

Y. W. C. A. CLOSSES GOOD YEAR

Many Good Speakers Have Addressed the Growing Association During 1907-08.

The University Y. W. C. A. is ending one of the most successful years in its history. Starting in October with twenty-five members, the number has been raised to sixty-five student members, with a sustaining membership of twenty-five.

Meetings have been held weekly during the year, many of them addressed by outside speakers, such as Dr. Foulkes and Dr. Brougher of Portland, Mrs. Christianson and Mrs. S. D. Allen, while Pres. Campbell and several members of the faculty including Dr. Sheldon, Prof. Sweetser and Dr. Gilbert have given excellent talks. The Association is also deeply indebted to college and town musical talent for most enjoyable numbers at nearly every meeting, as well as to the artists who have contributed posters announcing meetings and social events.

One essential feature of Y. W. C. A. work is Bible study; this is represented at Oregon by two classes and by a course of study without recitation, taken by numerous girls. Much interest has been aroused in mission study, especially among the members of the Student Volunteer Band. Two classes are conducted by them.

Another leading aim of the Y. W. C. A. everywhere is to furnish pleasant society for girls, and much emphasis is placed on this line of work by the local Association. The ladies of the Advisory Board, Mrs. DeCou, Mrs. Zieber, Mrs. VanScoy, Mrs. Straub, Mrs. Sweetser, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Boynton, Mrs. Terrill, Mrs. Stafford and Mrs. Snodgrass, have entertained the girls during the spring months with a series of delightful teas. The girls themselves have also given numerous affairs, including a Japanese party for new members at the Tau Pi house, a reception for the state student secretary, Miss Ross, at the home of Mrs. Young, and a twilight musical at the Tau Pi house; the student volunteer members of the Association also entertained for Miss Harris, their national secretary, at Pres. Campbell's.

One of the pleasantest features of the social work has been entertaining in conjunction with the Y. M. C. A. The first joint affair was the reception for new students in October, the next a party at the Kloshe Tillicum house in February. Of a slightly different nature, but none the less enjoyable, was

the building of a sidewalk at the Association lot, to which the girls contributed by preparing a large spread, and serving it at the gymnasium to the men.

The largest single activity of the year has been the entertainment of the State convention, which was attended by delegates from all the Western Oregon colleges and normal schools, and a few high schools. The presence of excellent speakers, including Mrs. Honeyman, state president, Miss Gage, Miss Ross, Miss McCorkle and Miss Barnum, secretaries; Dr. Coburn, Dr. Van Waters and Dr. Young of Portland, secured interesting and instructive sessions. The social end was upheld by a largely attended reception at the dormitory.

Miss Ruth Balderee, who in February succeeded Miss Caufield as president, and her cabinet, consisting of the Misses Jessie Calkins, Edith Prescott, Frances Young, Gertrude Holmes, Gladys MacKenzie, Mary Watson, Isolene Shaver, France Kelly, Jenny Perry and Ethel Green, will have charge of the work for the first semester of next year, and with the increase in the number of students, expect a large increase in the amount and quality of Association work.

Ten girls will probably attend the conference at Seaside, and with them will return an inspiring enthusiasm which will help to carry the activity of next year to the highest pitch of success.

Paul W. Reid, '09, and Francis Walsh, '11, left recently for Yellowstone Park where they will work during the summer. They have the positions held last year by C. B. Hamble and Walter Eaton.

Curtis Gardner, '08, did not return to college from the Seattle meet, but will go at once to his summer work at Hood River. Mr. Gardner passed his examinations before leaving.

Max Handman, '07, is a prominent member of the new Anarchist Club at the University of Chicago.

At the University of Chicago classes in physical culture are being trained in the use of fire escapes.

A faculty gym class of seventy-four members has been organized at Purdue.

Arthur Stone is the editor of the Whitman College Pioneer for 1908-09.

A proposal for a student laundry is being agitated at W. S. C.

DOCTOR SCHAFER RETURNS

From Extended Trip to England Where he Made Important Historical Discoveries

Dr. Joseph Schafer, professor of history, who has just returned from a year's leave of absence, reports that his research work has been very profitable and valuable. The question which he investigated was the controversy between England and America concerning the Oregon boundary. By applying at the office of Mr. Whitelaw Reid, our ambassador in London, he obtained permission to take notes in the office of research, which is similar to our Congressional Library. Here he obtained much material that has not been used heretofore. Lord Stanmore whose father was at one time governor of the province, kindly invited him to his country house where his father's letters written during the period in question, were on file. From this source, Dr. Schafer gained much information that can be found nowhere else. From these sources, he has gleaned all that was lacking in clearing up the question of the Oregon boundary.

The first use Dr. Schafer intends to make of his discovery is to write a summary for the North American Historical Review. Then he will give an advanced course to his history students on the diplomatic relations of the Pacific Coast. A more detailed account will be published after some time, probably in book form.

Dr. and Mrs. Schafer also enjoyed a very pleasant trip on the continent where they spent a month. One city of especial interest to them was Trier, on the Mosel, where Dr. Schafer's father was educated. This town is very picturesque, surrounded by hills whose sides are covered with vineyards. It is of unusual historical interest on account of the ruins of Roman structures, of which the best preserved is the Porta Nigra, a city gate, surmounted by three stories where the regiments of soldiers were quartered when Trier was the capital of the Caesars of the West.

Thieving at the University of Minnesota has been going on to such an extent that President Northrup recently took occasion to condemn the practice in an address in chapel.

"Job" Rigsby, well known at Oregon, was the leader at Whitman this year in the winning of emblems, being granted letters for football, baseball, basketball and debate.