

We will remember, too, that our thanksgivings are not to be limited to the acknowledgment of personal and family mercies, and we will bear in mind God's goodness to us in the great work He has given us to do as a Missionary Society. For the guidance of any who may not have been able to follow this work as closely as they would wish we will outline a few of the chief reasons for thankfulness in our Foreign Mission work at this time.

Before doing so three things may be mentioned in connection with our W.F.M.S. in which we feel sure every member of the Society will unite :

1. For the Heavenly Father's goodness in calling us to this work. Will each of our members ask her own heart : " What has the work of the W.F.M.S. done for me ? " " In what ways has it blessed me ? "

2. For our President, whom God most graciously restored to her usual health soon after the Annual Meeting.

3. For the memory of the loved ones who have gone before during the past year. For the enriching and uplifting influence which has been given to our lives by their wise counsel, their unselfish service, and their triumphant entrance into the joy of their Lord.

Then in regard to our foreign work :—

1. For faithful missionaries and teachers.

2. For the helpfulness and devotion of native preachers and teachers.

3. For open doors in all our fields, especially in India and Honan.

4. That the work in Honan has not as yet been disturbed or hindered by the war in China, but goes on quietly without menace to life or property.

5. For the health of our missionaries, and for their preservation in their journeyings by sea and land. Some who were home on furlough have returned in safety to their respective fields, rested and refreshed, while those who remained at their post have been sustained and blessed. The Lord hath preserved their going out and their coming in.

6. For all who have been brought to the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, through the instrumentality of Foreign Missions ; and for the many tokens of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in awakening the heathen to a sense of their spiritual need.

7. For continued religious interest in all our mission schools, and for the marked development of industry among the Indian children in the North West.

8. For the good-will shown to our missionary work by rulers and governments, both in our foreign fields and in our own country.

9. For our Treasury. That year by year the estimates given to our Society by the Foreign Mission Committee, though increasing in amount,