

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR'S WORK

The Purpose of the Y. W. C. A. is to Help Every Young Lady in the University

(By Ruth Balderee, President.)

On March 18, 1894, fourteen young women met in the parlor of the dormitory and organized the Y. W. C. A. of the University. This association has grown to be an indispensable part of university life, but this growth has been slow, and oft-times imperceptible. Indeed, during one year, the society was kept alive only by the devoted efforts of four young women, who met week after week and carried on the work. But such a state of affairs as this has long been past, and a new and happier era entered upon. With one exception the Y. W. C. A. is the only society open to all women of the University, and standing as it does, for the spiritual realm, it fills a needed place.

ev's "Social and Ethical Teachings of Jesus." These courses are proving helpful and beneficial.

The Missionary committee is greatly helped by the presence of the Student Volunteer Band in the university. Once a month this committee has charge of the weekly devotional meeting, and has provided some helpful services. At one meeting, Mr. Lee Tong, now preparing for missionary work in China, gave a graphic account of the needs of his country. An enthusiastic class has been organized to study "The Uplift of China," under the leadership of Mrs. Humbert, of the Divinity School. We feel that we should have an especial interest in missions, since two of our former members, Victoria Mitchell and Elizabeth Logan (now Mrs. Eunis) are in the foreign field and our first president and her sister, Kate Hanna, are engaged in home mission work in Alaska.

The Devotional committee, at the be-

with a Valentine social at the Kloshe Tillacum house. But perhaps the most enjoyable affair of the year, was the dinner given to the Y. M. C. A. in the dormitory on March 28. The boys put down the cement walk in front of the association lot on Eleventh street, and the girls provided the dinner for the occasion.

The Intercollegiate committee has provided attractive posters and advertisements for many of the meetings, and these will be preserved to swell the conference exhibit.

Our growth in the past year has been due in large measure to the impetus received from conventions and conferences. We sent seven delegates to the convention at Corvallis last Spring and three to the Northwest conference at Seaside. The State convention has just been held in Eugene with this association and the High School association as hostesses, and the work of preparation has given us valuable training, while the inspiration



Y. W. C. A. CABINET, 1908-09.

While our anticipations for the past year have not all been realized, still the association is in a very prosperous condition. The committees have faithfully executed their work. The membership committee has performed valiant service. At the opening of the year the roll of members contained but thirty names, but by a diligent, systematic canvass of every girl in the University, the membership has been increased to sixty-seven active members, almost half of the girls in school. The sustaining membership numbers about twenty.

The Bible Study committee was greatly aided by a special visit from our state secretary, Miss Ross. The object of this visit was to arouse a greater interest in the Bible, and to enroll as many girls as possible in classes for Bible Study. Many of the girls are taking the "Ten Minutes" course, others are enrolled in the Bible classes of the different churches and still others have joined the two association classes, taking up the study of

ginning of each semester, printed and distributed the entire program for each term. Some especially good outside speakers were secured, Rev. Foulkes, and Dr. Brougher, of Portland; Prof. Sweetser, Mrs. Allen, Miss Fraser, being particularly noteworthy. The Music committee ably seconded the work of the Devotional committee by providing excellent special music for many meetings.

The Finance committee has had perhaps the most arduous task but it has kept the treasury better supplied than in any previous year.

The Social committee has been busy. At the opening of the college year the annual reception to new students was given in conjunction with the Y. M. C. A. Later, on the completion of the membership campaign, a Japanese social was given at the Tau Pi house in honor of the new members, and just before that a reception was given Miss Ross at the home of Mrs. Young. In February, the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. entertained each other

of the meetings will help us all through the year.

As we look into the future, we are resolved more than ever before to be and do what an ideal association ought to do. We wish to come into personal contact with every girl in the University, to have a far greater interest and attendance in Bible Study classes (for we feel that this is the secret of power and growth in any Y. W. C. A.), to quicken the missionary spirit, by means of both mission study and the Student Volunteer Band, to introduce systematic giving among the girls, and to be properly represented at the Seaside conference. Heretofore, we have always been ashamed and grieved because we have not been able to send more delegates than we have, and we hope that it may not be thus this year.

A women's building will be erected on the Washington campus by the Alumnae Club.

Ward L. Ray, '08, president of the Dorm. Club, is slightly indisposed.