, of Columbia, O., through their attorneys, Glenn & Johnson, of this city, have instituted suit in the United States Circuit Court against the commissioners of Yancy county for \$3,400 on account of the refusal of the commissioners of that county to pay either interest or principal on that amount of bonds of the county held by Mr. and Mrs. Orr. The bonds held by the Ohio people were due on April 1, 1905, and were issued three years ago by authority of the Legislature for the purpose of building bridges in the county.

## UNDERPRICED EMBROIDERIES

We have just received a big lot of NAINSOOK AND SWISS Embroideries in MATCH SETS at per yard.

15c, 25c, 35c and 50c.

These were picked up at an underprice sale and are fully one third lower than the usual selling price of such exquisitely beautiful goods.

## Jas. F. Yeager.

Gastonia, N. C.

### SHORT NEWS ITEMS.

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