

member look at the list as it appears in the "Link" each year just after the estimates are passed at Convention; let her study its details, see how much she would like to give towards each item, set down the sum decided upon opposite each line, (she will want to give at least 5 cents to each one, surely not less. Without doubt, some items would appeal to her for 10 or even 15 cents), then let her add them all up. Will not Mrs. and Miss Circle-Member be surprised to see that the total is more than the One Dollar she usually gives when she gives her yearly "dues?"

After this most interesting interchange of ideas and methods, all went into the spacious rooms across the hall and enjoyed refreshments.

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STEWARDSHIP AND MISSIONS

Read at Bloor Street Mission Circle by Mrs. E. J. Bengough.

The most powerful force in the world is personality. The most effective personality can be supported at the lowest cost. The field in which personality yields the largest result is where humanity's need is the greatest. Around these three fundamental propositions cluster the arguments for the best investment of money.

Personality makes history. No material thing, no matter how costly or magnificent, is a decisive factor in producing character or altering destiny. The greatest pyramid is the most expensive, spectacular, and permanent material work of man, but **one Moses** is worth more to the human race than a thousand pyramids.

All the great developments of the past centre in **man**. **Ideas** rule the world, not **bricks** and **mortar**. God reveals His divine wisdom in producing **people**. If you would help the world **largely** and permanently, invest in **personality**.

Service is most productive where need is greatest. Under favorable conditions a man can influence a thousand people with the same effort it would require under other conditions to influence ten.

Mary Lyon said, "If you would most serve your race, go where no one else will go, and do what no one else will do." Especially is

this true if there are places where vast numbers of people are yet unhelped in their deepest needs. This truth is reinforced if these people are open to influence and responsive to light.

All of these principles find their fullest illustration and application in the effort now being made to educate and liberate, to civilize and Christianize the nations of the earth.

A man or a dollar will go further on the mission field than anywhere else in the world. To those who have come to realize that "the field is the world," and that all life is a sacred stewardship, one of the supreme joys of life is to administer this trust with reference to the speedy occupation and evangelization of those now sitting in darkness in the shadow of death.

During a period of twenty years, Dr. John F. Goncher, of Baltimore, invested one hundred thousand dollars in India in the support of missionary effort and **fifty thousand idolaters** turned away from heathenism, confessing Christ as Saviour and Lord.

In view of the tremendous privileges and obligations of stewardship, in its relation to missions, Mr. J. N. Shenstone, of Toronto, decided and publicly stated that he henceforth would add nothing to his capital, but will use his whole income to extend the Kingdom of God throughout the earth.

A further restriction on the unnecessary accumulation of wealth is made in very definite terms by Christ when he says: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures on the earth, where moth and rust doth consume and where thieves break through and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt nor thieves break through and steal, for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

No man can decide for another what limit he should set to his accumulation of wealth under this restriction, but the question should surely have most careful consideration by every Christian who is blessed with more possessions than he really needs for the support and protection of his family.

Of all challenges contained in Scripture, for the securing of overflowing spiritual