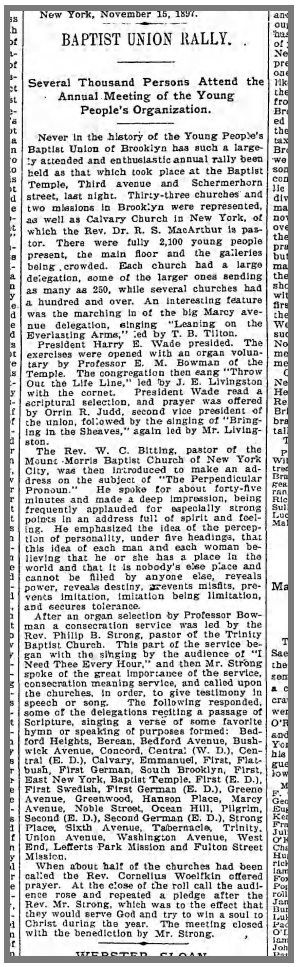
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BAPTIST UNION RALLY.

Several Thousand Persons Attend the Annual Meeting of the Young People's Organization.

Never in the history of the Young People's Baptist Union of Brooklyn has such a largely attended and enthusiastic annual rally been held as that which took place at the Baptist Temple, Third avenue and Schermerhorn street, last night. Thirty-three churches and two missions in Brooklyn were represented, as well as Calvary Church in New York, of which the Rev. Dr. R. S. MacArthur is pastor. There were fully 2,100 young people present, the main floor and the galleries being crowded. Each church had a large delegation, some of the larger ones sending as many as 250, while several churches had a hundred and over. An interesting feature was the marching in of the big Marcy avenue delegation, singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," led by T. B. Tilton.

President Harry E. Wade presided. The exercises were opened with an organ voluntary by Professor E. M. Bowman of the Temple. The congregation then sang "Throw Out the Life Line," led by J. E. Livingston with the cornet. President Wade read a scriptural selection, and prayer was offered by Orrin R. Judd, second vice president of the union, followed by the singing of "Bringing in the Sheaves," again led by Mr. Livingston.

The Rev. W. C. Bitting, pastor of the Mount Morris Baptist Church of New York City, was then introduced to make an address on the subject of "The Perpendicular Pronoun." He spoke for about forty-five minutes and made a deep impression, being frequently applauded for especially strong points in an address full of spirit and feeling. He emphasized the idea of the perception of personality, under five headings, that this idea of each man and each woman believing that he or she has a place in the world and that it is nobody's else place and cannot be filled by anyone else, reveals power, reveals destiny, prevents misfits, prevents imitation, imitation being limitation, and secures tolerance.

After an organ selection by Professor Bowman a consecration service was led by the Rev. Philip B. Strong, pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church. This part of the service began with the singing by the audience of "I Need Thee Every Hour," and then Mr. Strong spoke of the great importance of the service, consecration meaning service, and called upon the churches, in order, to give testimony in speech or song. The following responded, some of the delegations reciting a passage of Scripture, singing a verse of some favorite hymn or speaking of purposes formed: Bedford Heights, Berean, Bedford Avenue, Bushwick Avenue, Concord, Central (W. D.), Central (E. D.), Calvary, Emmanuel, First, Flatbush, First German, South Brooklyn, First, East New York, Baptist Temple, First (E. D.), First Swedish, First German (E. D.), Greene Avenue, Greenwood, Hanson Place, Marcy Avenue, Noble Street, Ocean Hill, Pilgrim, Second (E. D.), Second German (E. D.), Strong Place, Sixth Avenue, Tabernacle, Trinity, Union Avenue, Washington Avenue, West End, Lefferts Park Mission and Fulton Street Mission.

When about half of the churches had been called the Rev. Cornelius Woelfkin offered prayer. At the close of the roll call the audience rose and repeated a pledge after the Rev. Mr. Strong, which was to the effect that they would serve God and try to win a soul to Christ during the year. The meeting closed with the benediction by Mr. Strong.

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Harry Elisha Wade - baptist rally

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