

YOUNG WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES.

OUR COMING COURSE.

After promising last month that particulars would be given this month concerning the subject and outline of our course for next winter, we are sorry to have to delay the giving of that information till fall. You will all be glad to know that Miss Ellis has been again generous enough of her time and thought to promise to prepare these lessons for us. It has not been possible yet, however, to decide fully the topic and plan of the study, so you will have to delay the printing of those next-year programmes until the September LINK comes out. Then for four months' Home Mission study, which will leave you with an "Oliver Twist" desire for more, which "more" will be furnished the following four months by Miss Ellis.

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HOW TO DO IT—HOW NOT TO DO IT.

Dear Girls:—

Let me describe a Missionary meeting I attended not long ago. About ten minutes after the hour the chairman, after eagerly scanning the hymn-book, gave out a hymn. The organist played a totally unfamiliar tune, and, after struggling through the lines, finally stopped. The chairman chose another hymn at random, with the same result. Finally, a third was selected, and one or two brave souls determined to carry this through, the result being more praiseworthy than musical. At a late stage in the programme the collection was announced. No plates were in evidence, and no one had been appointed to take up the collection.

Another case—that of a large drawing-room meeting. The day before the meeting the secretary, feeling a little

uneasy—not having heard from the Programme Committee, arranged a little programme in case. Well, upon arrival at the house in question, it was found that the committee had quite forgotten its duties. Fancy the result if there had not been a live, interested secretary!

Have you ever attended meetings like these; or do you think the picture overdrawn? I could cite a number of such cases, but let me say these I have mentioned were not Young Women's Auxiliaries. We hear a great deal about "preparedness" in these times. In no place does preparedness show more quickly than in our meetings.

Let me tell you how one Young Women's Auxiliary is preparing for the autumn and winter season. The annual meeting was held in May in this case, and officers and committees were appointed. At the closing meeting in June some interesting suggestions were made as to ways and means to be employed in working up the Auxiliary during the summer.

One of these was that talent money should be given to each member, the result to be brought to the opening meeting in September. Another was that the officers and executive hold a picnic at the summer home of one of its members, and after games and tea a meeting to be held, when arrangements and details for the winter's programme would be made, individual members having given some thought to this during the previous weeks of vacation. Then two girls, who belong to the Organized Bible Classes of the Church, were appointed a committee to secure members from their classes. Another excellent suggestion was that a committee be at the Communion service, and as girls are received into the