

national societies. (1) The Canada Congregational Missionary Society, (2) The Canada Congregational Foreign Missionary Society, (3) The Canada Congregational College, (4) The Congregational Publishing Society, (5) The Congregational Provident Fund Society, (6) The Canada Congregational Woman's Board of Missions, and (7) The Congregational Union, constitute a seven-fold cord, which is not quite "a bond of perfectness." These organizations have been formed at different periods of our history, and it is thought by many among us that their relation to each other may now be simplified. The question has been referred to a joint committee representing all the societies involved, and the result of the committee's deliberations will probably be submitted next year. Important as this question is, it is only a part of the greater and more vital question, "How can we best interest the churches in our great denominational enterprises?" Through these societies we have the privilege of co-operating in the various departments of missionary endeavor. No completer test of denominational loyalty can be applied than that which is supplied by our attitude toward these schemes of the churches. Some of you remember and contribute to them all. Some contribute to certain of them. Some among you forget them all. Dearly beloved, as we desire your individual perfection and associated efficiency, we desire your earnest co-operation with us in these vitally important enterprises. Will you not give each of them a place on the calendar of your church, for an annual offering? If, by reason of pressing obligations at home, your offerings must be small, still make the offering. "If there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath." The annual presentation of the claim will be a means of education in denominational loyalty; the amount contributed will tend year by year to increase; and the sum aggregated by the united gifts of all the churches will greatly enlarge the annual income of the societies, and increase the efficiency and scope of their operations.

One very important bond of fellowship among churches is the use of a common hymnal. The Congregational Union of England and Wales has recently issued a series of hymnals of great excellency. They comprise (1) a large and noble collection for general worship, (2) a smaller and very attractive book for Mission Halls and Evangelistic services, and (3) a Sunday School hymnal. We commend this series of hymn books to the favorable notice of all our congregations.