

**Y. M. C. A.**

The Y. M. C. A. met in their usual place. After singing "I am Thine, O Lord" which was followed by a prayer led by Martin Sampson. We sang another song "Just as I Am," and the roll was called and was responded by Bible verses. Edward McClelland, Leon Rein-kin and Grover Colby rendered their report of the recent Idaho-Oregon convention. Next week we will hear from Henry Dillstrom and Louis John. Different committees were appointed. Several new members joined. Eugene Williams addressed the members with the subject "Faith." We closed by singing "Lily of the Valley" and the school Watch Word.

**Y. W. C. A.**

The Y. W. C. A. met in their usual place. The society this year is stronger than ever. Many of the young women of the school have joined the association and more are being added to our list of earnest workers. In this busy school life, spiritual development is not neglected.

**Sunbeams.**

The Sunbeams met in room number four. Lizzie Frazier of the Y. W. C. A. was their leader. They were very enthusiastic, and consequently have interesting meetings.

**Boys' Band of Mercy**

The boys' Band of Mercy met as usual Wednesday evening at the small boys building. The meeting was opened by a program of songs and recitations volunteered by the boys. This was followed by a few anecdotes about horses. After this a few minutes were spent in learning the pledge which is: "I will try to be kind to all harmless living creatures, and try to protect them from cruel usage.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—Consideration of the Indian appropriation bill carrying \$8,203,000 was begun to-day in the House. Representative Sherman of New York, Chairman of the Indian affairs committee, made an extended explanation of the measure and incidentally discussed the whole Indian question, the Indian's progress in education of all kinds, including farming and his attitude toward the Government system.

It was shown that the total Indian population is now 284,079 and that the Indian is rapidly assuming citizens' dress. Ten years ago there were 81,000 Indians who wore citizens' dress, while last year the number was 116,000. Ten years ago 33,000 Indians read English, while last year the number had increased to 63,000 and those who speak the language number 70,000. Of the total Indian population 38,000 are members of regularly established churches. The Indian has to-day in the United States treasury funds amounting to \$35,385,000, upon which an annual interest is paid amounting to \$1,725,000. The Government pays to the Indians annually under treaty obligations more than three quarters of a million dollars.

The land owned by the Indians outside of the territories amounts to 51,478,000 acres, or an average for every man, woman, and child of 271 acres.

Mr. Sherman denied the Indian is gradually disappearing and said that statistics show that last year there were 316 more births than deaths.

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Dear friends; More turkeys this year boys and girls, we are going to have more fun on Xmas day, and big dinner too. ——— P. H. Dirks.