

AND WE HAVE SIGHT.

MISSION STUDY BOOKS.

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Interest in the study books is growing; many questions are being asked about them; many Circles are beginning to use them. This is just as it should be. Rightly used, the study books help to make the Circle meetings interesting, and not only this, but if their use is persisted in year after year, they cannot fail to develop in our women an intelligent interest in world-wide missions, help them to catch a vision of the greatest thing going on in the world to-day, the growth of the kingdom of God upon earth.

One study book can be presented in the Circle meetings during the year without in the least encroaching on the time for prayer and the proper emphasizing of our own special mission fields, home and foreign.

There is an inviting list of books to choose from. "Following the Sunrise," a study of a hundred years of Baptist Mission work; "Western Women in Eastern Lands," a study of fifty years of woman's work for woman; "India Awakening," "China's New Day," "Korea, Burma and Siam," and many others that might be mentioned.

When the Circle has decided on the book to be used, a small committee (two or three) of the brainiest women available should be chosen, whose business it will be to procure at least two copies of the book, and after reading it carefully, draw up the programme for the year. In order to do this wisely, it is necessary not only to know the book, but to know the women of the Circle. Mrs. A. is capable of writing a paper, Mrs. B. can give a talk, Mrs. C. will do neither, but can read a story, etc.

One book is cut in pieces, each woman receiving the portion on the topic she is to present, one month before she is to present it. Let her aim not to give all the details, but to make the main thought or facts as clear and as unfor-

getable as she can. It is wonderful how well the women will get to do this after a little practice. And just here lies one of the benefits of the system. Occasionally have a "quiz," review questions written on slips of paper and distributed, or a "round table," a general discussion on the subjects under consideration. Circle members, give the study books a trial.

MISSION STUDY IN A COUNTRY CIRCLE.

If any Circle should be thinking out what might be best for their programme of study, let me suggest "try one of our Mission Study Books."

But someone may say, "That is all right for town Circles, but it is impracticable in the country." Have you tried it? If not, don't condemn it until you do.

We are a country Circle, and have found it to work out quite satisfactorily. I cannot say we have met with any special difficulties, indeed in some ways it is easier worked than some other methods, for it is less difficult to get a number of members to prepare a part of a subject than it is to get one member to prepare the whole, and we believe that the result is better.

Our book of study is "Western Women in Eastern Lands," and our plan of work is the following: Every member provided herself with a book (paper cover 35c); then we appointed a leader, on whom much of the success of the study depends. She selects a chapter or as much as she considers will profitably occupy our time, and arranges it so that as many members as possible will take part. Two weeks or so before the meeting a slip is handed out to the different members, telling them exactly what they have to prepare. The sisters have always been ready to respond to this, and make a special effort to be present. After our opening exercises, our season