

Well, of course, that was a situation in a mission board in which the mission board simply ~~was an ~~in~~ instrument~~ to receive money and pass it on. Now, in the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions, we get completely away from that particular disadvantage. That is, the person is given a definite arrangement how much money he is to receive, and the attempt is made to raise money for individuals, but that is more using the individuals as a means of raising money. But the Board takes the responsibility for the missionary. And they receive the amount that is felt ~~x~~ to be a proper stipend in their area.

The problem, it does seem as if ~~x~~ the individual will take time to examine various mission boards, examine various missionaries, look into all kinds of work in ~~this~~ this country. You take some independent work, some new independent work that is an excellent work it seems. You take five days of careful ~~x~~ examination, and you may find it is ~~actually~~ actually a front for crookedness. There are quite a few outfits like that, which are just feathering the nests of the people who are running them. You take others which don't have as good a front, and don't make as ~~a~~ good an appeal, raise as much money and actually they are a very very excellent work. But they don't have the money to carry on, and the only way they can get it is for their people to take a large amount of time away from their work to go around and speak in churches in order to interest the different people. Now if, instead of each individual having the responsibility of carefully considering where his money is going to go, which most people don't have time to do, if instead of that they elect a few people who have as one of their functions ~~study~~ studying these different things and deciding what is the best way to expend this money for the Lord's purpose, and these men are subject to re-election the next year. They are under constant surveillance by the people of the congregation as to whether they are the people who ought to be kept doing that work. (end of record)

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It seems to me that there is a great ~~deal~~ deal to be said for it as a much more efficient way of directing the expenditure of the members of the