

and churches. The Misses Melville, our representatives on the Foreign Field have left home and friends to go and work in Christ's name for the extension of God's Kingdom on the Earth. The Master will not forsake them and they will receive the crown of reward. We should ask ourselves what are we doing? Do we comfort and help them by our love, sympathy, and prayers? Are we giving for their support as "The Lord has prospered us? Does each one realize her personal responsibility? The Board expects the gifts to be liberal so as to redeem its pledge given in the name of the Auxiliaries, for the payment of the Missionaries salaries and the expenses of the Canadian Station, Cisamba. The letters received during the year have been hopeful and encouraging. Surely we have great cause for thankfulness in the continued good health of our missionaries and the natives at the station; in the progress made in the work both Evangelistic and Industrial; in the membership of the church; in the Christian homes formed; in the Ella F. M. Williams Memorial Hospital Fund; and in the increased interest in the work by the native chiefs.

*From Mrs. Mary L. Freeland.*

BOWMANVILLE, Oct. 14th, 1897.

DEAR MADAM,—At the last annual meeting of the Woman's Board, it was resolved that the Secretary be requested to send a circular letter to the Auxiliaries, as Thanksgiving Day drew near, calling attention to the importance of the year's Thankoffering meeting. It is desirable that it should be held as near Thanksgiving Day as possible, therefore it is well to begin planning for it at once. It is a good time for making an effort to interest the women of the church, who as yet are not alive to the importance of missionary work, and to stir up the half-hearted ones, while the true and faithful workers will find such a meeting a joy and inspiration. Good suggestions for a program will be found in October "Life and Light" which can be obtained for five cents from Miss A. R. Hartshorn, No. 11 Congregational House, Boston. Copies of a responsive Bible Reading may be had for 15c. per dozen from Mrs. Moodie, 18 Mance Street, Montreal.

I was also asked to have 2000 envelopes printed for the use of the Auxiliaries at the Thankoffering meeting. I enclose a sample. Please let me know at once how many you will require for distribution among the women of your congregation, and I will send them to you. Then when your meeting is over, I would be very glad indeed if you would write me again, and tell