

made unto salvation," and if we must "confess Christ before men" in order that He will confess us before our heavenly Father, then the complete fulfilment of Christian responsibility is only accomplished by our public testimony as it is written: "And they overcame him (the accuser) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony." "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord," most certainly has a responsible application unto us, of whom Christ said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me." Hence the Christian Endeavor prayer-meeting is following the "example" of Christ and in accord with "our heavenly Father's will." Such public confession of Christ and for Christ is not only a benefit to others but a blessing to ourselves. It enkindles and deepens, purifies and strengthens our love to God and man. Expression is necessary to the existence and growth of real love, and such a meeting for Christian fellowship affords an excellent means for the mutual exercise of this need. Publicly witnessing to spiritual things puts us definitely on Christ's side and in right relation to the world. The giving of our testimony, relating our experience, exhorting or instructing others in righteousness, encourages our own faith and destroys the fear of man. Viewed from these standpoints, attendance upon the meetings may properly be used as a test of membership in the Society, the more especially since if a member cannot be present provision is made that he may give a written testimony, or respond by sending a passage of Scripture or verse of a hymn that has been helpful. The one great advantage of the pledge, then, is to make all the members feel, that whether present or absent, they are in sympathy with each other and personally devoted to the furtherance of the interests of Christ's kingdom among men.

Our pledge is of a pre-eminently practical character, not dealing in mere generalities, but with specific duties, aiming specially at making Christians of the "out and out" sort. Each Active Member definitely and decidedly declares himself to be a Christian, and promises to live as such.

*Epworth League:* "As a Christian, I will abstain from all amusements and habits upon which I cannot ask God's blessing. I will honor God with my substance as He has prospered