

have given a reason for their existence by the work that they have accomplished. If organization be of a wise kind and for work for which there is need, it cannot be too complete. Tammany Hall governed the American elections just because of its splendid organization, and it was not until it was met by a counter organization as complete that it was overthrown. Industry and a wise concentration of force in the desired direction is just as desirable in the Church as in the world. To trust to mere organization is to rely upon the cold metal of the water-pipe for the water supply, but to despise it is as senseless as to despise the machinery which gathers and distributes the strength and refreshment of the thundering waterfall.

Now, it is not required of me to defend in particular any one of these societies as specially suitable for operation within the Presbyterian Church, but as a sample of all of them, and as in some senses the greatest of all, I may be permitted to say something about the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor and the relation of the Presbyterian Church to it. I must confess to something of an original prejudice against this society, to the gradual removal of that feeling and to the admission of a growing admiration for its work, until after returning from the recent San Francisco Convention and marking the increasing realization among the leaders of that great movement of the need of the Holy Spirit's guidance and control, and the decided increase of the evangelistic spirit and of evangelistic and missionary effort in the organization, I returned convinced that Christian Endeavor has within it those elements which make for permanency and power, and which, under God, will ensure it a work in the future to which all that has been accomplished in the past shall be but as the first droppings of the great shower.

This Society has from its inception appealed very strongly to the Presbyterian Church. In all recent international Conventions the Presbyterian Church has been most largely represented of all the denominations. In Canada, out of nine hundred and nineteen Young People's Societies reporting to