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## Editorial.

**THANK-OFFERING MEETINGS.**—No official notice has come to us requesting the holding of these meetings, but we know that it is the earnest wish of the Board that they be held in every Circle.

**DAY OF PRAYER.**—At a united Board meeting of the Home and Foreign Societies of Eastern Ontario and Quebec, held in Ottawa on Monday evening October 2nd, it was decided that for the coming year that the first Thursday in November and in April be set apart as days of special prayer for our work and workers in India and in the home land. Sisters bear in mind the second day of November. We have much for which to be thankful, and much need for prayer.

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## MISSIONS.

BY MRS. OHMAN.

"Were there not ten cleansed, but where are the nine?" was the rather sad and searching enquiry Christ made of the grateful Samaritan stranger, who returned to Him, and with a loud voice glorified and thanked Him for the wonderful work of healing, which He had wrought upon His body.

Where indeed were the nine? Healed of a loathsome, debilitating disease, shunned by men, and deprived of almost every enjoyment of life, the blood of health now coursing in their veins, they yet forgot their great benefactor, and ungratefully failed to give Him ordinary thanks in return for the greatest earthly gift it was possible for the Creator to bestow.

And still, may it not be asked, of the few, who of the multitude have been justified by the blood of the Redeemer, and who return in gratitude to their Lord, "Where are the nine?"

Are they showing their unbounded thankfulness for the gift of a ransomed soul, which surpasses beyond description that of a healed body, that they have laid everything at the feet of Christ, and said, "I am thine, Lord, for sacrifice or service, to be anything or nothing for Thee, to go anywhere Thou mayest lead me, in return for the priceless gift Thou hast conferred upon me."

Ah! If Christians were alive and awake as they should

be, how delightful the will of God would be to them, with what avidity the doors of heathen lands, now thrown open to them, would be entered!

How quickly the world would have the gospel, and those "who have ears to hear," could hear and would hear: souls in multitudes would be saved and the church edified at home.

Within ten years, I venture to predict Christ's command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," would be literally obeyed, and the "glad tidings" would reach the ears of all.

Listen to those figures and ask, "Where are the nine?"

In Canada \$20,000,000 spent during the past year for chewing gum, \$7,000,000 for tobacco every day of the year, and more than double that amount given for intoxicating liquors. [There seems to be some mistake about these figures. Ed.]

The chowing gum bill alone would run all the foreign missions of the world for four years. Just think!

And whilst all this money is being spent on useless and worse than useless things, the heathen live and die in shame, wretchedness, vice, cannibalism, without a hope for this world or the next.

Let us ask why should we take an interest in missions, when and how?

1st. Why? Because as Christians we have been bought. We are not our own. God has placed us here to use us for His glory, not to give us a good, easy time, and "carry us to the skies on flowery beds of ease."

It is God's will that every creature under heaven should have the gospel preached to them, whether they make use of it or not.

They should, at least, have the option of accepting or rejecting it.

In civilized lands everyone has the chance of hearing of the pardoning love of Christ if he chooses, for there are churches on every hand.

Not so with those in heathen lands. How many will have to say to us, ah! how many, when they hear the story of the cross for the first time, "Nobody ever has told it before."

Gratitude for the great gift we have received ought to inspire us with a zeal to bring others to a knowledge of the truth, that they may receive the benefits flowing therefrom, which we ourselves enjoy.