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the breach than in the observance. Nor can we justly plead our poverty—would to God we could!—for the meagreness of our Christian stewardship. Had we been Jews, and faithful to the requirements of God in material things, giving one tenth, or as some think, two and one-third tenths of the income, and the \$2,500 each to the College and Missions, would have been vastly more than doubled. While men were guided by the Christian rule, and upon the first day of the week each one laid by him in store as God prospered him, our various treasuries would have received ample for the work with which God has entrusted us. Over, and over again, has God's hatred toward covetousness been manifested. And the lesson has been so often repeated, that it has lost its force, that a church which first provides all, including luxuries, for itself, giving only a portion of its surplus wealth to the salvation of a lost world, is a church whose glory is departed, and whose advancement is at an end. May the Congregationalists of Canada heed the warning, and rouse themselves on a subject which is as high a privilege as it is expressive of loyalty to Christ!

And as a last element in our estimate of things necessary to progress, I mention *Esprit de corps*. More of oneness as between the churches. Why should we not make Congregationalism synonymous with brotherly kindness, loyalty to each other's interests, and the standing shoulder to shoulder in the battle of life? We ought to think more highly of a Congregationalist than we do of a Presbyterian or a Methodist or an Anglican. And if all four equally needed help, we ought to help the Congregationalist first, and with his help, help the other three. A Congregational Union should be a union. If we have been up-to-date a "rope of sand," we may, and we ought in future, to be a cable, whose strands are steel fibres, held together by the magnetism of truth. The Congregational churches of this land should be a confederacy, the better to increase their resistant and dynamic energy. Individual independency is bad organization, bad policy, bad tactics. No great moral or military victory was ever won by extreme independency. Then close up our ranks! Move on in an unbroken column! Stick to and by each other, is the way to make our power felt for pure and undefiled religion.

My brethren, some of us must move forward soon, if we are to move at all. Year by year, as we convene in annual meeting, the composition of the assembly varies. Not in any two conventions are all the same faces seen, and the same voices heard.