

I have no hesitation, after an experience of thirty years in official connection with our various societies, in replying, *by thorough loyalty to our own distinctive work in the Dominion.*

Had we been as loyal to this as we ought for the past thirty years, I believe our progress would have been doubled.

The work of Home Missions and of our College are the interests that demand primary consideration from all churches. If these institutions are generously supported, our work in the country as a whole will increase and flourish; if they are not so supported, we need not look for increase or improvement.

A great deal of time has lately been spent in discussing radical changes in methods and in government, the results of which have been to show wide differences of opinion on the subject, which it would be most difficult if not impossible to reconcile; but we can all agree on two points: first, true loyalty to Congregational principles, and second, earnest co-operation in spreading them all over our common country. And here the influence of the pulpit must come in.

Our ministers are naturally looked upon as our leaders, and church education on these points must come from them. There has been in the past far too little of this kind of education, hence so many of our people lack the enthusiasm necessary to success. Given loyal and enthusiastic pastors, and the result will soon be a loyal and enthusiastic people.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Treasurer.*

