

tors, also calls upon the new member, and if any interest has been shown by her in the work, our plan of giving to the Woman's Work is unfolded to her and she is urged to have her part in carrying forward the Lord's work. She hears no mention of \$1 a year for membership in each Society as a standard of giving. She is urged to consider her means and the Bible plan of giving according to them, and of giving regularly and frequently.

If she responds to this invitation, she notifies the Treasurer how much she will give each month and how she wishes it disposed of, whether divided equally between Home and Foreign missions or in some other proportion. When this is done, her name and sums pledged are given to one of the collectors and entered on the book, and then after each month, on the Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday preceding the Circle meeting (which days are the days assigned for collecting) the new member is called upon by the Collector for her money. Of course, should she prefer to give quarterly or at some other stated intervals, the arrangement is made with the Collector to that effect, but most of our women give monthly. Should this plan of systematic giving not be accepted by the lady, a mite-box for occasional giving is offered her; but few and far between have been those who refused to give regularly, if they gave at all.

Any special offering which any member desires to give at any time other than the Thank-offering Service (which is held once a year) is of course handed to the collector when she gathers the regular sums.

Now, as to the collectors—there are 22 of them. Each month just before the days for collecting arrive, each collector receives from the Treasurer a report with blanks arranged as follows:

Collector's Report for (name of month), 189 .

Name of Collector. \_\_\_\_\_

	REGULAR.	SPECIAL.	TOTAL.
Home Missions...			
Foreign Missions...			
Totals .....			

1. How many contributions on your list?
2. How many are paid up to date?
3. Have you called this month on those not paid up?
4. Give their reason for non-payment, if known?
5. Have you any new contributors this month?
6. Remarks.—

At the Circle Meeting (which as explained follows immediately after the collecting days), each collector hands in to the Treasurer the monies collected, and in the same envelope is enclosed the above report filled out.

It is needless to say that the total on the paper and the amount of cash enclosed must be the same—while information given enables the Treasurer to keep track of Home and Foreign contributions—with regular and special; a complete system by which each individual directs entirely her own giving.

Now for the practical results of this plan.

We have at present 218 women contributing through the Circle to Home and Foreign Missions. Ours is not a rich church, though a few of the members have some wealth. The regular offerings range from 5 cents to \$4 a month to each (Home and Foreign Missions), by far the larger number giving sums ranging from 10 to 50 cents a month to each. (There are very few who give but 5 cents a month, and as it transpires that nearly all our Circle members are also members of both Home and Foreign Societies by virtue of having given \$1 a year to each.) The special offerings range from 20 cents up to \$300 per member—a fact which when added to the range of regular contributions shows that there is a real effort on the part of the members to give according to their means, be they small or great.

The total gifts from the Home and Foreign Missions last year amounted to \$1,183.85, an average of \$5.38½ per member.

These results are not all that we could wish or hope for—but they are we believe not discouraging, and this method has the following advantages:

1. Every woman on joining the church (and many times afterward should she refuse it at first) has the opportunity presented to her of learning about our work and of joining in it by her presence at Circle meeting and by her gifts to the cause.

2. The collectors have a great opportunity for imparting missionary information and doing good by their sympathetic and friendly calls once a month on those upon their lists. This is a point of the highest value and the collectors should be women of tact and consecration. Interest can often be greatly stimulated also in some capable woman by appointing her to the office of collector. Some of our best workers have become so by being asked to take a list.

3. This plan of giving is Scriptural (that is, proper, tithe, systematic, regular and spontaneous), providing as it does for both regular and special offerings and leaving the designation of the funds to the giver.

4. It affords exact knowledge by which the progress of the Circle can be gauged from year to year.

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(We will add to what Mrs. Holman has said as to the helpfulness of collectors this testimony from one of our exchanges.)

A zealous treasurer of a Circle was asking one of her collectors one day "if she had seen all who were on her