

The Provincial Board of Management therefore, ask the hearty co-operation of the members of the W.A. in the Thankoffering 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 Thankoffering 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 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 W.A. Hospital could be carried on by these native women just as Miss Smith had 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 \$1700. Now if we raised \$836 in little more than one year, surely we could raise more than twice this from now until September, 1898, especially when we look into the thing carefully. The last Thankoffering 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 W.A. 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 Him by many ways since I began to work for and give to the spread of His Kingdom? Do I not pray oftener 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 Thanksgiving? 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.