

## YOUNG WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES.

### THE CONVENTIONS.

The conventions are close at hand—the Eastern, Oct. 5 and 6, at Kingston, and the Western, Nov. 10 and 11, at St. Thomas. How many of you young women are planning to go? The Auxiliaries have taken a long step in advance this past year—many new ones have been formed and many old ones strengthened. And we are all hoping and expecting that the next year may see a much greater advance and witness the forming of dozens of our organizations throughout Ontario and Quebec. And certainly, there is no place like the Convention to get well-rid of that “can’t-do-it” and “can’t-be-done” feeling about a young women’s circle in your particular church. The enthusiasm of Convention is catching, there is inspiration in numbers, there is encouragement in seeing so many girls all working with the same end in view, there is a feeling of confidence possesses one when meeting our officers and Advisory Boards,—and, most practical of all, there are so many ideas for meetings and programmes, so many new and intensely interesting aspects of work presented, that you are sure to go home, not wondering what in the world you’ll have for your next meeting, but wondering how in the world you can get in everything you want to with only ten or twelve meetings a year. Come—be very sure to come—and let nothing hinder you—Kingston, Oct. 5 and 6, or St. Thomas, Nov. 10 and 11.

### OUR MONTHLY MEETING.

The series of Home Mission lessons is fairly started, and promises to be both entertaining and instructive. Remember that after we have studied “Jerusalem” for four months, we are planning for a second four months in “the uttermost parts.”

In the meantime, have we all digested our proposed Constitution? learned what we are, how we are organized, to what we give and so on. There is nothing like a grasp of these somewhat dry fundamentals to root and ground us in the faith. The “Do You Know” lists in July and August LINK and VICTOR will make splendid Catechisms.

Try to make the room where the meeting is held, pleasant. Perhaps it should not make any difference in our interest whether our meeting-room is pretty or not, but it does. An attractive club-room always goes a long way. Pictures, maps and charts not only add interest to a room, but at least the maps and charts are very helpful. Maps of Ontario and Quebec, of India, of Canada, and of Bolivia, are obtainable, as are also maps of the world-wide mission field. Charts of the mission stations and missionaries, both Home and Foreign, mean work for someone, but are most effective when made and hung.

Do not forget to try the “Watch-Tower.” It seems to be one of the most eagerly anticipated parts of the meetings wherever it is in operation. It ought not to take more than five or eight minutes, and in fact the one who gives it ought to be willing to be “rung down” until she grows accustomed to judging her time. Half a dozen bright and newsy items can be told in those few minutes and the wider outlook given to the whole meeting.

And do, oh do, remember our papers. There is no other one thing which will mean so much for our Auxiliaries or for our Mission work as a thorough acquaintance with our task and its progress. And, certainly, there is no way to get that acquaintance except through our papers. The prices of them have been placed so very low that we can all have them. An agent, or agents, who work in season and out of season, and the President, who mentions not only the importance of the papers, but who calls attention to this or that especially good article, will do the work so far as getting all the girls to subscribe is concerned, and the papers will thereafter do their best to hold them.