

## HYMN.

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Oh, loving Christ and living,  
Thy people glad confessed,  
Bring offerings of thanksgiving  
For years that thou hast blessed,  
The seed of heavenly hiding,  
In prayer and tears was sown,  
The growth was of thy guiding,  
The fruitage all thy own.

For messengers of healing  
On many a distant shore,  
The word of life revealing,  
Thy mercy we adore;  
Dim lands in shadow lying,  
Foul haunts of sin and shame,  
Cross-bearing, self-denying,  
They enter in thy name.

For saints in glory dwelling  
Who shared our hopes and fears,  
With heart and voice upswelling,  
We praise thee through our tears  
Set free of earth's assailing,  
Unstained of mortal blight,  
Unspent by earthly toiling,  
They walk with thee in white.

## FIELD STUDY FOR NOVEMBER.

## THANKSGIVING.

 SINCE the days when God's ancient people kept  
The Feast of Tabernacles His church has set  
apart a season to dwell on the mercy and good-  
ness of the Lord, and His wonderful works to-  
ward the children of men.

A cheering feature of our work abroad, is the im-  
mediate usefulness of so many converts. [If you have  
followed the course of the Field Studies through the  
year you will see that we have cause for thanks-giving  
in regard to Japanese, Chinese, Indian and French  
work. And while you see much good as the result of  
the work done there are results which are only record-  
ed on high—but which will someday bring forth fruit  
in the life and consecration of those learning of the  
truth. It is to the converts from heathenism that we  
look for the future glorious diffusion of Christian  
knowledge in those dark lands. Who can so well ap-  
peal to vacant, uninstructed minds as those who have  
themselves been rescued from ignorance and super-  
stition?

We are thankful for our Missionaries that some  
have gone back in restored health and vigor to their  
loved work, while others are enjoying a well-  
earned rest. Ay, and we can even be thankful for  
her who went home to heaven from China because  
she went in the full assurance of hope and faith.]

I think it would be a good exercise for the Mission  
Circles and Bands this month to put down on the

blackboard a list of things they have to be thankful  
for. Here are a few suggestions: 1st, Freedom from  
care. The responsibilities of wifehood and mother-  
hood are so early thrust upon our heathen sisters that  
they have no free, happy girlhood. 2nd, The Woman's  
Missionary Society, which gives you an opportunity  
for, and a training in Christian work. Miss Leake,  
who so ably carried on our Chinese work in Victoria,  
B. C., said: "Had there been such a society when I  
was growing up I would have given my whole life to  
missionary work." 3rd, Good schools, 4th, That we have  
known the Gospel story from our earliest youth.

No thanksgiving is complete without a thank-offer-  
ing. "We have so little to give" say our girls.  
Perhaps we will allow that—in money, though some of  
you would not suffer if you saved enough from your  
candy-money to make a suitable offering. But you  
are all rich in talents. What about your voices? I  
wish I could help you to realize what a power for  
Christ they are. A noted singer was told that a man  
who heard her sing "I know that my Redeemer  
liveth" was so affected that his conversion was the  
direct result. Her face shone, her eyes filled with  
tears, she said: "I always pray before I sing, that  
God will make it a message to some soul, and this is  
not the first time I have heard of an answer to my  
prayer." May we not thus make a thank-offering of  
our voices not for our own praise, but let it be "Christ  
for the world we sing."

"Bring ye all the tithes into the store-house, that  
there may be meat in mine house and prove me now  
herewith saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open  
you the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing  
that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Let us study this Scripture and if we do our part  
we shall surely be able to say: "There hath not  
failed one word of all His good promise."

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## QUESTIONS FOR NOVEMBER.

- What is the subject for our Field Study this month?
- What has the church done ever since the feast of Tabernacles?
- Name one cheering feature of our work abroad?
- What will you see if you have followed the course of the Field Studies through the year?
- What is said of the results that you cannot see?
- To whom shall we look by and bye for the diffusion of Christian knowledge in heathen lands?
- For what workers are we thankful and why?
- What will be a field exercise for the Circle and Band this month?
- How many reasons are suggested for thanksgiving?
- What is needed to complete our thankfulness?
- What do the girls sometimes say?
- In what way could some of you save without suffering?
- In what are you all rich?
- What could be a power for Christ?
- Will you give that sweet story of the singer who used her voice for Him.
- What verses of the Bible should we study?
- After having studied these and done our part what will we be able to say?