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UNITED SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PAPERS

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The United Society of Christian Endeavor was organized 2 February 1881 in Portland, Oregon, by Francis Edward CLARK (1851-1927), an American Congregational clergyman. The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, as it was originally named, quickly grew to include other denominations and age groups. By 1895, the Society of Christian Endeavor had become an international organization. The Central District Christian Endeavor Union, which included Lynchburg, Virginia, was begun ca. 1934.

["Dr. Francis E. CLARK...Memorial Service," United Society of Christian Endeavor, Lynchburg, VA, Papers, MS1272, Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, VA; *The New Columbia Encyclopedia* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1975), pp. 551, 570; "Golden Gleam," Vol. I, No. IX (Aug. 1935), United Society of Christian Endeavor, Papers, MS1272, loc.cit. Based on the publication date of the Aug. 1935 issue, the first issue would have been released ca. Nov. 1934.]