

Y. M. and Y. W. C. A.



Top Row—Bergeson, N. Hanson, Ingebretson.
First Row—L. Hanson, Lerud, Steen.

The value of Christian teaching has been realized by the faculty and students of the Northwest School for many years. In order that the students might have a clearer understanding of the Bible and its characters, a Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. was organized on March 13, 1913. Mr. Coffin, the Assistant Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., met with the students and faculty in establishing this organization at our school. On March 22, 1913, the first business meeting was held. At this meeting the first officers were elected, consisting of John Hest as President, Chester Wilson as Vice President, and Robert Billings as Secretary and Treasurer. The organization was heartily accepted by the students and the meetings commanded large attendances.

In the fall of 1913, Mr. T. M. McCall, Mr. J. P. Bengston, and Mr. Dietrich were elected to act as a faculty advisory committee for the organization. On November 3, 1913, a meeting was held at which the time and places of meetings were designated. Sunday morning meetings were to be held in Stephens Hall at 8:30 A.M.; afternoon meetings in Senior Hall at 3:00 P.M.; and Sunday evening joint meetings were to be held in the auditorium at 7:30 P.M. The Y. W. C. A. was to hold its meetings in Robertson Hall at 8:30 A.M. every Sunday morning.

Slight changes have been made in the time of meetings, and the afternoon meetings in Senior Hall have been dispensed with, but nevertheless, the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. meetings have always created interest among the students, and have always commanded large audiences. It has always been a custom that members of the faculty speak at the morning meetings, and that ministers from Crookston, as well as other speakers from off the Cam-

pus, speak at the evening meetings. Other miscellaneous programs are presented one Sunday evening each month by the Senior and Advanced students.

On Saturday evening, November 28, 1914, the Y. M. C. A. gave its first reception to the new students. This reception was given in the form of a get-acquainted party. It has in later years been held on the first Saturday evening after the opening of the fall term. These receptions have always tended to bring a closer harmony between the old and the new students.

On October 11, 1922, the first Pow-Wow was held in Senior Hall. This was in the nature of a party for the new students. The Pow-Wow has been continued since then and has proved an enjoyable annual event for the students as well as for the faculty.

In the fall of 1935 a Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. choir was organized with the aid of volunteers from both organizations. They met once every week for practices, and on Sunday evenings took an active part in the group singing in the auditorium. Some religious numbers were sung at the programs by the choir alone. The choir also furnished music for special programs at Christmas time. It is the hope of the leaders that a choir may become a permanent part of the organization.

At the present time the faculty advisers of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. are Miss Reta Bede and Mr. E. R. Clark.

We wish to pay tribute to those former students and faculty members, who by their farsightedness and Christian endeavor contributed toward the organization and promotion of this important organization of the Northwest School.