

# Young People's Christian Association

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The Young People's Christian Association was organized October 27, 1907, by the students. This is purely a student organization, and is governed by an executive committee elected from the student body. The influence of the organization has done and is doing a great deal to promote the welfare of the students.

The purpose of the association is to develop and maintain an interest in religious activities and to broaden our spiritual view of God's wonderful work. This is very important as without knowledge of "God," the ruler of nature, a course in agriculture is not complete.

The work of the association consists of song service and bible study in the morning, a lecture or sermon at three o'clock in the afternoon, and young people's meeting in the evening.

Singing and the study of the bible is a very appropriate way of beginning the day. It helps the busy student to forget their daily cares, gives them thoughts of higher character and tends to lead us in ways of righteousness.

At the afternoon meetings we are addressed by various pastors and business men of Crookston and other places. The topics discussed by these speakers are carefully selected and point to the fact that there is a Supreme Power who rules the earth. This means a great deal to the student as the thoughts are led in the right channels, and we know that "As a person thinks, so is he."

The Sunday evening work was organized early this school year. Here the students are all expected to partake in the discussions of questions that are essential to the development of higher ideals. A few of the topics which have been discussed are—"Influence," "Temperance," "Thoughts for Others," etc.

As a whole these meetings have been well attended, and we hope that in the near future every student will be glad to take part and thereby benefit himself and others. With the new executive committee which has just been elected, the prospects for the coming year are bright and I hereby extend my sincere wishes for the success and welfare of the association.