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## Editorial.

### ANNUAL THANK-OFFERING.

Again the time is approaching when the Annual Thank-offering for Home and Foreign Missions is made by the Circles. November is the month specially devoted to this service, though, should October be more convenient, that month may be substituted.

We have unusual cause for gratitude this year in the promise of returning prosperity. It is fitting that our first act, at this time of hope and harvest, should be one of sacrifice, praise and gifts to the Giver of all good gifts, who has carried us through dark days in safety and love. Will not all the Circles this year join in the sweet privilege of praise—that the blessings of the past, and present may be recounted and memorialized, and the work of the Lord extended?

As the Circles are union in form, gifts for both Home and Foreign Missions are expected and received at this service.

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### FAREWELL MEETING.

A large audience assembled in Jarvis St. church on the evening of October 5th, to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Craig and Mr. and Mrs. Davis.

The meeting was one of exceptional interest. Many were deeply moved as the missionaries told their story of trial and hope, and referred to the children who must be left for many years.

The service closed with a very solemn and heartfelt prayer, commending parents and children to the tender watch-care of their Heavenly Father.

On Thursday the 7th, Mr. and Mrs. Craig bade farewell to all their children, and, alone, started for India. One week later, Mr. and Mrs. Davis followed, leaving their three elder children in Canada, and taking the two younger with them.

Many friends gathered at the station on both occasions to say good-bye.

"Surely I will be with you."

SOME ONE sent us an article, entitled, "Our Attitude toward the Band," without a signature. We will publish it next month if the signature is sent.

## INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT.

The matter of donations to scientific objects is becoming a very serious one in all missionary societies, entailing much work and many disappointments: Work for the missionaries who in the midst of their many duties have to take time to translate and re-route every letter and its answer, work to the officer in the homeland who has to keep trace of the list of individuals supported. Disappointment! Yes, for our Telugu Bible women and students are only human, some very human notwithstanding their conversion, and frequently through sickness, incapacity, or even through grievous sin drop out of the work thus causing disappointment and sometimes offence to the individual, Circle or Band who has undertaken his or her support.

Many of the Bible-women and students on our field are supported in this way; the plan has hitherto been encouraged in the hope that not a few would give \$25 to support a Bible-woman or a theological student, or \$17 for a girl or boy student who perhaps would not so willingly give the same amount into the general work of the Society, forgetting, perhaps, that the work is not for self or for an individual, but for Christ our risen Lord, Christ in us, we in Christ, workers together with Him, and thus becoming more interested in one woman, girl or lad than in the whole work of the field.

In view of some disappointments that have lately arisen, it has been suggested that those who still feel drawn to individual support should in future undertake a Bible-woman or a student, on whatever field they choose without having any special one designated. This would facilitate the work and save any one feeling injured. Think of this suggestion, and if it meets your approval put it into practice.

A new lady missionary should have been sent to India this year, but money comes in so slowly that the Board could not even consider the matter. Unless the work is to go backward one must be sent next year. Miss Baskerville must come home—Miss Stovel should come, unless we wish them to be so broken down as to be unfit to return to India—who is to take their work? God is blessing us, "Times" are improving, can we each give just a little more to this work? Perhaps some can give a good deal more. Shall we? Will we?