

The Young Women

Some Hints and Helps About How to Conduct that Meeting

Many a well planned meeting has been sadly spoiled, simply because of some very small omissions and other very small commissions. Just as we begin our fall work, we will remind ourselves of some of those most often noticed.

1. The leader should try to be bright and should not talk with her head down, but should look her audience squarely in the face.

2. The leader should know her programme thoroughly, so that too close attention to her paper would not be necessary.

3. Each person taking part in a programme should have her material ready in her hand, so that the instant her name is called she is ready to go to the front and do her part. Nothing is so distressing as to have to wait while Mrs. Not-Ready searches all through her bag for the elusive paper which holds her report.

4. **Never** try to read to people or speak to them from behind them. **Always** go to the front and face those to whom you are speaking. Do not stand half-front, but be sure you are square-front. This one little thing makes all the difference in the world to the success of your performance.

5. One important thing for all speakers—men or women—to learn, is to speak so that they may be heard. Is there any use of speaking if people cannot hear? It surely detracts from the spirit of a meeting if half the audience is out of sorts because they hear nothing of what is going on. It should be the constant aim of anyone attempting to serve by speaking in public to speak distinctly and loudly enough to be heard.

Perhaps you think some of these points are impossible to acquire. If we look on our attempts in public as a service to our Master, we will want to offer just as effective a service as we possibly can, and this will mean at least that we will be willing to try, and then to try again, turning failure into success.

Now, dear young women, if you see anything in the conduct of meetings which you attend that you think might be improved upon, write to "The Link." We will gladly publish your "hints and helps" and no names need be used. We want to make the year 1923-1924 one of advancement and real progress along every line.

Very sincerely,
The Link.

FEDERATED POSSIBILITIES

The "I can't" of isolation gives way before the "we can" of co-operation. The impossible of the individual becomes the possible of the group.

Bent the grass blades to each other,
Whispered each unto his brother,

"Let's combine!
Let's combine!"

Then the tiny blades, upspringing,
Sent these words with voices ringing:

"See the fruit of combination—
Emerald carpet for a nation!"

Once the stars said to each other,
Signaling a far-off brother,

"Let's all shine!
Let's all shine!"

At the word their lamps were lighted,
And earth's wandering feet were righted.
Oh, the power of combination
For the world's illumination!

Said the churches of a city,
"We work alone. That's such a pity.

Let's combine!
Let's combine!"

Strength has come to men, wherever
They have faced a task together,
Let us try co-operation
In the world's regeneration.

—Adapted from Sarah L. Stoner.

There are things in the missionary work of the world that must be done by individuals. There are some things that must be done by a single congregation or denomination, but there are some things that require group co-operation for successful accomplishment.

—Missionary Review of the World.