

owe to Him who has thus revealed Himself to us, impels us to come with glad and willing hearts to present our gifts of thank-offering, that they may aid in spreading the tidings of His love. It is when we, in some measure, grasp the conception of the greatness of our Redeemer's love and sacrifice, that we are constrained to loving action. It has been truly said that the "happiness of love is in action ; its test is what one is willing to do for others."

The desire to give expression to love in the heart, and of gratitude for special blessings received, was the basis on which the annual thank-offering service of our Society was established. It may interest the members of our Auxiliaries and Mission Bands to learn the origin of these delightful meetings. In 1881, revival services were held in the town of Peterborough and resulted in a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Many souls were won for Christ, and believers were strengthened in the faith and quickened to more devoted service. This time of refreshing in spiritual things was followed by a desire on the part of many to give expression in some tangible way to the thankfulness that filled their hearts, and the thought came to them that in no more fitting way could they show their gratitude for mercies received than by presenting a thank-offering to the Lord for the purpose of helping others to a knowledge of His love ; so we find in the report of the Peterborough Auxiliary, for that year, that an interesting praise meeting had been held for the purpose of " thanking God for the many spiritual blessings poured out upon this place," and that the offering amounted to one hundred and eighty-eight dollars.

At the annual meeting of the Society that same year, and at the joint suggestions of Mrs. Logie and Mrs. Husband, of Hamilton, it was proposed " that all branches of the Society should hold a special meeting for praise and prayer ; the first for special mercies received, the second that the Lord would open the hearts