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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Thanksgiving, Thanks-Living, Thanks-Offering.

Mal. iii. 10.

THANKSGIVING and discontent cannot dwell in the same heart, for "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." And before there can come the exultant note of triumphant

thanksgiving there must be content and peace—that perfect peace which results from having the mind and heart stayed upon Him, who is the Prince of Peace. There must be the conscious resignation and obedience to the will of Him, into whose hands we commit ourselves, knowing we are not our own, but are bought with a price. Thanksgiving, then, is but the expression of the grateful love of a happy soul. If we truly love Him it will find expression in caring for "one of the least of these," so thanks-offering is but the natural outcome of thanksgiving. Were it not so our thanksgiving would be little more than a "sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal," or incense offered by sacriligious hands.

"Bring ye all the tithes;" God did not ask the people of the olden time to bring their goods, but His. The tithe was the Lord's. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse—the tithes of which ye have robbed me. So God asks of us to-day to bring His goods into the storehouse; not simply the Old Testament tenth, but commensurate with the greater opportunities and the greater blessings.

As we look out upon the vast sea of human existence and note the darkness and crime, the ignorance and superstition, the poverty and the disease of such vast masses of our humanity, and think how little have these other children of our Father as compared with us, we bow in humble gratitude before Him, who, by His death, has given us this life, and with the vow of consecration in our hearts we say, "Take my life, my time, my love, my means—we give all freely, Lord, to Thee."

As we begin to number the blessings of this passing year we find they are countless. Yes, even though there have been days when heart and flesh failed us, when the furnace of affliction seemed heated "seven times hotter," and the touch of the Refiner's hand meant keenest heart agony; yet, despite all this, we are compelled to exclaim, "Goodness and mercy have followed us all our days." "Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name."

If in this spirit we pass our days, we know the joy, the supremest joy, this side the Glory Land. Each day a hallelujah chorus; His name written upon our foreheads, and on our brow will shine the glory of the Divine, and in thought and in word and act will men and women see Christ in us. How we shall be blessed! With the in-brought tithes will come the down-poured blessings; yea, so that there shall not be room enough to receive them!

Echoes from the Board.

TORONTO, the city of churches, of well kept Sabbaths, and of conventions manifold, was the appointed place of meeting of the Board of Managers of our Woman's Missionary Society. Fortunately, the people of Toronto have large hearts, else the strain of such a protracted series of conventions might prove too great. The Board representatives had certainly no grounds for complaint; our kind hosts and host-