

circumstances, to increase the appropriations for the coming year, so they remain \$7,500 for Foreign Missions, \$2000 for Home Missions. There were more life members than ever before, and we hope the coming year may bring a still larger number. It was voted that ten cents be collected from every one possible, to aid the Home Mission Board of the Northwest to support Mr Burgdorf, a missionary to the Galicians. This is to be in addition to the usual offering for Home Missions. We would recommend the holding of at least three public missionary meetings during the year, both for the education they give on the subject of missions and the addition to our funds by the collection.

#### MISSION BANDS.

We praise God that there seems to be an awakening among our people to the importance of this work for the children and young people. Miss Etta Yuell, Wolfville, N S, has been appointed Superintendent of Band work and will prepare the Mission Band lessons for the coming year. These are to be accompanied by articles from our missionaries on scenes of life and customs in India which we hope may prove of great service to the Band leaders and of interest to the children. Will not our sisters of the W. M. A. S. feel it their duty and privilege to encourage and develop this work among the children. It is the only hope for our future growth and with God's blessing is a most fruitful and encouraging part of our work.

#### CRUSADE DAY.

October 5th has been appointed as Crusade Day." There are still half our women who are church members not connected with our Missionary Societies. Let this day be generally observed this year and accompanied by earnest prayer may our membership

be greatly increased and many others become actively engaged in this great mission work. If the day appointed is not convenient select some other time. At eleven o'clock united, special prayer in our homes, visiting in the afternoon and a public missionary meeting in the evening accompanied with Thank offering services. The work of the Union for the past year should be brought before the people as found in the Annual Report. Now my sisters, the months are before us full of blessed opportunity to be used or abused. May the Lord "stir up our spirits" as He did His servants of old that we may weep over our past neglect and with renewed enthusiasm and diligence give ourselves to the building of this spiritual temple. The work is great and difficult, but the promises of God are greater. "I am with you, saith the Lord of Hosts," therefore we are to put discouragement far from us and "be strong and work."

The present is as full of God as the past and the revelation of God's presence made of old has a transitory manifestation of a perpetual reality. We need this lesson, for we are ever tempted to think to-day more void of God than the days of old and that our work is more difficult than any that has preceded it. We think that Heaven touches the Earth far ahead and far behind, but that where we stand is farthest from the blue above. Let us realize that today is full of God and He is with us as he was with the fathers and in greater measure for the Comforter is come and abides with us forever. Therefore whatever threatens we need not fear. The greater glory is filling the spiritual temple and the promise "I will shake all nations," is being fulfilled. The future will surpass the past for "Through the ages an increasing purpose runs."

May God make us true and faithful