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THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY.

PRESS COMMENTS ON THE RECENT GREAT CONVENTION AT BOSTON.

The New York Sun and the Boston Watchman have timely editorials warning the Christian Endeavor Society against entering into politics. Such a departure on the part of that great moral organization would be far, being debasing and demoralizing in its influence upon its members.—The American.

The society appears to represent the vital part of evangelized Christianity. It is difficult to explain the unity of interest in these gatherings on any other theory. This society practically has battered down the division walls of sectarianism, and brought the young people together on common ground. In this respect the movement is one of the most significant of modern times. It shows that beyond the dry shell of ecclesiasticism and within the stirring atmosphere of crystallized creed there is a spirit inspired with life and superabundant activity in the cause of morality and righteousness.—Halifax Herald.

The test of the strength of a religious society is in its devotion to missions and its objects that are without itself, and it is here that this movement has passed by its point of danger and confirmed the hopes of its friends. We have felt from the beginning that it had strong points and great dangers, but a deeper knowledge of its operations has convinced us that it is in the hands of wise leaders, who are using it for the enlargement of the kingdom of God in the highest and best sense. The movement has in its hands the working future of our Protestant churches, and those who do not help to guide its enthusiasm into right channels will find themselves left high and dry by onward progress. It has grown to an influence that outranks anything now going on in the Protestant world.—Boston Herald.

Some hyper-denominationalists must put aside non-sectarian Christian Endeavor, and while borrowing the method, give the work a denominational tag and call it by a sectarian name. O, the littleness of this hyper-sectarianism, and the greatness of the Christian Endeavor movement! Every church should have its Christian Endeavor Society, and will do well to adopt that, rather than to appropriate the work of its rival. Christian Endeavor is doing for the churches what the churches never thought to do for themselves before. Dr. Clark showed the way. It is one of the most beautiful agencies of the day, and its influence for good is incalculable.—Christian Work.

The reason the majority of the societies in our church refuse to join with the Christian Endeavor is because it is un denominational. They wish to be closely associated with their own denomination, and to be guided by its councils in their methods of work and in the preparation of their literature. But while desiring to be Methodists in such matters, they appreciate the wider inter-denominational fellowships afforded by the Christian Endeavor societies. They would be glad to send representatives to the Endeavor conventions, but are not allowed. In view of this, no doubt, the other denominations will make provisions within their own lines, as the Presbyterians and Baptists are already doing; and when that comes to pass, there will probably be an important landmark of good-will and cooperation between the societies in the various denominations. In this way we shall secure the advantages of both the clear and the wider fellowship.—Halifax Herald.

Among all the clear signs of revived interest in good citizenship none is more remarkable, in its way, than the prominence given the subject at the Boston Christian Endeavor convention. The tone throughout was one of willingness to throw the influence of this great body of young enthusiasts into the cause of municipal reform and local good government. Striking and promising in itself, this action of the Christian Endeavor Society is still more striking and promising for its witness to the quickened sense of civic duty throughout the land. Politicians will reckon ill who make no account of the power which the Christian Endeavor Society, with its hundreds of thousands of members, may wield in matters of local government. It is in such matters, of course, that its influence can chiefly be exerted. Attempts to commit the organization to one of the two

K. D. C. Pills tone and regulate the bowels.

parties in a State or in the nation have been tentatively made, but have been discouraged. They would clearly be fatal to the society's usefulness if not life itself. The whole stress of appeal and intention is laid upon the work of municipal and town reformation. If such a work is unlawful for generation, then the Christian Endeavor Society, it cannot disband too soon. We have too many religious organizations that live in a vacuum. There is far too much of the righteousness of aloofness and indifference. The old idea of saving a remnant out of a world fit only for burning has still too much power. For our part, we rejoice at every proof that secular and civic activities are making their legitimate appeal to religious bodies. It is the devil's own argument that they must save their own souls and let the world go its way to inevitable destruction. N. Y. Evening Post.

The meeting of the Christian Endeavor in Boston was an event of very striking character, not only by reason of its magnitude, but on account of the lofty objects and aims professed. Christian Endeavor is a well chosen name for the organization, for the effort to lead a true Christian life is the highest of all possible aims. But what is the very essence of Christianity? It is one of those things which cannot be taught, but must be learned by the example of those who have been more out of place in the preceding than the attack on the Catholic Church. That this session was ended every person who knows how these great Protestant convocations conduct their affairs expected. The assault on Catholicism is inevitable, and accordingly we were not surprised when one of the delegates on Saturday seized the first opportunity that presented itself by taking for his text "the little red schoolhouse". What he said was not in the spirit of Christian charity, not in that of genuine Christian Endeavor. We regret this abuse of the Catholic Church, not because it will do us the least harm—all such things have the reverse effect—but because it was disgraceful. The Christian Endeavor who did it and those who applauded him, belied the name of Christianity. It is not to be expected that the orators of the day would commend the young people to join the Catholic Church, but such an ancient institution, the fountain head of Christianity, should be at least respected.—Catholic Mirror.

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