

**THE YEAR'S WORK—1923-24.****What is it to be?**

Have we a definite plan of action for the ten meetings which lie before us as the coming year's work draws near?

In this department once before we have urged that you consider seriously taking some study book. This year many young women's societies of every denomination all over America are studying Japan. The book they will use is "Japan on the Upward Trail" by William Axling. The use of this book will give an opportunity for broadening our ideas of missionary enterprises. We certainly should know our own work in India and Bolivia, for that is work we have set our hand to do, and our money **must** go to its support. On the other hand, it will be only helpful for us frequently to take up the study of some other country. Japan has come into the forefront of world affairs so rapidly during the last fifty years, and is today recognized as one of four great powers. It is fitting that we should understand more of her wonderful history, and know something of the progress that Christianity has made amongst her people.

If your society is not acquainted with our own work in India and Bolivia, it will be profitable for you to study the new book "Glimpses and Gleams of India and Bolivia." As soon as this is off the press announcement of the fact will be made.

There are at least three ways of conducting a mission study in your society. You may have a leader conduct the lesson hour at every meeting, acting as guide and teacher. This is a very profitable method, especially if a good teacher can be procured. If there is a school teacher in your church, she might be induced to undertake this interesting work. Another way too often used and one to be avoided is for parts of the book to be assigned to different members and these prepare and read papers. The preparation of the papers is good, but the continued reading of papers will kill a society. The better

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way is for each one, when her paper has been prepared, to master it in the very best way she is able and try to impart her knowledge to the others. The one who tries to do this will never feel quite satisfied with her performance, but every effort will be rewarded by increasing efficiency.

Try to plan all the year's meetings now. It will mean such comfort later on. In the October Link, we will make some comments on the Japan study book.

Remember the convention in November. Plan to have representatives at the meetings in Walmer Road Church.

Yours sincerely,

**The Link.**