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**"It is a Good Thing to Give  
Thanks Unto the Lord."**

The month of November, one of the darkest and dreariest in the year, is gladdened and glorified by Thanksgiving Day. The fruits of the earth are gathered in, the barns are filled with plenty, the labour of the fields is well-nigh accomplished, the season of comparative rest and leisure has come. If ever a nation had cause for gratitude to the Giver of every good and every perfect gift it is our beloved Canada. While wars have devastated the earth and rumors of war have filled the air, we have dwelt in peace and quietude. The labour of the husbandman has been abundantly blessed. Never did our country produce such bountiful harvest. Never were the products of the field, the forest, the fisheries, and the mines so greatly in demand, and so generous in

their supply. The busy hives of industry have been humming with activity. Our railways and steamships have been burdened with freight. The factories have been working overtime, prices for everything we have to sell have been good, and the surplus products of the country have brought from abroad many millions of wealth. The tide of immigration has been greater than ever. Many of the sons and daughters of Canada, who in other years have sought labour in the neighbouring republic, have found that our own country offers opportunities surpassed by none, are being repatriated in their own land. Well may we, therefore, give thanks to the bountiful Giver of every thing that we possess.

WE SHOULD SHOW OUR GRATITUDE,

first, by giving him our hearts, the homage of our souls, the service of our lives. Without these no gifts or offerings that we can render will be acceptable before him. With these the humblest gift will be well pleasing in his sight. As God has thus opened the windows of heaven and poured down blessings, and made the earth to smile with a bountiful harvest, should we not render to the Giver a generous share of what he has so lavishly bestowed upon us. In the Twentieth Century Thanksgiving Movement, which is before the country, is a grand opportunity to prove our fidelity, our thankfulness, our loyal love to our heavenly Father. Above and beyond all creature comforts are we indebted for the unspeakable gift of salvation through his Son, the comfort and consolation of the Holy Ghost shed abroad in our hearts.

We are confident that our loving and loyal Sunday-school scholars and teachers and officers will not be wanting in this great movement. No class does more for the Church of God in this land than the great army of faithful Sunday-school workers, who, for no earthly reward, the love of Christ constraining them, give themselves, their time, their toil, their study, and their means to the teaching of the young people in our schools. Yet such are the divine compensations of service to the best of Masters that in the very joy of this service, in the very intellectual stimulus and moral benefit received therefrom they have an exceeding great reward. These will be among the most earnest in promoting the organized co-operation of every scholar, even the little tots in the infant class, in this great work.