

missionary and benevolent enterprise which belong to our church. I do not depreciate what many societies have done for our missions and for local church work, but I have reason to believe that the majority gave more attention to Christian Endeavor interests in themselves than to that for which nominally the society was brought into existence—the work of Christ through the church. Nor is this all. Most unfortunate seems that distinction now in vogue so many congregations, of the congregational prayer-meeting, and totally separate from it, a young people's meeting. It savours of difference where there should be a oneness of spiritual interest. It has often led to complications of a serious nature in congregations of our church.

There is also such a thing as an overgrown organization which because of its unwieldy dimensions cannot do effective work. Overture follows overture to the General Assemblies of the Canadian and American churches praying for reduced ratio of representation to aid executive puposes. But when fifty thousand delegates met in assembly it taxes the ingenuity of even the 19th century to say they met to plan and deliberate. The truth is that the Christian Endeavor movement was only the formative stage of a widespread revival of Christian interest and activity. There was needed a stirring up of a class of Christians whose talents until that

time had been hidden. There was a great work to be done in utilizing the young Christianity of our time. The Endeavor movement has shown the churches how it could be done. It has given its matchless method to the world. As a semi-independent organization it has served its day. What is needed now is the closest possible relation to the churches. It should in so far as it concerns Presbyterianism cast off its undenominational tendency and become part of the church. Canadian Presbyterianism needs what the Methodist churches already have in the Epworth leagues. What the Episcopal church is fast drawing to itself in the St. Andrew Brotherhoods. These bodies are dealing fairly by the Endeavor movement and by their young people as well. They are giving that movement its best form and may confidently expect from it the best results. They have developed the Endeavor principle and have given their young people a new and peculiar interest in the church of their youth. We have as a church treated undenominational movements with charity and generosity—so much so that others not so deeply embued with that spirit have oftentimes reaped where we have sown. Are we to learn from that experience? It is certainly high time.

At the last meeting of the General Assembly of the American Presbyterian Church (North) at Pittsburg, this question took form