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MAPPING OUT THE WINTER PROGRAMMES.

To those who have been leading in, or been interested in, Circle work for a number of years, it sometimes seems as if the stock of ideas for preparing interesting programmes, was running very low. To many of these we hope that the idea of forming Mission Study Classes among the Circle members will commend itself. There is no need of elaborate organization. In a small Circle, one class will take in the whole of the membership. In a large one, the number can be divided. The Circle may choose any book they wish, either relating to Home or Foreign work. The one recommended for Foreign Mission study for this year in "The United Study of Mission Course," is "Western Women in Eastern Lands," an outline Study of Fifty Years of Woman's Work in Foreign Missions, by Helen Barrett Montgomery, the price in paper being only 30c. But there are other courses than this. The material is abundant and intensely interesting for studies of mission work in Korea, in China, in Japan, in heathen Africa, in Egypt, in India, in Burma, in Siam, in Persia, in Armenia, in Turkey, in Spain, Russia, Italy, France, Austria, in South America, and so we might go on. It seems as if it would be easy to map out twenty different courses for a winter's study and still not be short of text-books or material to work on. And, though it is not our part to define it, the material for the Home Mission work, to which we as Circles are bound to give half our time, is more than abundant and just as full of interest.

We hope that very many Circles may be induced to take up some definite course for this coming winter. It will do away quite completely with the "hurry scurry" programmes, so harrowing to the person in charge, and not usually a brilliant success with the audience, and will, which is

of the greatest importance, give wider knowledge of the needs of the world, which will surely lead to deepened interest and a greater sense of responsibility.

The October issue of the "Link" is to be devoted entirely to our women's work in India. There is sometimes reason to fear that some of our Circles lose sight of the fact that though our interests may be and ought to be, as wide as the earth, we are banded together as Circles with one definite object, and that object,—the doing of our part by prayer and gifts in the evangelization of the women of India. It has been thought wise, by the women of our denomination, to thus concentrate our efforts, and it is our part to act accordingly,—to put special emphasis on our own work and to send our gifts into the proper channels. This "all India" Link then is intended to give information where needed, create enthusiasm where absent, renew enthusiasm where vanished, supply material for Circle meetings, and present the needs of the treasury.

During the next two months it will be necessary to send out a number of arrears notices once more. The time at which each subscription expires is marked on the address label of each paper, and we had hoped our subscribers might have saved us the trouble and expense of sending out these notices. However, our mailing list must be as nearly correct as possible before Convention, and this method seems the only possible one to gather in tardy subscriptions. If any whose subscriptions have been paid should by some mistake receive notices, kindly pardon the mistake. If the omission has been on your part, please remit amount due as soon as possible, preferably through your Circle agent, who will thus be much helped in keeping her books correct.