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Vol. 8, No. 1.] "The Gentiles shall come to Thy light, and kings to the brightness of Thy rising."—Is. lx. 3. [SEP., 1885.]

SOME of our sisters, while taking their summer vacation, have been doing good work in the Mission cause. Mrs. E. W. Dadson, while visiting in different places, has been the means of organizing several Circles, and has secured a good number of subscribers to the LINK. Several sisters in the Lower Provinces have been doing the same.

WE hear that our dear friend, Mrs. Freeland, is likely soon to return to Toronto. We are sure that many hearts will rejoice if she does. Although she will be very much occupied with the care of her little grandchild, and so may not be able to give much of her time to our work, we shall all be glad of her presence and of whatever service she can render.

OUR PAPER.—In accordance with the suggestion of some friends of the paper we tried the experiment, in the July number, of adding a cover and securing advertisements to defray the expense. We have found that to keep up the advertising would require more time and labor than we are able to bestow, and accordingly the cover is dropped for the present. When we first took charge of the paper we promised to enlarge it to twelve pages as soon as 1000 new names should have been added to our subscription list. Our friends have done nobly, and already 500 names have been added. We have decided to enlarge at once, believing that the remaining 500, and many more, will be added before the close of the year. If only all were as zealous as some, the list might readily be doubled within a year, and the cause of missions greatly advanced thereby. Will not every one of our readers endeavor to help us in this good work by securing new names for the paper?

THE LINK FOR SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.—We intend from this time on to give more and more attention to the needs of young mission workers. We hope to make the LINK not only wholesome reading for the young, but highly interesting to them as well. We see no reason why it should not be introduced into Sunday-Schools throughout the Dominion, especially for the more advanced classes. Will not some of our friends try what can be done in this direction? Surely there is nothing in which Sunday School boys and girls are more in need of being interested than Missions.

OPPOSITION TO WOMEN'S MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS.—We are *very glad* to know that, notwithstanding some opposition to the Women's Missionary Aid Societies in the Maritime Provinces, our sisters are making rapid progress in extending the work. Don't be discouraged, sisters, but go forward; surely opposition will not be long continued. We supposed that such a thing no longer existed. Those who were active in the organization of our society in Ontario tell us that opposition was strong at first, now, we are happy to say it is about all gone. Some of those who were our opposers we reckon now as our best helpers. The editor of *The Messenger and Visitor* seems fearful as to what the organization of Aid Societies may lead to, giving as an example that already in the United States and Ontario, Home Mission Aids or Circles have been formed, and that if the logical process is carried further we must have Aids for ministerial education. We should like to tell our sisters with what hearty sympathy our recent organization for Home Missions has been welcomed by the H. M. Convention. From the General Missionary we had this, in referring to our meeting for organization: "I take it as a sign of the times." He certainly meant a good "sign," a sign that Home Missions were coming to the front. From the Board of the Home Missionary Convention we have this: "We believe your work so auspiciously begun and so energetically pressed forward, will mean much, not only in direct aid, but also in the enthusiasm which it is certain to inspire. We pledge our sincerest sympathy and coöperation and anticipate a most agreeable partnership, and we feel confident of the blessing of the Lord Jesus on our united effort to spread the gospel in our own land." As to women's aids for ministerial education, we have heard some who are interested in this department of our denominational work say, that such a ladies' organization would be very helpful, and we are sure it would meet with no opposition. We welcome the very able defence by Mr. John March, of St. John, in the *Messenger and Visitor* of Aug. 12th. The editor makes a mistake, though, when he says that the sisters are adopting the way of stepping aside into a society and asking those who wish to, become interested to put themselves under its influence. This may be true as regards the first step in starting a ladies' Aid or Circle, but it is only in order to make a beginning, to get the workers organized, for the purpose of teaching the uninterested, in