

bers of the Woman's Auxiliary in the thank-offering, as explained above, feeling sure that it will be eagerly given to Almighty God as a recognition of all the privileges He has given us as W.A. members.

In the United States the first thank-offering from sixty-one dioceses was \$1,000; ours, from six dioceses, was \$836.95. The second in the United States was \$15,000. Why cannot we rise in the same proportion?

The sum we gave to the hospital work in Japan at the Triennial is not nearly sufficient to develop the work as it should be. Miss Smith has trained two graduated native nurses and has several others preparing to take their diplomas; so that if, in the course of events, a time should ever come when foreigners would not be allowed to remain in Japan, the work of the Woman's Auxiliary hospital could be carried on by these native women just as Miss Smith has arranged it, and under the auspices of the native Church of Japan. In this way the work could be of a thoroughly permanent nature, whether carried on by Canadians or Japanese.

To build and furnish a hospital such as Miss Smith would like to have would cost about \$1,700. Mr. Waller says: "Now, if we raised \$836 in a little more than one year, surely we could raise more than twice this amount from now until September, 1898, especially when we look into the thing carefully."

The last thank-offering was for the consolidation of the Church in Canada—a matter which some felt was a cause for thankfulness, but many did not study the question enough to feel deeply about it. But this one comes home to the heart of every member, and even the youngest can put such questions as these to themselves: What has the Woman's Auxiliary done for me? Has it not made me think more of what my Saviour did for me in placing me where I can hear of His love in dying for me? Do I not want more than I did to help those who are teaching the heathen about Him? Has He not drawn me nearer to Him by many ways since I began to work for and give to the spread of His kingdom? Do I not pray often and more earnestly for myself and for others than before I heard of the many needs and privations of the heathen and those noble men and women who have given their lives to missionary work?

If even one of these, or many other questions which will suggest themselves to our members, can be faithfully answered in the affirmative, would not it alone be a cause for thank-offering? Yes, indeed, and if we set ourselves to look for them, so many causes for thankfulness will come before us that we will want to add to our missionary box every time we remember them; the hospital in Japan will not want for funds, and many, very many, sick and suffering will

hear of the Great Physician, and turn to Him in their time of trouble for healing of body and soul.

The Board of Management would like to explain that this thank-offering is not intended to interfere in any way with those given at diocesan annual meetings, but be gathered by little sums all through the year, and sent in to the diocesan treasurer once a year.

THE rebate on last year's freight, which was kindly paid to the Provincial Board by the Indian Department at Ottawa, was voted by the Provincial Board of Management to the superannuation fund, diocese of Algoma. See January *Leaflet*, page 75.

PALESTINE.

Much is heard now of the return of God's people to their ancient home in Palestine; and, as many think but little of what a great race they are, the very interesting facts so pleasantly put before us in the following paper may help them to think and to pray more for the people from whom our Lord Himself traced His human lineage:

THE JEWS.

WRITTEN BY A MEMBER OF THE W.A.

The subject of this paper is, or ought to be, one of the deepest interest to every Christian—the subject, I might say, of the Bible, the book of which the greater part is written by Jews to Jews.

The words of a celebrated author on this subject are worth quoting: "When the Jews ceased to be a nation they bequeathed to the world one book only, the Bible; they had no other literature. But that one book has had a greater influence upon the world than all the books that have been written by the servants of all lands put together."

Of that book, their own peculiar property, the Jews of this age are almost entirely ignorant. Only parts of the Scripture are read in the synagogues, the Old Testament, I mean; of the New Testament they have less—hundreds of them never even heard of it. Is it not, in this case, the bounden duty of all Christians to circulate the Word of God amongst them so that they may learn therefrom the way of salvation?

I ought rather to say, is it not our privilege to do so? If you want a blessing, put your hand to the Jewish work, it will bring you untold spiritual blessings; such is the experience of all who have been privileged to share in the work.

Many people ask, Who is the Jew? For one thing, the Jew, as a nation, is the great living evidence of the truth of the Bible. You cannot exterminate him so as to blot him out