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NEW MISSIONARIES.—The Board of the W. B. F. S., of Ontario, has decided to send out three more young ladies in the autumn. Those under appointment will be asked to hold themselves in readiness to go to India about the first of October.

ANNUAL MEETING.—It has been decided to hold the next Annual Meeting of the W. B. F. M. S., of Ontario, in the Bloor Street Church, Toronto. We trust that our sisters throughout the Province will determine in advance that this shall be the largest and best meeting of the Society ever held. It should be, and we believe it will be.

"THE MISSIONARY REVIEW OF THE WORLD."—This monthly periodical, under the able editorship of Drs. Pierson and Sherwood, is becoming more and more valuable as the months go by. We have not space to give an account of the contents of the May number, which has recently come to hand, but we repeat our hearty recommendation of the *Review* to all who wish to keep thoroughly informed as to the world's mission work. We can still furnish it at \$1.75 per annum.

ARREARAGES.—The time has come when we must strike off from our list all the names that are not marked up to 1888. If any have paid up and have failed to receive credit they will confer a favor by informing us. Those who wish to continue to receive the monthly visits of our little paper are requested to *renew at once*. Those who do not wish to renew should notify us promptly of the fact *enclosing the amount due to date*. The subscription list of the *LINK* is steadily increasing, but we are sorry to lose any old names. Will not every reader in arrears send her renewal promptly, and endeavor to send along with it a few new names?

FOREIGN MISSION FINANCES.—The General Foreign Mission Treasury of Ontario and Quebec is at present largely over-drawn, and Bro. Shenston has been obliged to advance a considerable amount of money to avoid disaster. It is the experience of most missionary societies, that funds come in more slowly during the first half-year, and with disproportionate rapidity during the last few weeks of the year. Bearing in mind this natural tendency, and the fact that the expenses in India must go on continuously and that the mission-

aries are so situated that they must receive their salaries promptly, every friend of missions should make it a point to pay his or her annual subscription as early in the year as possible. We know there are many who could pay the entire amount of their contribution for the year before Christmas if they would only make a little effort. It is too bad that the brethren who devote so much valuable time and strength to the administration of the missionary finances, and who contribute personally with such generosity to the support of missions, should be obliged continually to make large advances for the maintenance of the work.

The case is somewhat different with the Women's Society. Their system of collection is so thorough that funds come in with far greater regularity throughout the year. The fact that our receipts are so large and regular has, we believe, led some brethren to suspect that the Circles are interfering with the regular church contributions and are tending to absorb more and more of the available missionary funds. We do not think that this is the case to any considerable extent. (On the contrary, we believe that the Women's Societies, in addition to what they have themselves raised, have, by quickening interest in missions, added largely to the income of the General Societies. But the very fact that a suspicion exists should lead the members of the Circles and Aid Societies carefully to guard against anything that could be regarded as disadvantageous to the General Societies, by using their influence for the promotion of liberality to missions in their churches. Pastors and deacons sometimes need to be reminded that the time has arrived for a collection or a special canvass for missions. The sisters should not hesitate to remind them and to keep reminding them until the end in view has been accomplished. Much can also be done towards increasing interest and contributions by circulating missionary literature, by suggesting and arranging for missionary prayer-meetings, etc. Let it never be truly said of any Circle, whose members read the *LINK*, that the church to which its members belong does less for missions because of the existence of the Circle.

Missionary Hymn.

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Light o'er the hills! light o'er the hills!
The promised morning wakes;
The day foretold by seers of old
In wondrous glory breaks.