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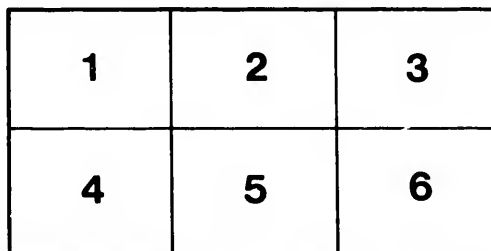
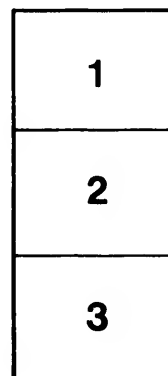
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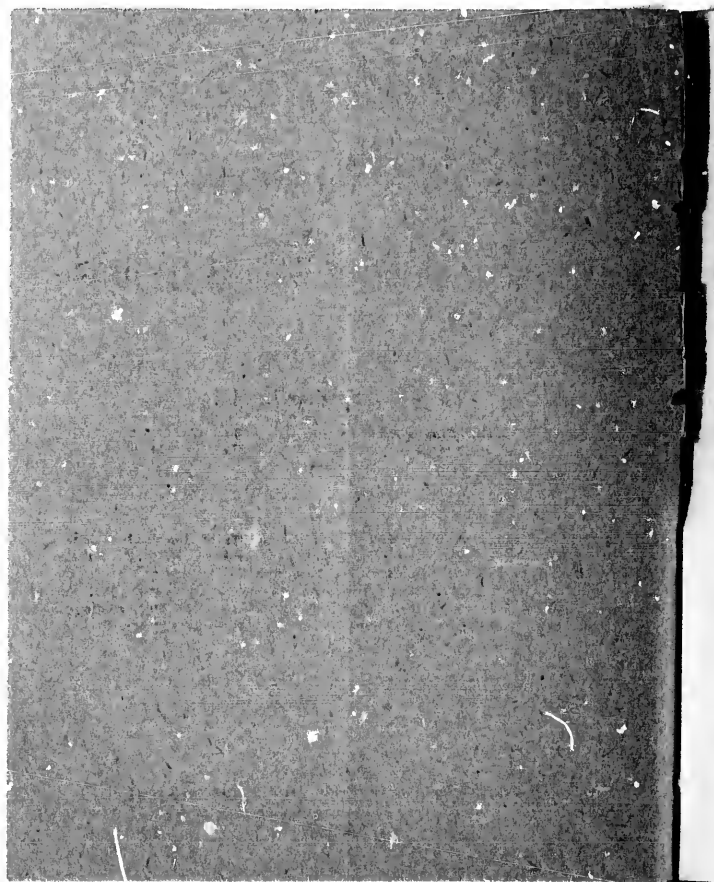
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THE UNITED SOCIETY.

WHAT IT IS FOR.

The United Society of Christian Endeavor is simply the missionary agent of all the societies. Through it a knowledge of Christian Endeavor principles is being spread throughout the world. It is sometimes asked, "What good will it do us to join the United Society?" A question more in accord with the spirit of Christian Endeavor would be, "What good can we do others by joining the United Society?" If the society is good for one local church it is presumably good for all the churches, and a knowledge of it should be spread abroad. It seems hardly Christian for a society to take the principles of Christian Endeavor and then do nothing for the central organization that furnished them to further its work. The United Society has been legally incorporated under the laws of Massachusetts.

HOW TO JOIN IT.

Any society that wishes to join the United Society can do so by filling out a blank prepared for the purpose, which will be furnished by the United Society. There is no tax levied, but it is hoped that every society will give as a free will offering, the very small sum of ten cents per year, per member, for the spread of the work in all the world. This money is used largely in sending out literature in this country and in foreign lands where the Christian Endeavor idea is not well known.

NO LARGE SALARIES.

There are no large salaries paid, and only one officer, the General Secretary, is wholly supported (and in this case at a very moderate salary), by the United Society. It is not the design of the trustees to increase the expenses

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in the future. They themselves give their services. *They do not think that paid State officers should be employed.* Let the work be done, as in the past, by voluntary efforts of pastors and others. In this way the Society will grow more slowly perhaps, but more surely. *It will never be forced upon an unwilling church or pastor, without the cooperation of the pastor.* It will afford no temptation to seek the work for the sake of the salary attached.

THE UNITED SOCIETY SHOULD PRINT THE LITERATURE.

In this connection let us say that we think, so far as is possible, the United Society should become self-supporting by printing its own literature, furnishing the Society badge when decided on, etc. On this account the old series of literature will be cancelled, and the new series revised and improved; and this, together with the national badge when decided on, will be *copyrighted* for the benefit of the Society. No author will receive any royalty, and no individual will make a single dime out of it; but any profits that may accrue will be used for the further spread of Christian Endeavor ideas, so that in the course of years the Society may be almost, if not quite, self-supporting. At the same time, the local societies can thus have their printing done cheaper than in any other way.

WHAT IT WILL FURNISH.

The following leaflets, varying in size from eight to sixteen pages, will soon be issued: "The Model Constitution (revised)," "The Society of Christian Endeavor: What It is and How it Works (revised)," "Raise the Standard; or, The Element of Obligation (revised)," "The Work of the Various Committees," "Reorganization," "The United Society, The State Union and The Local Union," "History of the Christian Endeavor Move-

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ment," "The Beginning of a Society," "Modern Method of Christian Nurture," etc. These little pamphlets, when printed in large quantities, can be furnished for about two cents each. "Uniform Prayer-meeting Topics," for a dollar a hundred, and the "Cards for Application," "Active Membership Pledge," etc., for about fifty cents a hundred. These supplies, when printed separately for a society, would usually cost several times as much. By raising a club for the **THE GOLDEN RULE**, every society can practically have its printing done free by accepting the literature premium.

STATE UNION.

Form of Constitution for a State Christian Endeavor Union.

This Constitution is based on that of the Connecticut Christian Endeavor Union, and is recommended by the Executive Committee of the United Societies of Christian Endeavor. It contemplates the formation of local unions, which, so far as they exist, shall be connected with the State Union through their presidents, who are *ex officio* members of the State Union. Societies not connected with local unions, will be represented in the management of the State Union through the officers and elected members of the Executive Committee, all of whom are chosen at the annual meeting.

The annual meeting is one of societies, not one of unions, all societies belonging to the State Union having equal right in its meetings, whether they belong to a local

union or not. The object in making the presidents of local unions members *ex officio* of the Executive Committee is partly, to stimulate an interest in the formation of local unions by thus recognizing their very great importance, and partly, to make sure of having on the State Executive Committee those men, who, by their official position, are acknowledged to be among the leading Christian Endeavor men in their respective localities.

Constitution.

Article I.—NAME.

The name of this Society shall be THE—CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR UNION.

Article II.—OBJECT.

The object of this Union shall be to stimulate an interest in Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor and in local Unions of the same in this State, and to promote their efficiency as factors in Christian life and church work by bringing them into closer relations with each other through conferences, reports and correspondence.

Article III.—MEMBERS

Any Young People's Society of "Christian Endeavor" so called in this State, whose Constitution, in its aims and in its prayer-meeting obligations, conforms substantially in spirit to what is known as "The Model Constitution," may join in this Union on its own vote to do so, communicated in writing to the secretary of this Union, and approved by its Executive Committee. The members of any Society belonging to this Union will be entitled to all its privileges, and every such Society will be expected to respond promptly to all calls made on it by this Union or its officers.

Article IV.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this Union shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, and a Secretary, who shall also act as Treasurer; whose duties shall be those usually belonging to such officers; and who, with the Presidents of the several local Unions in this State and such other persons as this Union may elect, shall constitute an Executive Committee having charge of all business not otherwise provided for. The officers and the elected members of the Executive Committee shall be chosen at each annual conference, and shall begin their terms of service at the close of the conference at which they are elected.

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Article V.—MEETINGS.

The Executive Committee shall arrange for an annual conference of this Union in _____ or _____ of each year, and may arrange for other meetings of the Union or of a part of it as they shall think best.

Article VI.—FINANCE.

At each conference a Finance Committee shall be appointed, who shall audit the accounts of the Treasurer and report thereon; and who with the Treasurer may if necessary, present to the Union for its consideration some plan for raising funds for current expenses.

Article VI.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any meeting of this Union, provided notice of the proposed amendment was inserted in the call for that meeting, or was given at the previous meeting.

LOCAL UNIONS.

One of the later developments of the Christian Endeavor idea has been in the line of Local Union. These unions are composed of six, eight, or a dozen or more societies, banded together in this way for mutual helpfulness. They have been found very useful, and have stimulated the growth and increased the value of individual societies. The young people who form these unions meet once in two or three months for a discussion of methods of work, or the fundamental principles of the Society, or for meetings of prayer and consecration. These meetings have been found of special value in promoting the spirit of brotherhood and Christian fellowship. The organization of these "Unions" should be very simple, and the constitution may be brief as is shown by the following form.

FORM OF CONSTITUTION FOR A LOCAL UNION.

Article I. This Society shall be called the _____ Christian Endeavor Union.

Article II. The object of the Society shall be to stimulate the interest in Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor in _____ and vicinity. To increase their mutual acquaintance and to make them more useful in the service of God.

Article III. Any Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor in _____ and vicinity whose Constitution in its aims and prayer-meeting obligations conform generally in spirit to the "Model" Constitution may join this Society by notifying the Secretary.

Article IV. The officers shall be a President, Vice President and Secretary and Treasurer. The President and Secretary and Treasurer shall be selected from Active Members, and to serve one year, remaining in office until their successors are elected. All the Presidents of the Y. P. S. C. E., forming this Union shall be Vice Presidents of this

Society. The President, Vice Presidents and Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute an Executive Committee to provide for the general interest of the Union.

Article V. This Society shall hold meetings at such times and places as shall be determined by the Executive Committee. The President may call special meetings of the Executive Committee when he may deem it necessary.

Article VI. The duties of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be the duties usually pertaining to these offices.

Article VII. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of all the Active Members present at any regular meeting, the amendment having been submitted in writing and notice having been given at least four weeks before action is taken.

Relation of The United Society, State Unions and the Local Unions.

The relation of the United Society and the State and Local Unions to each other has been thus defined by the Trustees of the United Society.

“The Local Societies are for Christian Endeavor work in the churches with which they are connected. The Local Unions are for mutual helpfulness between the neighboring societies of the same city or district. The State Unions are for the spread of the work in the State where they are formed, and the Annual Conventions are especially for the discussion of methods of work. The United Society, as the incorporated body, is the proper organization for the raising of money, and the publication of literature, and for the general management of the work at large. For the sake of unity, and of securing suitable supervision of the literature and the workers for whom the Society is responsible, it is expedient that the literature and the paid representatives emanate from the United Society.”

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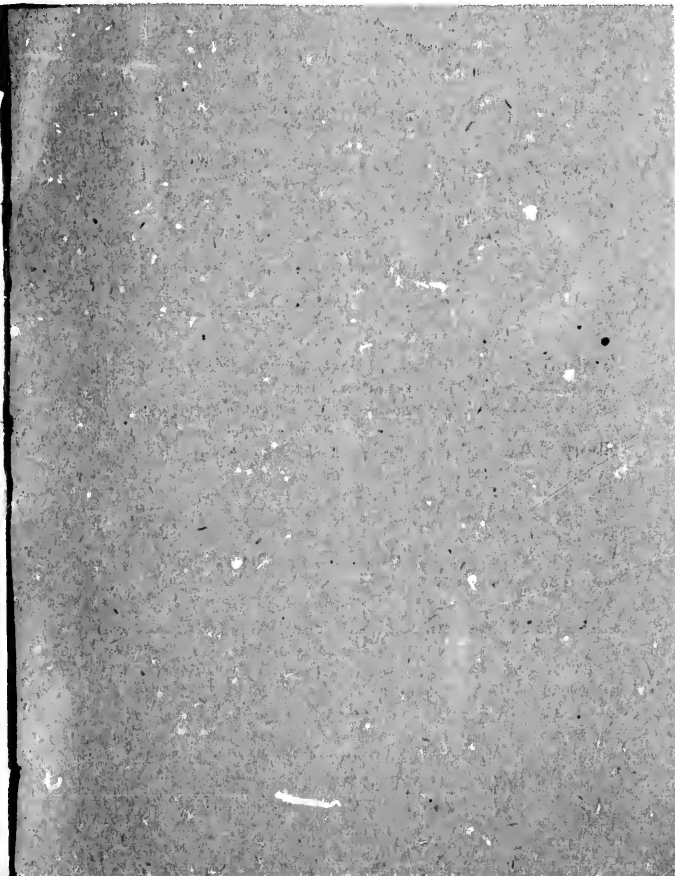
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