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Maine Federation News

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Mrs. SARAH PENNELL REED, Editor

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GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT OF GENERAL FEDERATION

My dear Club Women of Maine:

I am glad to hear that the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs is to have a state publication of its very own. One of our greatest needs is a record of work the club women are doing as it appears in state federation organs. I hope it will not be long before every state is equipped with such service.

How I should like the privilege of knowing every one of the club women of Maine—of meeting them face to face on the common ground of our Federation service.

The club women of the country are indebted to my predecessor, Mrs. Thomas G. Winter, for four years of loyal, intensive, constructive leadership in the upbuilding of the Federation. It was a great achievement. And now, although there has been a change of officers, there must be no break in the continuity of our Federation work. Our plans must keep their steadiness of purpose, and we must not fail to carry to completion all projects now supported by the Federation. In addition, we must bear in mind that world conditions challenge us to keep awake to new creative forces and we must hold our organization in all its units responsive to the great new movements as the best possible way to serve our country.

It is my hope to bring, not only state presidents and all state officers, but every one of the 2,800,000 women in our ranks into such intimate connection with the General Federation that every woman will feel it to be her very own. With a greater Federation consciousness and a keener sense of individual responsibility all along the line, we shall develop a solidarity that will be practically irresistible. The General Federation is a Democracy. Its success depends upon the work of every one of us, not alone upon the representative officials.

Universal (direct) membership in all states will furnish adequate funds for carrying on our work and will strengthen the mechanical means whereby solidarity will come about. But let us not stop with universal membership. There are at least two million women, particularly in rural districts, who need us, and whom we need. Some form of Federation extension should be carried on in every state.

Every state should also conduct a campaign for Junior membership. I should like to see a million more young women being developed to carry to success the things we are only able to begin. By this method we shall strengthen into greater efficiency what is now a comparatively weak link in our Federation system.

CALL

The fall meeting will be held in Portland, September 29, 30 and October 1, 2, by invitation of the Woman's Literary Union.

Presidents, presidents' appointees, and delegates will present credential cards properly signed to the chairman of credential committee upon arrival.

Please send notice of the death of any member to Mrs. W. W. Smith, Ogunquit, Maine.

There will be reduced rates on the railroads.

Leaflets which the Woman's Literary Union is sending out will explain about hotel accommodations.

The American Home is the title of a new Department in the General Federation. Do you realize that there is less real home life in the United States today than ever before? That there is less of the reverence for home, the old love and respect for home life that makes the four walls a sacred citadel? The kind of homes in which our boys and girls grow into manhood and womanhood determines what kind of citizens they become. That the homes in the United States are not what they should be is evidenced by the question we hear on every side, "What is the matter with the American Home?" The present situation is a challenge to the women of the Federation. If we ignore it, we shall be missing one of the greatest opportunities that will ever come to us. But we shall not ignore it—we shall face the challenge squarely.

The general purpose of the American Home Department is to emphasize the Home as the fundamental social institution for learning and practising the business and the art of living.

We have undertaken a great task, but with nearly 3,000,000 women working together, steadily and surely for one definite purpose, there is no limit to what we can accomplish.

Faithfully yours,

MARY SHERMAN

President General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Club presidents are urged to consult Mrs. Burnham in regard to making up their literary programs for the year.

Mrs. E. D. Greenleaf, Art Chairman, of Auburn, will be glad to give suggestions for programs on art.

THE PURPOSE OF THE FEDERATION NEWS

The Maine Federation of Women's Clubs has long felt the need of an "official organ," but up to the present time, lack of funds has kept us from getting any farther than just talk. After due consideration, the present Executive Board has decided to blaze the trail and issue our first modest edition.

The fundamental object is to create a closer bond between the State Federation and the clubs. We believe this can be done through direct reports from the unions and federated clubs in our State.

Our sister States have divided the federation work into districts, with a chairman for each section; this has worked out with splendid results and Maine may feel the need of this same team work. Just at present, however, the natural grouping of our counties into federated unions, and the clubs of our larger cities and towns uniting into one club to accomplish the big things needed in any city or town, have served to bring about visible results naturally and forcefully, without any special effort on the part of the State President.

These fine reports from our various unions speak for themselves; every one of them is original in its line of work, and sincere in its purpose. I firmly believe, as time goes on, and our paper becomes an established custom, issued at stated intervals, that our unions will be more interested and more united, and that better results will be accomplished than ever before.

It seems to me that one of our greatest assets in which the federation and the clubs may work together for mutual profit and pleasure is the scholarship fund. One or more clubs cannot accomplish very much toward helping some worthy woman to a normal school or college education, but if every club in the State will contribute just a small amount, several scholarships may be granted.

At the Biennial in Los Angeles, I took special pains to talk with the different State Presidents on this subject, and the number of girls who are receiving aid from the State Scholarship Funds was surprising.

May we not make this our goal for the coming year? To see how many students we can help to a higher education, in order that they may go out into the world better equipped to bear their full share of the responsibilities of citizenship and to put forth higher ideals for homes, for the community at large, and for our State.

We are sending this little sheet to the President and Secretary of each club in the State. We hope you will all be interested enough to get as many copies circulated as possible in your various clubs. The Executive Board wishes to do its part in bear-

ing this new responsibility. We ask only this favor—the hearty co-operation of all the clubs in the State.

FLORENCE WAUGH DANFORTH
President Maine Federation of
Womens Clubs.

THE CLUBS' GREATEST ASSET

State Presidents' Night at the Biennial offered a unique program at which each president presented what she considered to be the greatest asset in the club movement of her State. The stage setting was most attractive—naturally there were flowers everywhere, but the "human flower" attracted most attention.

Just as each president stepped forth to speak for her State, there immediately danced out from one of the stage wings, a charming young "Junior Worker," dressed to imitate the "State Flower" of the person speaking. Every one was received with great applause, and there was more or less guessing, but most of the representations were perfectly obvious.

When Maine's turn came, a veritable little wood nymph, perfectly representing a "Pine Cone," appeared as if by magic. Maine's President entrusted to the "Pine Cone" (who represented the coming generation) the preservation of Maine history and romance, which, if not attractively worked up in book form during the present generation, must of necessity become a "lost art" to those who follow after us.

FRYEBURG WOMAN'S LIBRARY CLUB

The granite building on Main Street, which is the home of the Fryeburg Woman's Library Club, was built by the town for school purposes nearly one hundred years ago. For seventy years it served the intent of the builders, then the opening of a new school building made it unnecessary to use the old "Stone School House." Through the efforts of Edward E. Hastings and other citizens, the matter of giving it to the Woman's Club was urged at an annual town meeting. It was voted to make such a disposal of the town's property. So for twenty years the fine old structure, built of granite quarried from the near-by hills, has been the home of the local club and is just as specifically an educational center as in the old-time days. The location of the Library is unsurpassed, facing the western mountains, surrounded by elms over a century old; one tree was planted by Governor Enoch Lincoln, while nearby is the brick building where Daniel Webster used to copy deeds, evenings, to eke out his scanty salary received for teaching services. The beautiful summer home of the late Doctor Seth C. Gordon is just across the street and was built by another Governor of Maine, John W. Dana.

Inside the walls of the old school building, gatherings of citizens have been addressed by Ralph Waldo Emerson and Doctor A. P. Peabody of Harvard College.

The present-day club, realizing the value of the town's gift, attempts to express an appreciation by returning, in part, to the community some of the benefits received. The students of Fryeburg Academy are given the

use of the room for study and reference work. During the winter of 1924 the Home Hygiene Class held its meetings in the Library. The books are rented to non-members for a nominal sum. The Club, numbering ninety members, holds meetings twice in each month, from October until May, and in the autumn of 1924 will enter its thirty-fifth year of active service.

HARRIET ABBOTT.

WOMAN'S LITERARY UNION PORTLAND, MAINE

The Portland Woman's Literary Union had, at the close of the club year in April, a membership of five hundred and fifty. Contrary to general belief, the club is not a union of literary clubs, but has grown from the original union into a single club with individual membership and has become, in fact, a city woman's club. It is now the largest club in the Maine State Federation and, through the generosity of the late founder and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Frye, has a beautiful club house with auditorium seating about nine hundred people.

The programs of the club year cover the subject of civics, literature, music, art, drama, travel, history, and economics, and last year brought to Portland such well known talent as Dr. Richard Burton, Albert Squiers, Charles Wakefield Cadman, Major Vivian Gilbert, Lothrop Stoddard, Herbert Gleason, Carveth Wells, and Mlle. Marguerite Clement. In addition to these programs, at the tea served every Friday afternoon in the club house, speakers on current events and other topics are heard. Study clubs meet fortnightly in groups with a leader for real work in civics, parliamentary law, nature study, local history, handicraft, and Americanization. During the past year a University Extension course was inaugurated and the fifteen lectures on modern fiction proved most popular with club members. The course for the coming year will be in history or drama or, possibly, both. All these programs and courses are open to members without further cost than the annual dues of five dollars.

The club has put into its budget a scholarship fund which promises much in help and encouragement to young students. Since the Portland College Club offers many scholarships to college students, it was deemed wise that our club should make funds available to other groups of young people needing assistance in completing an education, although scholarships for college are included in the plan. Normal school students, high school pupils, and grammar grade children are additional groups receiving financial assistance from the scholarship fund.

The social life of the club is stimulated by the weekly teas, the annual reception to the gentlemen, the mid-winter luncheon, study class socials, historical outings, and the frequent meeting of members which the centrally located club house makes possible.

A well rounded life which shows its development in intelligent service to the community is the real aim of the club work. Every member is

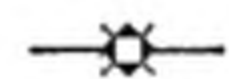
looking forward with pleasure to entertaining the Federation for the 1924 meeting and, because we know the "Federation News" will reach all the clubs of the state, we shall use its columns to extend a most cordial invitation to each club to send its full quota of delegates, that we may have the privilege of welcoming them to our city and our club. Come to the sessions, Sept. 29-Oct. 2, and stay for as much longer as Portland's shops and pleasures can hold you.

MOUNT DESERT ISLAND FEDERATION

Mount Desert Island Federation of Women's Clubs was organized at Northeast Harbor, March 27, 1915, with Mrs. P. P. Hill as President. Its object is to bring together the several Women's Literary and Educational Clubs of Hancock County for mutual benefit.

The meetings are most helpful and inspiring. Ideas are exchanged and reports given of work accomplished throughout the year by the various clubs. Social, civic, or educational subjects are discussed, and this, together with the social atmosphere which prevails, makes up a day long to be remembered.

We have eight federated clubs at present, and hope another may join before the next meeting.



We hope that the Federation has counted for something in the community, that we have helped to create a sentiment favorable to "the promotion of civic improvement and intellectual progress," for which we as an organization stand.

The Scholarship Fund was founded nearly twenty years ago. Have the results been as satisfactory as possible? It is the hope of the Board of Directors that each club will set aside a sum for this fund when the yearly budget is planned.

The New England Conference has gone the rounds and once more it is Maine's turn to entertain in the coming year. Definite plans for this conference will be made before our mid-winter meeting.

Only about half of the club data has been sent to the corresponding secretary. Why not send in all of these reports before the annual meeting? The Executive Board plans to have the Year Book issued before the mid-winter meeting.

At the Biennial, great stress was laid on junior membership. One club of young women has already been organized in Maine by Mrs. C. B. Porter of Old Town. We ought to have at least twenty clubs more of the same kind. Who will be the next to follow in Mrs. Porter's footsteps?

The Reciprocity Bureau of the Federation has been discontinued, but our Department of Literature, Mrs. Harry Burnham, Biddeford, chairman, takes the place of it. Will all clubs send their best papers of the year to her for exchange with other clubs?

The preliminary meeting, at the time of its organization, was held at the home of Mrs. J. S. Sturtevant, 37 Weld St., Dixfield, Maine.

The first regular meeting was held at Bethel Inn, Bethel, Maine, on June nineteenth, nineteen hundred nineteen, at which time officers were elected, committees appointed, and a constitution adopted.

All clubs in the county are eligible, also any woman, whether in the county or not, can become a member by presenting her name to the membership committee and allowing it to take the lawful course.

Three meetings are held during the year. The annual meeting comes on the nineteenth of May at Bethel Inn, Bethel, Maine. An autumn meeting is held in October, when the Union is a guest of some club in the county. The hostess club fixes the date for these two meetings. The mid-winter meeting is held at the time and place of the State Federation. There is no program for this meeting; its main object is to encourage all members to attend Federation meetings.

The constitution provides that at each meeting a general committee shall be appointed who shall have charge of the program for the succeeding meeting under the following departments:

Department of Literature and Education.

Department of Arts and Crafts.

Department of Home Economics.

Department of Parliamentary Law.

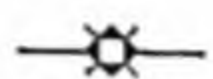
Department of Civics.

Department of Music.

The meetings are of great interest and are largely attended. At the last meeting in May, eighty-two sat at the luncheon table.

The work thus far has been mostly club extension. We have been most fortunate in having very able speakers; among them we will mention Mrs. Edna P. Flagg of Portland, Mrs. George Chase of Lewiston, Mrs. John H. Huddilston of Orono, Miss Anna Dingley of Lewiston, Mrs. Grace A. Wing of Portland, Mrs. Sarah Rideout Abbott of Saco, Mrs. Florence W. Danforth of Skowhegan, all of whom by their kindly words of encouragement have been an inspiration.

Mrs. J. S. Sturtevant of Dixfield has been untiring in her efforts, and was the promoter and organizer. She was the first president and has held the office ever since its organization, working with tact and patience to bring all the clubs in the county together and to make it all its name implies, the Literary Union of Oxford County.



There will be a Presidents' Conference on Wednesday morning of National Federation meeting, October 1, at 8.15. This is the one opportunity that the Federation Board and club presidents will have for a heart-to-heart talk.

attendance of fifty.

The first meeting was held in the Grace Methodist Church on October 19th. Following the business, which was of routine nature, one hundred members gathered in the church dining room where a bountiful banquet was served by the ladies of the church.

Mrs. William J. Currier acted as toastmistress, and the following members responded to toasts: Mrs. Charles Philbrick, Mrs. George Bowden, Miss Grace Rice, Mrs. Harold Trickey, Mrs. Birney Hanson, and Mrs. H. G. Hamilton. Librarian Elmer T. Boyd was present as a guest of the Federation, and gave a short talk on Summer Reading courses in the Public Schools.

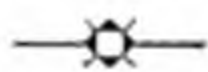
Those who attend these annual banquets must feel that they are worth while, as a medium of sociability between the various clubs.

The program for the January meeting was in charge of the Civics Committee. The speaker was Mr. Edward H. Emery, Assistant Superintendent of the Maine Christian Civic League, who spoke on "Law Enforcement and Civic Betterment." Mr. Emery gave some valuable suggestions as to how the Federation might help in these problems. Mrs. Huddilston, president of the State League of Women Voters, also spoke briefly on the purpose of the League.

On March 24th, the Educational Committee presented as the speaker of the afternoon, Professor John J. Martin, who gave a helpful address on "Psychology and Education." Mrs. Mabel Freese Dennett, and Superintendent Garcelon of the Public Schools, told of some experiences of teachers with subnormal pupils, and emphasized the need of special classes for these children.

On February 2nd, afternoon and evening, the musical comedy "Bimbo" was presented in City Hall under the auspices of the Federation. This production was a success in every way. From the proceeds, the Federation contributed \$75.00 to the Permanent Convocation Week fund, \$100.00 to buy music for the public schools, and \$25.00 to the school milk fund.

The Educational Committee served refreshments at the two evening sessions of the High School which were held during National Education Week. This committee has kept in touch with various lines of school work during the year, being especially interested in, and hoping to aid in bringing about, the institution of special classes for the subnormal pupils in our schools.



The editor has asked for reports from all of the Unions and as many Heads of Departments as space allows. The other chairmen will be asked to give reports in later issues.

The Federation pins have been selling well. Have you ordered yours from Miss Anna Witherle, Castine, Maine?

ment and mutual benefit and to further the interests of the Maine Federation. There are two meetings each year, the annual meeting in May and the fall meeting in October. The places of meeting are by invitation from some club in the union. Thus far it has not lacked invitations but has been most royally entertained at Dover-Foxcroft in October, 1923, and at Dexter in May, 1924. The next meeting is to be in Guilford in October. A speakers' bureau has been formed in the union. A member from each club forms this bureau.

The reports from each club president or some representative are very interesting, and are a great help to other clubs in making up their year books.

By meeting in these smaller unions the club members become better acquainted and are less afraid of expressing their minds and advancing their ideas. There are now eight clubs in the union with a membership of 352.

The per capita tax of ten cents has provided so far for all the expenses of the union.

The union was admitted to the State Federation in October, 1923.

The spirit of co-operation prevails and all clubs that are eligible to join this union are missing an opportunity to enlarge their ideas and acquaintance among the splendid club workers for the betterment of the community in three counties.

KENNEBEC UNION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Some years ago a group of energetic and far-seeing women thought that many people would be benefited by a union of women's clubs in towns bordering on or near the Kennebec River. At first only a few clubs were united. This union was called the Kennebec Union of Women's Clubs. The interest in each other thus engendered was so contagious that soon other clubs were seeking admittance, until now there are seventeen clubs which meet once each year to transact business and spend a day of comradeship and mutual enjoyment.

As the union has increased in size, the necessary revisions of the constitution have been made, and the running of the organization has become as efficient and business-like as possible. Our expenses are met by a nominal fee of five cents per individual club member, collected and sent to the union by the treasurer of each club, before December. With money thus obtained, it has been possible for us to have the president of the State Federation with us, and to show her our appreciation of her interest in us. We have also been able to obtain interesting and entertaining speakers. We try to use special talent from as many clubs as can furnish it, as we feel that in this way interest is awakened in the clubs which are thus represented. Our effort at each meeting has been to so

mingle addresses of importance and instruction with entertainment of lighter sort, that the whole day may be considered not only profitable but enjoyable as well.

In May, 1925, the Kennebec Union will be the guest of the Waterville Women's Club, at Waterville. We shall have a day spent in a manner similar to that outlined above. It will doubtless be a meeting as enjoyable and worth-while as the meeting last May in Winslow, though we realize that the Winslow ladies have set a "smart pace" for the Waterville ladies to out-distance.

EDITH W. CHESTER, *Pres.*
(Mrs. Webster Chester)

SCHOLARSHIP FUND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RITA TALBOT, CHAIRMAN

The "Scholarship Fund" of the Department of Education, Maine Federation of Women's Clubs, was instituted January, 1906, when Mrs. Moses Burpee of Houlton, Maine, was president. Its object is the "education of worthy young women residents of the State of Maine, in the schools and colleges of the State, with the express purpose in view of furnishing competent teachers for the rural schools of Maine."

The beneficiaries must agree to teach in such schools for as long a time as they have benefited from the fund.

Twelve young women have been aided in their education since 1906. At first the aid from the fund was a gift, but now, due to the better salaries paid to the rural schools teachers, it is a loan.. Some years the amount on hand was enough to help two young women at a time, but this has not been the case recently.

The past chairmen of the fund have worked valiantly, but they have met with little encouragement. This we feel sure is due to lack of real thought on the part of our federated clubs, and carelessness in listening to, and acting upon, the communications of your department chairman.

Let us reflect for a moment. Maine is, primarily, an agricultural state. It has been said to have more rural schools within its bounds than any other state in our Union. Farms, the distant lumbering camp, fishermen's homes, have been brought into greater contact with civilization by electricity, the telephone, the automobile, and the radio; yet no true parents will stay long where their children cannot have the best educational advantages. A chain is no stronger than its weakest link. One settlement, lacking these advantages, pulls down the educational level of the state. As members of the great Women's Club movement we should realize more strongly than any other class of people, the importance and value to ourselves, our State, and our Nation, of an intelligent, educated citizenship.

We have the rural schools ready for this work. We have the young women anxious to teach in them. We have the Normal Schools and Universities ready to train them for this work. Club members of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs, will you not realize more fully the importance of this department, and aid the Scholarship Fund more generously?

W. L. U. OF ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY

In looking back over the year just closed by the Woman's Literary Union of Androscoggin County, three events perhaps stand out most prominently: the entertainment of the Maine Federation at its mid-winter meeting when Bates College offered the club women the use of their college halls, and a genuine college hospitality with luncheon at Rand Hall; the annual luncheon in February, at which the presidents of the Portland Literary Union, Mrs. Allan P. Stevens, and of the Oxford County Literary Union, Mrs. James S. Sturtevant of Dixfield, were guests of honor; the W. L. U. magazine, a charming afternoon with living pictures and literary features arranged by the Arts and Crafts committee.

There were eight program meetings, each delightful in its way, and six social meetings besides the annual outing at Tacoma, and a rummage sale for the benefit of the Club House Fund. Mrs. John M. Hyde of Main Street, Lewiston, opened her home for a membership tea.

The program meetings included an illustrated lecture by Elsie Powers Corwin, arranged by the Educational department; a lecture by Dr. Frederic Olsen under the auspices of the Civics department; a talk on "A Literary and Historical Pilgrimage," by Prof. George M. Chase of Bates College, arranged by the Literature department; the Federation lecture and exhibit on better household art, arranged by the Arts department; lecture and exhibit by Miss Helen M. Near of Cape Elizabeth under the auspices of the Home Economics department; a musical with fine out-of-state talent planned by the Music committee; a lecture under the patronage of the Parliamentary department, by Prof. J. Murray Carroll of Bates College.

At the annual luncheon it was a great regret to all that Mrs. Danforth, president of the Federation, could not be present, because of her husband's illness. Mrs. Danforth was to have responded to a toast. Mrs. Gledhill, president of the W. L. U., presided charmingly at the post-prandial exercises, the subject of the day being "A Day in Maine," the honored guests being among those to respond to toasts. Mrs. Abbie Nunn Elhert of Boston was vocal soloist. Alice Benedict Goodridge of Augusta, one of Maine's young composers, played one of her marches which Sousa has highly complimented.

The W. L. U. took ten copies of "When North Winds Blow," and secured its two ads for the Federation year book.

The W. L. U. contributed to many good causes last year: \$30 was given to the Near East Relief; \$25 to the Japanese earthquake sufferers; \$25 to Opportunity Farm; \$10 to the Luxury Fund of the C. M. G. Hospital; \$20 to the Red Cross.

The success of the year was due to the heartiest co-operation of the officers and departments, a pulling together in all things. Under the presidency of Mrs. Milan G. Frost, the department chairmen were appointed. Mrs. Frost, because of ill health, was forced to resign her office in September and the work of carrying out the year's program fell on

the shoulders of Mrs. Warren W. Gledhill, 1st vice president, who gave to the W. L. U. her best energies. To Mrs. Gledhill and Mrs. Frost jointly the success of the year was due.

The W. L. U. has tried to exemplify the real club spirit, to extend sympathy where needed, and to practice friendliness.

A. L. DINGLEY,
Member of Publicity Com.

LITERATURE DEPARTMENT

An appeal has been made by National Headquarters to each State Federation to present to the Headquarters Library this year the twelve books which they consider the best contribution that their state has made to the literary world. Fiction has been ruled out. The list should include biology, science, poetry and reference books of the character that women will find useful. Will the clubs please make out lists and send them to the State Chairman of Literature before the Fall meeting at Portland? Or instruct their delegates how to vote upon such a list at the fall meeting? The chairman plans to hold a conference of representatives of literature clubs and of literature sections at this meeting for a round table discussion of the plans of the department.

The Literature Department renews its major recommendation of last January,—the project of literature conferences to be held by the clubs in various districts of the state, for all the clubs of the district. This conference would give an opportunity for the presentation of plans, for an exchange of ideas and methods of work, and for the consideration of the problems which confront us. The hostess club might furnish one inspiring speaker, and an honor program, with some original poetry, and the finest papers from the various clubs of the district, would make a wonderful program. We believe that such conferences would be inspiring and constructive and we ask your co-operation in bringing our project to fruition.

The General Federation recommends for study, I—Modern Drama, II—The Short Story, III—Poetry, IV—General Reading Course in American Ideals, and new study outlines for these courses may be secured from Gen. Fed. Headquarters, 1734 N. St. N. W., Washington. Miss Hale assures us that the State Library at Augusta can furnish books which will be an aid in these studies. Consult Miss Florence Hale, Augusta, Me.

Only a few clubs reported the work done in literature last year. May we not have a more complete report of next year's work? The chairman would also like to receive copies of excellent club papers, for exchange with other clubs. In order to stimulate such original work in our clubs, we suggest as a slogan for our department next year, "One Literature Home-Day in Every Club."

LILLIAN T. BURNHAM,
Chairman of Literature Dept.

Two copies of the Federation News are sent gratis to each club, one for the president and one for the secretary. The others will be on sale at the federated meeting at five cents a copy.

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PRESIDENT'S GREETING

Dear Club Women of Maine:

The Club year of 1925 is before us. This is the month when great industrial plants and individuals of wealth take account of stock and measure their material goods in dollars and cents. Our federation is saved that task, for as an organization it started with no thought of commercialism; the sole object being that of service and its motto has always been "Give, not get."

So as we begin our new club year, we feel that we have our background of last year with a sum total of accomplishments, failures and omissions and that our account of stock consists in laying aside that which has proved useless and starting anew. We realize more fully than ever before that real progress means failures, beginning again perhaps more than once, but always with our standard raised a little higher each time.

How glad we are that there is another year in which we may renew our efforts to approach a little closer to our high ideals and to arrive at profitable results. One visible asset of the past year is our Maine Federation News that has met with great success; many copies were given away and enough sold so that we have a substantial sum with which to launch our new issue. Some of our club ladies have been kind enough to say many more might have been sold. We believe this little bulletin is a means of bringing the clubs and State Federation much nearer than ever before and the splendid co-operation of our unions and federated clubs, as well as the individual efforts of our club members, makes us feel assured of a fruitful future for our paper. We expect that our issue of September next will be double the size of this number and that material left over for lack of space in this will be used in the next.

Another asset is the interest created among the clubs in our Scholarship Fund; there has never been a club visited by your president that she has not urged the giving of just a small sum towards the education of some worthy girl in the State; never has she failed to receive a quick response to her appeal. The State Federation of Oregon is helping support seventy-three girls in colleges and normal schools. To give an exact statement according to the Oregon year book, 123 clubs have contributed \$2311.10, which added to assets on hand makes approximately \$23,000 which the federation has at its disposal. But some of us will say, how can it be done? The answer is, by a fixed method of uniform raising of funds. The last Wednesday in

CALL

The mid-winter meeting of the Maine Federation will be held in Waterville on Thursday, January, 29, by invitation of the Waterville Woman's Club. The meetings will be held in the Unitarian church and luncheon will be served in Ware Parlors, an annex of the church.

There will be an afternoon tea at the home of Mrs. E. P. Fish, 11 College Ave.

January is known as Red Letter Day. A resolution has been passed to that effect which reads as follows: "Resolved, that the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs adopt the last Wednesday of January as Scholarship Loan Fund Day, when every club in the State is asked to do something to increase the fund which is being loaned young women to assist in their education.

I would that looking forward to our assets for the year 1925, we might adopt some such resolution for the worthy girls of our State.

In closing, your president wishes every one of you a happy and prosperous New Year. We have all enjoyed the holiday season and now in thankfulness for all this feasting and giving and receiving of gifts, ought we not all of us to carry over the deeper meaning of Christmas Day into the coming year's work? By so doing we shall experience a new birth of renewed energy to carry on our work to the best of our ability, —bearing always in mind that the finest way to express our gratitude for all material blessings is to direct our energies toward a spiritual growth in ourselves and in our surroundings.

Loyally yours,
FLORENCE WAUGH DANFORTH,
State President.

Miss Florence Dibert, second vice-president of the General Federation, sends greeting to our Maine Federation and tells us she is very anxious that we get Junior Membership clubs formed in this state. Miss Dibert says she wishes to help wherever she can, but she needs the assistance of the state and club chairmen for new inspiration. She closes by saying, "A success reported means new successes." A book which she recommends, because she has found it helpful in assisting her nieces, is "Meeting Your Child's Problems," by Miriam F. Scott.

SPEAKERS FOR CLUBS

The Woman's Literary Union of Portland offers five speakers who will give talks before any Maine club without charge except to cover their actual expenses. The list follows:

"Americanization," Mrs. Edmund DeGarmo, 127 Emery Street; "Days and Nights on Mountain Trails," "In Foreign Lands," Mrs. Clifford E. McGlaughlin, 38 Columbia Road; Nature, "Under the Open Sky," "The Ferns of Maine," "The Flora of Old Falmouth," "Preservation of Wild Flowers," Miss Dora H. Moulton, 9 Hill Street; Travel Talks, "Japan," "Norway," "Scotland," Mrs. H. Wallace Noyes, 83 West Street; "Nutrition Classes for Children of School Age," Mrs. Richard D. Small, 7 Deering Street.

Among the list of University Extension lectures offered by the University of Maine to Maine schools, clubs and Chambers of Commerce, free of cost except for actual expenses, the following will appeal strongly to Maine Women's Clubs: Dramatic Recital, Mark Bailey; "The Science and Art of Dress," Louise Bancroft; "Crossing the Bar," "The Poets of Maine," "A Talk on Contemporary Poets," H. M. Ellis; "An Evening With Henry Van Dyke," "A Miscellaneous Program of Readings," "Reading of A Play," A. C. Eurich; "Homemaking as a Profession," "Budget Meals," Pearl S. Greene; "Mount Katahdin and Its Surroundings" (lantern), A. L. Grover; "Mark Twain" (after Feb. 1), C. P. Hotson; "Immigration to Maine," Bertha Howard; "The Past and Future of the Fine Arts in Our Country," J. H. Huddilston; "Education and Social Efficiency," "Heredity, Environment and the Child," L. J. Pollard; "A Trip in the Orient," A. M. Turner; "Women and the Professions," Esther McGinnis; "Sir Walter Scott and His Friends," C. A. Mendum; "Tendencies in the Modern Novel," "Parodies of Contemporary Poets," H. L. Flewelling.

The Club Women of our State have always assisted in the Christmas Seal Campaign, but it seems as if they had taken hold of the work this year more systematically than ever before. Some of the results accomplished read like a story. We have finished this season's campaign, but let us pledge ourselves anew to continue the fight till this destroyer of humanity has been stamped from the face of the earth.

The editor wishes to know which club has the oldest club house in the state.

The Tyngtown Club of Wilton will observe its 25th anniversary with a banquet on January 23rd.