

the end of the year four more societies were formed, and many other churches adopted similar methods.

The first of the annual conventions, which have become such important inter-denominational rallies, was held in June, 1882, at Williston Church, Portland, when only six societies were recorded. The following year the number had grown to fifty-three ; in 1885 the United Society of Christian Endeavor was incorporated with two hundred and fifty-three local Societies and fourteen thousand eight hundred and ninety-two members.

The following year the Christian Endeavor organ, *The Golden Rule*, was established. Dr. F. E. Clark resigned his important pastorate in South Boston to become President of the United Society and Editor-in-chief of *The Golden Rule*. A special feature of the Christian Endeavor Society is its inter-denominational character, and it rapidly spread to all the Evangelical Churches, local societies retaining their denominational allegiance, while sharing the inter-denominational fellowship.

Soon the movement spread beyond this continent. Dr. Clark made successive visits to Europe in the interest of the Society, and established branches in almost all the European countries. He subsequently made Christian Endeavor journeys around the world, receiving a cordial welcome in the chief centres of population of Australia, China, India, Turkey and other countries.

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