

Church, in fact, it is only as "members of the body of Christ, which is the Church," that we can "do our heavenly Father's will." Joining a Church does not make us Christians, but everyone who is a Christian should be connected with the Church. The Church is of Divine origin, and the ordinances of Divine appointment, and our duty thereto is of supreme importance. That the Apostles recognized this is without doubt, and as the people became Christians they were "added to the Church." We can only become visible "members of Christ's Church, which is His body," by joining some particular branch thereof. We should unite where we can best serve the interests of God's cause by doing the most work for man. The soldier, to serve his country, must not only enlist in the army, but in some company of a particular regiment, and in connection therewith drill, answer roll-call and do active service. Similarly we should be regular and constant upon the training and teaching, and active and earnest in the work of the particular Church of our choice. And that Christian will receive the most help from the Church who most truly sustains the services and work of his own local Church.

Our pledge gives no place for the church-tramp or "itching-ears" hearer, for instead of going to some other church because "they have such good meetings, or singing, or preaching," the aim is to make the services of that Church with which we are connected *the best*. Be loyal and true to your own local Church, its pastor, its work, its responsibilities and its services, and to the denomination of which it forms a part, is the unqualified requirement of every Christian, and by the pledge we say, "I admit and will perform this duty." It must never be forgotten that the Young People's Society is in and for the Church, and must never supplant or take the place of the Church either as to meetings or membership, work or interest.

Every person on taking the Active Member's Pledge should, if not already a member of the Church, become one; and every church member who joins the Young People's Society, should do so as an Active Member. This is not only in the interests of the Church and the Society, but of the individual himself and for the good of the Associate Members and such other young people as are not decided Christians.