

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Thank-offering.

October is approaching and we are beginning to think and plan for our annual thank-offering meetings. The usual envelopes will be ready by the end of this month. There will be issued at the same time two *Leaflets* bearing on the subject of Thank-offering, of which we shall give a fuller notice in the October *Leaflet*.

Our Envelopes and How to Use Them.

In the first annual report of the W. F. M. S. occurs the following sentence :—“ With a view to establishing and stimulating systematic giving, we have adopted the envelope system by giving to each member one large envelope containing twelve small ones, and asking that one of these last be dropped into the mission box each month, with just such a subscription as God puts it into the heart and power of each to give for this particular purpose.”

At first and for several years the envelopes were given to auxiliaries free of charge, but at the 12th annual meeting held in Knox Church, Guelph, in April 1888, it was decided :—“ That each auxiliary should buy its own envelopes for the use of its members, and that new societies who decide to use envelopes shall have a supply free for the first year.”

This regulation is still observed and seems to meet with general favour.

We are glad that so many of our societies use the envelopes, and we would press upon those who as yet have not adopted them to do so. We venture to say the experiment will prove their usefulness.