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Editorials

A WORD OF INTRODUCTION

The Publication Committee of the P. R. Y. P. F. takes great pleasure in introducing the first issue of our new periodical into your midst.

Here it is. It means to them the fruit of concentrated effort put forth during the last few months to make this paper possible, the removal of what seemed at times to be insurmountable barriers, the satisfaction of having reached a certain goal. But we realize that it means far more to all the members of the young people's Federation. To you it is the first-fruits of the youthful, yet lively and ambitious organization it represents. Not 18 months ago the Federation was organized in South Holland, Ill. Not 5 months ago the second annual Convention was held in Grand Rapids, Mich. Today you have your own paper. And what this means toward filling the long-felt need in our young people's societies can only be surmised.

The appearance of this new periodical is in accordance with the mandate which the publication committee received at the last Convention. *A Stride Ahead.* The Federation went on record as being in favor of developing a Federation paper and laid this matter in the hands of its previously appointed publication committee to be carried out. This, in turn, is in complete compliance with the adopted Con-

vention paper is mentioned as one of the anticipated means toward realizing its purpose. And that purpose, as you may know, is fourfold:

"1. To unite all Protestant Reformed Young People's Societies so that they may work in close unity and secure a sense of solidarity.

2. To seek the mutual edification of the members of this Federation and to strive for the development of talents as becomes Christian young people.

2. To strive to maintain our specific Prot. Ref. character with a united front.

4. To promote the welfare of the Prot. Ref. Churches in which we have a name and a place."

One stride toward realizing this purpose is made. And hereby *Beacon Lights* takes upon itself to serve this purpose.

Beacon Lights purposes to guide you on your course toward your goal. As an airplane pilot wings his way unhesitatingly on his course by the sweeping rays of his beacon lights, so this paper designs to guide you on your way through this world of sin and darkness, that you may ever hold your course and unswervingly strive for your goal. Or, to use a more common, time-tried figure, as a ship at sea is in imminent danger

The Name. of suffering shipwreck on some hidden shoal or treacherous rock unless the beacon lights guide it through the raging storm and murky blackness of the night, so Prot.