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The Circle Constitution.

Some months ago the Circle Constitution was printed in full. The comments on it were left over until the present, it being thought that some alterations might be made in the near future. Since these have not yet been made, we shall proceed to comment on Sections 3 and 5—the only sections that seem to need amplification—with the thought in mind that if changes are made in any part in the near future, due notice and explanation will be given of them. At present, however, the Circle Constitution stands as it has for some years.

Section 3 says that "any woman shall be considered a member of this Circle who contributes to its funds," and adds a note that \$2.00 a year (\$1.00 to each mission) is necessary to voting membership at the Home and Foreign Conventions. This article was no doubt framed so that a very large number of women in our churches who feel themselves unable to add another \$2.00 to their church contributions, might yet have the privilege of membership in the Circle, the opportunity therein presented of learning of our missionary activities, and the pleasure of giving what they are able, to that part of our work which is distinctively women's work at home and abroad. It is quite true that there are hundreds of women throughout our churches who can give fifty cents or \$1.00 a year above their church giving, and yet are not able to give \$2.00. It has been thought right that they should have an opportunity of giving this in the regular way, and not only so, but that they should be able to divide their offering between the two branches of our work, and so connect their interest

and prayers for each in a practical way with their giving. One of the primary objects of our Circles is to educate the women of the churches in our denominational activities, and so create interest in them. It would seem, therefore, a lack of wisdom to have said to any woman, because she can give only \$1.00 a year, that that dollar must go, for instance, to women's Foreign Missions,—it cannot be divided—and she can have no part in women's Home Missions that year,—or vice versa. It was thought more in accord with the spirit of the advancement of the Kingdom that such a woman and the class she represents may be able to say she is doing, as far as in her lies, her share towards our women's work as a whole.

On the other hand, the note respecting the payment of \$2.00 to constitute voting membership at the Convention is not intended to limit the giving to \$2.00 only. If it is true that there are many unable to give as much as that, it is also true that there are vastly more who are able to give twice or thrice that—and, sad to say, it is also true that a very large number of these have never grasped the fact that they can or that they should. The demands of our work have grown almost beyond belief since the day that amount of \$2.00 was first spoken of, and surely no one imagines that our present large incomes are raised from a uniform giving of \$2.00 a year. Where \$5.00, \$10.00, \$50.00 a year can be given, it immediately becomes a duty to give that amount, instead of the "fee," and it is only through the partial realization of that fact that we have accomplished what we have, and it