

work, and have failed thus far to detect the slightest indication of the tendency complained of. On the contrary, I believe there are evidences of a movement in the very opposite direction, namely, that of seeking closer identification (if that be possible) with the particular church in which the Society exists. Moreover, if the statement made by the said writer be true of any Society, such organization is untrue to the based principles of Christian Endeavor, and has no right to sail under C. E. colors. The truth of the statement that I have made can be proven by facts. At the Presbyterian rally of the Ontario Convention, held last autumn at Brantford, among other resolutions, the following was unanimously adopted: "That we, the Endeavorers of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, do hereby express our conviction that it is desirable that our Societies should be brought into closer union with the Church we love, by means of Presbyterian organization." The same kind of resolution was passed at the rally of the Canadian Presbyterians in Boston last summer. Does that appear as if the Endeavor societies were moving farther from the Church? This same writer asks the question about the Endeavor movement "Whither will it tend? Will it ultimately strengthen the agencies already at work by closely affiliating with them and permeating them with its spirit, or is it drawing the young people of our churches away from their denominational connection, and will it seek for itself an independent path, as the Salvation Army has done?"

I cannot understand how any person who knows the principles of Christian Endeavor, and is acquainted with its history, could seriously ask such a question. In all my varied experience with Endeavorers, I have yet to learn of a single instance of insubordination to the Church proper by this Society. I have yet to hear of the remotest desire on the part of the young people to separate from the Church, or to assert their independence. If such a desire did manifest itself, if such insubordination should arise, then that Society, if it would not return to its proper place in the church, would have to adopt some other name, as it could no longer be recognized as a Christian Endeavor Society.

Again, the statement is made, "It (the C. E. Society) cannot give its entire support to the Church under the present circumstances," and why? Because, says the writer, the societies have a federal union altogether apart from any or all of the churches, and because it has its independent, denominational officers, conventions and press, and these draw to themselves a large degree of interest.

According, then, to this argument, we should not have any interdenominational Sunday-school Associations or Conventions. The Y. M. C. Association should be abolished and the Ministerial Association should be relegated to the archives of the past. The Bible Society should be obliterated as soon