

The Young Women

Y. W. M. C.

This is for you if you are—

The Pastor or Pastor's wife,
or The President of the Senior Circle
or The teacher of a Young Women's
Class

or any other member in a church
where there is no Y.W.M.C.

What would you think of having a
Young Women's Mission Circle in your
church? No? Impossible? So many
meetings? So little time? Giving to Mis-
sions in other ways? Mountains of diffi-
culties?

Yes, but sometimes the difficulties seem
greater than they really are.

Read these two items:—

How We Did What We Thought We Couldn't

One President of a Senior Circle in a
small church says, "If I had been asked a
year ago if there was an opening for a Y.
W.M.C. I would have said without an in-
stant's hesitation, 'I am quite sure there
is not.' But when we really looked into
the matter we found there were 16 young
women in the church and congregation
who when approached about the matter
were very eager to organize and now are
carrying on enthusiastically. The remark-
able thing about it is that the majority of
these girls were not likely otherwise to
have become interested in missions."

Ourselves or Others

One Y.W.M.C. member says: "We had
a Young Women's Bible Class and met
once a month for our class meeting. We
had good times but it was all for ourselves.
It was brought before us that we might
have a wider reach and do more good in
the world if we organized into a Y.W.M.C.
and took up Mission Study. All the girls
were greatly taken with the suggestion
and now we have splendid mission pro-
grams and a definite objective in offerings
for our Home and Foreign work. We are
making gifts for Royce Avenue Mission
and two quilts are under way. We notice
that since we organized into a Mission
Circle the attendance at our Sunday Bible
Class has greatly improved."

Might not this happen in your church
too?

I believe if the girls really knew the
need they would be glad to drop some of
their outside interests. So if you have a
young women's Bible Class and no Y. W.
Mission Circle please send me at once the
name of the leader of your class. I will
be glad to get in touch with them and
present the need. I have some dates in
May still open.

Be sure to read the Y.W.M.C. items of
interest in the "Visitor."

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TRAIL MAKERS IN INDIA

Thirteen students in the first graduat-
ing class of the Christian College in Ma-
dras took their B.A. degree in 1918. As
they went up to receive their diplomas
from Madras University it was as though
the first battalion of a new army of relief
had come to a dying world, and a great
cheer broke forth spontaneously from the
men and women who were present, a cheer
for the future these women trail-makers
are to guarantee.

Some of these women went into the new
school of medicine which opened its doors
in August, 1918, in the city of Vellore,
three hours' journey from Madras. Others
returned to their own district to teach the
girls who will, in their turn, enter the
college. Some followed the custom of that
country and all countries, and married,
making new Indian homes where woman's
place will be not in harem or zenana as
one of many wives, but by the side of her
husband in the home and in the world.
They find one barrier to break down,
stronger even than the oppression of man
or religion, and that is the ignorance and
superstition of woman herself, who will
cling to the worst religion the world ever
knew, holding persistently to her shackles.
Until we have a body of Indian women
numerous enough and strong enough spir-
itually and intellectually to take such
leadership, we must not expect to see In-
dia redeemed.

—Missionary Ammunition