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## LITERARY SOCIETIES

### Reliance

The initial meeting of the Reliance Literary Society was held on Friday night. There was much good spirit manifested. The meeting was devoted principally to the election of officers. As the officers were elected they responded with a short, encouraging talk. The old Reliance yells and songs were given. Miss McDowell is our advisor; William Kennedy, president; Allan Shepard, vice-president; Charles Ell, secretary; Albert Spearson, treasurer; Alex Williams, sergeant-at-arms; Elmer Therriault, yell leader and Charles Buchert assistant yell leader. Mrs. Brickell was official visitor. We expect great things this year from our society.

### Winona

The W. L. S. held their first meeting this term in the usual room. The fact that the lights were shut off for a time did not bother them for they used the time for singing the school song and practicing up on a few Winona "Jazz" songs.

After the business meeting a lively volunteer program took place. Recitations by Lucy Sexton, Carrie Anderson and Hattie Martin were much enjoyed, as were the vocal solos and funny stories given by other members of the society. Probably the most amusing feature of the evening was the "Unfinished Story." This was started by Catherine Reed, everyone who took part in telling the story showed much originality and a good sense of humor. The pleasant evening was ended by singing some of the old songs and giving some of the old cheers. The room had been decorated by a volunteer committee and looked very pretty when the lights suddenly came on.

## Y. M. AND Y. W. C. A. NOTES

The Y. W. C. A. has initiated its winter's work with several very attractive programs. Last Sunday the meeting was led by Millie Bennett, and a most interesting report was given by Ola Fairweather and Carrie Anderson, of the Y. W. C. A. Summer Conference at McCreadie Springs, to which they were sent as delegates. The girls reported a fine time and brought back many splendid suggestions for programs, parties and committee work.

An enthusiastic new organization on the campus is a branch of the Y. M. C. A. composed of the younger boys, known as the I. T. C. Only those fortunate enough to belong understand these mystic letters.

The boys enjoyed a visit from Mr. W. P. Walters, Marion County Y. M. C. A. secretary, last Tuesday night, at which time he presented a fourfold program for the winter, which is social, educational, athletic and religious in its nature. The boys are beginning work on this program at once. The officers of the new organization are Alton Wilder, president; Clifford King, vice-president; John Lawrence, secretary; Eugene Boudry, treasurer; and Jim Thomas, sergeant-at-arms.

On Sunday last, the Protestant Sunday School, with more than 300 students enrolled, was divided into thirteen graded classes, with a full corps of teachers composed of both employees and students. In addition to these Sunday classes, two teacher training classes are maintained through the week for the student teachers, at which times a standard Teacher Training Course is studied and from time to time examinations are given over the work covered.

On next Saturday and Sunday, Alex Williams and Lawrence Mercurief will be delegates from the Chemawa Y.M.C.A. to a Hi-"Y" Conference, composed of the High School Y. M. C. A.s of Marion County. This conference is held at Woodburn and will have such men on the program as Tracy Strong, boys' secretary from Seattle, and Jim Palmer, general secretary, from Portland, as well as several other strong speakers.

## VACATION DAYS

The vacation days just ended have indeed been busy ones at Chemawa. The three hundred or more boys and girls, whom we term the backbone of the school for 1921, most cheerfully and effectively performed the necessary work in connection with the raising, gathering, canning, preserving and drying the various crops of fruits and vegetables, for the consumption by the student body throughout the year. Indeed, this was no small task when it is understood that thousands of gallons of fruit and vegetables were canned. In addition the hay and grain crops were very large, there being about 3,000 bushels of oats and 200 tons of hay and 400 bushels of wheat, to which was added the corn crop, which is in the silo. The threshing was done, hay bailed, prunes dried as well.

The students were divided into two sections, one section working at the school, while the other worked in the fruit and on the neighboring ranches, rotating every other day. Thousands of dollars were earned by the students. It was not all work, however, as each evening some diversion was given in the shape of meetings in the gym, picnics at intervals on the bank of the Willamette. Altogether a profitable summer was enjoyed, made possible by the finespirit shown by our vacation boys and girls.

## SENIOR NOTES

The Seniors, to the number of ten, and more coming, have started out well this year. The pennant is up, the class songs are being sung, and there have been several very interesting business sessions.

The class now entering upon its final year at Chemawa is bearing a motto selected by them in the sixth grade. "Perseverance" has led them thus far and they hope to see it on the platform at the next graduation exercises.