



**EASTER THANK-OFFERINGS.**

**KANAZAWA ORPHANAGE.**

A dead Christ could do nothing for us, but a living Christ is able and willing to do more than we can ask, and "Because He lives we shall live also." His great gift, to us who will receive it, is life forevermore. Therefore no Thank-offering shall be more willingly, cheerfully, joyfully given than this Easter one.

You all know that it was decided at Board Meeting in Kingston, that our Easter Thank-offerings should go to Japan this year, as buildings there were so much needed. That of the Auxiliaries, to the "Mother-school in Tokyo"—whose good influences have moulded so many youthful lives through past years. The Thank-offering from Mission Circles and Bands for a new building in Kanazawa, also much needed. We give you again the picture



that was given last March of the inmates of the present orphanage. You will remember Miss Veasey's interesting description of them all. Of the Christian matron, Okumura San, who stands behind in the centre. Of her two Christian sons, one at either end of the same row, the eldest of whom had already left the Orphanage to take a Normal School course, and who had said: "I mean to teach Christianity wherever I go, just the same as if I were a preacher."

Then you will all recognize Motako San, "Herbie Bellamy's boy," the boy in whom he took so great an interest, and for whom he worked so unselfishly. This new "Orphanage" will be called "The Herbie Bellamy Orphanage" in memory of dear little Herbie, and no doubt many of you will give all the more gladly because of your loving interest in that dear little worker. We think nothing could please him more, even in Heaven, than to know that this wish of his heart had been carried out. And is not this cause dear

to the heart of the loving Saviour too; Does he not care for the little orphans of Japan, even as he cares for you, the children of this highly favored land? He wants you all for His kingdom.

The one in centre of front row is little O Teru San, the little one whose poor mother was about to sell her for a dollar when she was rescued by the Missionaries. Should we not give these little otherwise friendless orphans a good, comfortable home?

To know that the new building in Tokyo is needed we have only to remember the heavy earthquakes of '92 and '94 which shook the present building to its foundations. Then last year we heard of two of the little girls praying for fine weather for a school entertainment, because "Our building is so old that the rains enters, and it would have been very disagreeable to have tubs, etc., standing round on such an occasion;" and again, "We had a typhoon night before last