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Subjects for Prayer.

THANKSGIVING.

For our gospel privileges; for extension in Home work; for personal, family and national mercies; for the bounties of God's providence. Confession for our shortcomings.

"Being enriched in everything to all bountifulness which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift."—2 Cor. 9:11-15.

Some murmur when their sky is clear,
And wholly bright in view,
If one small speck of dark appear
In their great heaven of blue;
And some with thankful love are filled
If but one streak of light,
One ray of God's good mercy, gild
The darkness of their night.

AS THE SEASONS ROLL AROUND and we return again to the fall months, there returns the desire to begin afresh active work that has been laid aside. In whatever sphere we are placed, wherever our duties lie, in the quiet home or the weary, busy world, the blessedness of work, and the voice of thanksgiving go well hand in hand.

We look back over the months that have gone. How have our plans been carried out? Some have gone through with success, others seemingly to us have been failures; yet with it all, whether success or failure, we feel an eagerness to press on in the Master's work.

The months that have passed have been filled to over-flowing with anxious thoughts for workers and missions in India and China. The famine of India as it approached, almost overwhelmed us, but God opened the hearts of Christian people, the hill of difficulty lessened and with glad thanksgiving we press on, now to take up the work which God through this calamity has opened up. In China too the cloud of distress grew serious, patiently we waited, earnest in prayer, till the light dawned and again with the voice of thanksgiving we welcomed our faithful workers rescued from death. We thank our Heavenly Master for the blessing they have been to many Chinese homes, and we take heart. "Behind the cloud the sun's still shining," and out of chaos God will again bring sweet peace and order.