

2:30 p.m. instead of at 3 o'clock; and that the Presbyterian reports be read on that afternoon so as to leave more time at the disposal of the Society on the following day for the discussion of the various topics coming before the meeting."

Will each Auxiliary consider this matter and send an expression of opinion upon it to the Presbyterian Secretary for consideration at Annual or Semi-Annual Presbyterian meetings; and will Presbyterian Secretaries kindly report the decision of their several societies to the Board in good time, so that if favorably considered the suggestion may be acted upon at next Annual Meeting of the General Society?

Reasons for Thanksgiving.

To every sincere disciple of Christ the time of Thankoffering, now at hand, comes, not unawares, but as a welcome festival. All such will be prepared for it in heart and mind, and they will have been laying by them in store, an offering of a sweet savor, acceptable to God, to commemorate at this season His loving-kindness through another year. Indeed if we are alive to a sense of our heavenly Father's love and goodness as we should be, the song of thanksgiving must rise continually in our hearts, and we will be ready every day of the year, in everything to give thanks. The Thankoffering meeting will thus be but the natural outcome of loving hearts eager for an opportunity to give expression to their gratitude, and to present their offerings in order that the Gospel of Salvation which has brought happiness unspeakable to women in Christian lands may be sent to the uttermost parts of the earth.

It is not necessary here to point out reasons for personal thanksgiving. These will occur to every thoughtful mind, and will vary as widely as the circumstances of each may suggest. The privileges, comforts and joys of our daily life in this favored land are so many and so great that surely no one will refuse to make acknowledgment of them by her presence at the Thankoffering meeting. It is true there are those to whom in the past year experiences have come the reverse of joyful. Sorrow and suffering it may be, bereavement, thwarting of the most cherished plans, these things have come to some of God's children. Are such required to give thanks? Assuredly yes. If you cannot "praise Him with joyful lips," now, for these experiences, have faith to believe that there is not one hard thing you have been called to bear for which you will not be able some day to give thanks. For do not *all things* work together for good to them that love God?