

not scorched by tropical suns for weeks and months together? The weather is often abused, but if we could be transported for a year to the torrid regions, where many of our missionaries live and labour, we should value our own comfortable temperatures more highly than we do.

It is a land of plenty. An abundant harvest has been gathered in, while in other parts of the world there is scarcity, and in some places, threatened famine. Truly God is kind to us as a people.

Into every family and every life some good has come during the year. If temporal good has been withheld it has been because something far better even the spiritual blessing was to be bestowed. For although anxiety, disappointment and bitter sorrow have entered many homes, even those who have been afflicted can also "thank God and take courage," because their griefs, if used aright, will have driven them closer to the strong, rich, loving heart of the Father.

What, then, of the comforts and the joys which infinitely outnumber the crosses and trials? What of the every-day blessings of health and reason; the means of occupation and support; the endearments of home; the facilities for education and mental improvement, and the countless blessings which, almost unnoticed, so many of us enjoy? It is surely a dull soul that fails to discern the good hand of God in the conditions of daily life in this favoured land.

But it is when we think of the best and greatest gift of the Father, in the person of Jesus Christ His only begotten and well-beloved Son, through whom we are made heirs of all good things in this life and for evermore, that our hearts are stirred to the most profound thanksgiving and praise. The grateful spirit can be most effectually stimulated by contrast, and when we try to picture the condition of those who know not God nor Christ whom He hath sent, and whose spiritual state is as darkest night, made hideous by forms of terror or loathsome by foul imaginings, shall not our souls and all that is within us be stirred up to bless His holy name, who hath called us out of darkness into His marvellous light? Will not each one who reads this LEAFLET think on these things. Will she not also try to study the dealings of God with her own home and family and with her own soul, and bring to the Annual Thank-Offering meeting a grateful thought for some special mercy.