

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.



INCE 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?