

such a suggestion I would emphatically dissent, and this not because I would in the slightest degree retard or discourage a spirit of true Christian charity and unity, but rather because I would seek by every means to establish and develop such. Charity is a fruit not of ignorance, but of knowledge and of an exercised judgment. The history of our Church's past is too full of glory and of greatness and of God to be carelessly cast aside, it is too redolent with the heroism of sacrifice and service to be buried and forgotten. The distinctive doctrines, the principles and practices of our Church have a message for this age also, and it will be little less than criminal on the part of the Church if she fail to make familiar with her rich heritage the young people whom God has given her.

To do this work and at the same time to train our young people for Christian service we may have either a distinctively denominational society or we may use the existing Christian Endeavor Society in a manner which its elastic character makes easily possible. Along this latter line our General Assembly's Committee is now working, and topics and textbooks dealing with the History, Polity, Work and Doctrine of our own Church have been suggested, and to a very large measure adopted. The introduction of these special studies and courses of reading is a work just as advantageous to the Christian Endeavor Society as it is to the Church, for it emphasizes its thoroughly inter-denominational character, and it is interesting and encouraging to know that Dr. Clarke, the founder of the Christian Endeavor Society, has expressed warm approval of the scheme. To secure the best results from them a persevering and sympathetic interest in the work of the Society is required on the part of the minister ; but this is essential to any successful work among the young, and this I will say for our Young People's Societies, I have never known one in which the pastor took such an interest, become a centre from which troubles, such as are sometimes charged against such societies, have arisen.

With the possibility, then, of such complete control, on the