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PROVISION.

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No longer on the grassy slopes of Galilee, Arched by the wondrous azure of that Eastern sky, Their hot brows cooling in the breezes from the sea Soothing their hearts' wild tumult with its lullaby; But in the homes, the stores, the noisy crowded street,

O Master ! lift thine eyes compassionate, and see The weary multitude again with eager feet

Bringing their hungry, starving hearts alway to thee.

Here is my basket, Lord, with its small loaves, no more :

But what are they among so many? So I sigh, Canst thou not bless them as thou blessed loaves before,

That none go hungering away while I am by?

THANK-OFFERING.

TO THE CIRCLES OF ONTARIO WEST.

"Bring an Offering and come into His Courts."

We would remind the Circles of the beautiful custom which so many of them have followed for some years, of setting aside either the November or December Circle meeting as a special Thank-offering service. This year we hope that every Circle will join in this offering of praise, for we have much to thank God for.

During the last fifteen months our Baptist Mission in India has experienced a remarkable ingathering of converts; in Bolivia, the work appears to be entering on a new era of prosperity; while on our Home fields, unusual progress in pioneer work, a large number of converts at Feller Institute, and "the best year yet experienced in Northwest work," are tokens of God's blessing, which should lead us to His feet in thankful prayer. Let us thank God for this harvest of souls, not forgetting the tender personal mercies God has shown us, but approaching Him with humility of soul, new confidence in His promises, and consecrated offerings for His treasury. 5

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Note.-As the Circles are Union, it is expected that the offering will be divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

REPORT OF BOARD MEETING.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Board was held Friday, Sept. 16th, Mrs. Freeland presiding. Seventeen were present. From the Treasurer's report we learned that sixty-four Circles, ten Bands and ten Individuals had contributed to the Bungalow Fund. Mrs. Dr. Chute was requested to present the greetings from our Society to the Eastern Convention, meeting in Montreal, Oct. 4th and 5th. Very interesting letters were read from Miss Hatch, Miss Folsom, Miss Baskerville and Dr. Hulet. The meeting then closed with prayer.

> A. MOYLE, Rec. Sec.

We are looking forward to a large gathering at our Convention and trust the Sisters will come praying for a great blessing on our meetings. We trust the Delegates have been prompt in sending in their names to Mrs. H. H. Lloyd, 386 Brunswick Ave. Any expecting to be entertained by friends should inform the Billeting Committee to that effect. On arriving in the City take the Bloor and McCaul car to Walmer Road and walk one block north. Some one will be at the Station to give directions.

If you could only know what one feels on finding one's self . . . where the least ray of the gospel has not penetrated ! If those friends who blame could see from afar what we see, and feel what we feel, they would be the first to wonder that those redeemed by Christ should be so backward in devotion, and know so little of the spirit of self-sacrifice. They would be ashamed of the hesitations that hinder us. We must remember that it was not by interceding for the world in glory that Jesus saved it. He gave himself. Our prayers for the evangelization of the world are but a bitter irony so long as we only give of our superfluity, and draw back before the sacrifice of ourselves .- M. FRANCOIS COLLARD, Africa.