

the boys and girls. Through the influence of the Bands, we hope, the church of the future will understand and become interested in our obligations to the world and act without pressure from without.

The Bands in Nova Scotia contributed last year \$297.88 to Home Missions and \$127.40 to Foreign.

The prospects are good for an increase in both number of Bands and benevolence during this year. This will be realized if the churches and Aid Societies are faithful in the opportunities set before them by organizing and faithfully carrying forward a Mission Band in each church and every section of the church.

MRS. P. R. FOSTER,
Band Supt.

CRUSADE DAY.

Zion Aid Society of First Baptist Church, Yarmouth, observed Crusade Day, Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 21st. This was rather an early date but as we were anxious to have Mr. and Mrs. Gullison present, it was necessary to hold our meeting then as they were soon to leave the County. The ladies of the congregation, the pastors and their wives of Temple and Wilton churches and officers of their Aid Societies were invited to the meeting. A goodly number responded to our invitation, who listened with intense interest to Mrs. Gullison, who spoke in her usual bright and earnest way. Such graphic word pictures should certainly arouse the lagging zeal of many. We hope to gain several new members by our efforts. The room was prettily decorated with flags, and abundance of flowers, and small tea-tables around which seats and chairs were arranged in an informal way. Tea was served at 6 o'clock. Collection \$5.35.

Mr. Gullison addressed a public meeting in the vestry in the evening. CON.

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A very interesting feature of the next issue of LINK will be the answers to the question, "What made you interested in Missions?" A large number of questions has been distributed, and the answers will give us excellent ideas of the means and motives that have proved effectual in the past, and may be emphasized in our future work.

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The future of Korea under either Japanese or Russian domination can hardly be worse than the present, says Arthur Judson Brown, D.D., in the Century. The government lacks the moral fiber needed at such a critical time and official corruption is well-nigh absolute. The people are taxed beyond all reason. Any man suspected of having property is in danger of being thrown into a filthy prison on some trumped-up charge and held or perhaps tortured until he disgorges. Offices are sold to the highest bidder or given to dissipated favorites, who divide the proceeds. The courts give no redress, for the plunderer himself is usually both judge and jury. So rotten is the entire system that one marvels that the nation has not fallen to pieces before this.

Only the solid apathy of the Asiatic and the rival claims of foreign powers have held it together at all.

He who is false to present duty breaks a thread in the loom, and will find the flaw when he may have forgotten its cause.—*Henry Ward Beecher.*

The venerable veteran missionary in the New Hebrides, the Rev. John G. Paton, D.D., has recently reached the allotted span of fourscore years. His eightieth birthday was observed in a suitable way by the Foreign Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, Australia. In the address which Dr. Paton made on this occasion, he spoke of his life work in the South Sea Islands, and alluded in a humble and grateful way to the blessing of God upon the labors of himself and other missionaries, and told of the wonderful changes which had taken place in these islands during his lifetime.