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LITERATURE DEPARTMENT

The Literature Department begs your co-operation in an important project. Will each club (or the literary department of each club), prepare a list of twelve books (non-fiction), which constitute MAINE'S BEST CONTRIBUTION to the literary world, and forward this list to the chairman of the literature department as soon as possible? Only a few clubs have responded to the request which was presented at the September meeting.

We believe in the combined wisdom of the club-women of Maine. Therefore we desire to secure representative lists from all parts of our state. We intend to compare these lists and to compile a selected list for presentation at the February meeting at Waterville. At that time an opportunity will be offered to any twelve clubs to volunteer to purchase one of the twelve books selected. These books will then be sent by the Chairman to the Library of the National Headquarters at Washington as the gift of the Maine State Federation.

The list may include poetry, essays, scientific works, historical and other works, written by Maine writers, that is by writers who were born in Maine, or whose literary work has so closely identified them with Maine that they may be considered Maine writers. Fiction, unless written by club-members, must be excluded.

For the honor of our state, let us make a careful and thoughtful selection of our list. A state which gave Longfellow to American poetry, and which is being honored today by the writings of Edna St. Vincent Millay in the realm of poetry, and by Arthur G. Staples in the field of essays, can claim a high place in American literature.

Also please report all literary activity of your club to the literature chairman before the end of the club year, that it may be reported to the General Federation and win deserved recognition in the national body.

MRS. HARRY BURNHAM,
Chairman of Literature Dept.

CLUB EXTENSION

A throng of women with earnest faces and note-books in hand are greeting each other with pleasant smiles and cordial hand clasps. Who are this happy company and whence came they? 'Tis the women of Our-Town Club gathering with singleness of purpose to enjoy the program which has been carefully prepared by the Civics committee. A five minutes talk on "Town Government" by the First Selectman, a poem entitled "How Mother Voted," a short symposium on "How to Beautify My Town," and two appropriate musical selections gave these women pleasure and valuable knowledge.

You ask, "How can they leave their work? Who is caring for the children?" Why, the women of Our-Town Club make all their plans very carefully. The children are left with reliable care-takers, some in kindergarten schools, some with relatives, others with safe nurse-maids or in the "Day Nursery."

These women by studying food values and health problems have

practically done away with sickness with its attendant expenses and consuming of time. By systematizing the house-work and eliminating the unnecessary things, such as fancy cooking et cetera, much time is found for things other than house-work, and, Sh-h—don't breathe it, but some of those women have learned that a little dust here and there in the house is not so harmful as "cob-webs on the brain," and, Sh-h—again, they have learned, too, that time is not profitably spent in gossip, talking style, or playing bridge and mah jong.

They have learned also to economize time, to concentrate on whatever they do and to do it for all it

LAST CALL FOR HEAD- QUARTERS FUND

Probably some club presidents have forgotten that the vote at Portland was to increase Maine's gift to General Federation Headquarters to \$500.00 on or before the mid-winter meeting. About 110 clubs have given to the fund, 25 of these having recently made a second contribution. Will not the clubs (about 40) that have not yet contributed show their loyalty and interest by making up the \$70 that must still be raised? Send contributions to Miss Anna C. Witherle, Castine, or let your representative bring your gift to the mid-winter meeting.

is worth, whether it be working, reading or sleeping,—realizing that dawdlers and dreamers don't get far. And most important of all, they know that the woman who drudges at home all day and never goes out, dwells on her ills, real or imaginary, and becomes narrow-minded, while the woman who sometimes uses "the wings which lift her above the house and all things in it," will return to her home a better home-keeper and a finer mother.

The Our-Town Club women have arranged programs on many subjects because they know that a well-balanced club broadens their views, so they have programs on art, literature and music to develop the soul-life, and on civics, philanthropy, health and welfare work to prepare them for citizenship and franchise duty.

They try to work as many of the Federation departments as practicable in their locality so that they may be a real help to their community, knowing that a wide-awake woman's club can do splendid things for a town.

Now the Our-Town Club women are unselfish and are thinking of the many women who do not have the advantages of club life, so they are trying to interest women in every locality and especially the farmers' wives, to form clubs.

This club is a typical Maine Federation Woman's Club, and it is eager

to co-operate with the Club Extension Committee of the Federation, so it forgets self in its eagerness to do good, and its members talk up the advantages of a federated woman's club whenever there is an opportunity; and they often make the opportunity, writing to friends in nearby towns where there may be an opening for a club.

The Maine Federation of Women's Club Extension Committee has divided the state into ten parts, each one of the committee of ten members taking one part for special work.

Mrs. Charles P. Barnes, Houlton, has Aroostook County; Mrs. J. S. Sturtevant, 37 Weld St., Dixfield, has Oxford County; Mrs. Jere M. Buelduc, Bucksport, has Hancock and Waldo Counties; Mrs. Virgil C. Tolman, Oakland, has Kennebec, Lincoln and Knox Counties; Mrs. H. C. Hussey, Norridgewock, has Franklin and Somerset Counties; Mrs. Alice T. Isley, South Berwick, has York County; Mrs. A. M. Penley, 23 Drummond St., Auburn, has Androscoggin and Sagadahoc Counties; Mrs. Frank Daggett, 132 Parkview Ave., Bangor, has Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties; Miss Harriet Abbott, Fryeburg, has Cumberland County; Mrs. F. W. Bowker, Machias, has Washington County.

Will any Federation Club woman who is helping to start a club please communicate with the member of the committee who has charge of the work in the county where the club is to be organized for helps and suggestive club programs.

Then let us all try to extend the club to every section of Maine, organizing the young women into Junior Clubs, the single clubs into County Federations, and urging co-operation of all clubs and other organizations in community work. Thus we can help to develop our good Pine Tree State of Maine.

ANNIE M. R. BARNES,
Chairman.

CLUB NEWS ITEMS

Waterville Woman's Club, which is hostess for the mid-winter session of the State Federation, is 300 strong, with a long waiting list. Each of its four departments meets every two weeks. It has aided local charities: the Salvation Army; the Women's Association; the Sunset Home for Aged Ladies; the Boys' Clubhouse; the 34 children at the Central Maine Sanatorium; and it has given \$50 to the State Scholarship fund of the Federation and aided Charities and Corrections, and sold Health Seals beyond its quota.

A \$5,000 improvement on their clubhouse has been made this year by the Women's Educational and Industrial Union of Saco. It also has financed a playground for eight weeks, with three trained workers in charge and furnished milk, daily, a total of 700 quarts. It maintains the loan closet for the Red Cross; finances an English class for Greek women and girls; and aids charities generally. Its social life is interesting, it co-operates with the local teachers, and its big feature is its February Bazaar, with special entertainment for the children in the afternoon and a dance in the evening.

Maine Federation News

Mrs. FLORENCE WAUGH DANFORTH, President

Mrs. SARAH PENNELL REED, Editor

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MRS. DANFORTH'S STIRRING MESSAGE

Your President has just returned from the State Federation Meeting of Women's Clubs held at Plymouth, New Hampshire. She wishes every club woman in Maine could have been present and received the same inspiration that came to her as she listened to the splendid work done by the representatives of the 13,000 club women of the Granite State. Under the leadership of Mrs. Eva Speare, the New Hampshire Federation will continue the same spirit of friendly co-operation that has existed for many years.

Time does not permit a review of New Hampshire activities in club work, but one particular line, the Home Survey, which our General Federation President, Mrs. John D. Sherman, has chosen as one of the touchstones of her administration, was so well defined by the Chairman of Home Economics, Miss Williamson, that it is quite worth while to emphasize the points she made in her most enthusiastic address.

Every State in the Union is "in duty bound" to work out this "Home Survey" and Maine clubs are eager to know the way to accomplish this task in the most accurate manner. Miss Williamson said it had been scientifically worked out that the housewife can lay claim to 56 legitimate activities; this explodes the theory that the census taker should record the woman at the head of a household as having no special occupation.

What Mrs. Sherman wishes to accomplish is first to make this Home Survey, then see how these 56 activities may be worked out in the shortest possible time and in the most expert manner. Miss Williamson has already made out her plan for New Hampshire's work along this line and in a talk with her after the meeting, told your President she would be glad to forward her plans to any of the Club Women in Maine. Her address is: Miss Daisy Deane Williamson, Home Demonstration Leader, University of New Hampshire, Durham, N. H.

Some of you will ask, "How can the Chairman of Home Economics get her data from all the Clubs in the State; they may not answer her questionnaire." Again I will quote Miss Williamson who said: "I shall send my questionnaire to every Club President in the State; if I receive no reply I shall write again, and the third time, if no answer is received, I shall appear in person to every delinquent who has failed to do her duty." If every President has her instructions clearly defined, and understands that the State Chairman means

CALL

The Annual meeting of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs will be held in Bangor, October 13, 14, 15, and 16, by invitation of the Federated Clubs of Bangor. The meetings will be held in the Unitarian church. Headquarters will be at the Bangor House.

Arrangements have been made for one day to be spent in Orono with afternoon tea at the Country Club.

All death notices must be sent to the Necrologist, Mrs. W. W. Smith, Ogunquit, Maine.

Reduced rates will be given by the railroads.

NOTICE

Applications for entertainment for the coming annual meeting of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs should be made at earliest convenience to Mrs. A. L. Blanchard (Chairman Housing committee), 48 Montgomery St., Bangor, Me. Hotel Rates are as follows:

Bangor House

\$4.50 per day, room with running water.

\$5.00 per day, room with bath. No single rooms reserved.

Penobscot Exchange

\$4.00 Single room, without water.
\$4.50 Single room with running water.

\$4.50 Double room with bath.

\$5.00 Single room with bath.

Single room in private houses \$1.50 per night.

Two people occupying room together \$2.00 per night.

Please state expected time of arrival.

business, there will be no delay in the "Home Survey" mapped out by our General Federation President.

In closing your President wishes to thank our "County Unions," Federated Clubs, and the Heads of Departments for their splendid co-operation in the launching of the Maine Federation News. Its success is assured. It has come to stay. The individual efforts of our club members also have been of the greatest assistance; we have all worked together with the same goal in view—a broader vision for the club women in Maine.

Loyally yours,

FLORENCE WAUGH DANFORTH.

BANGOR FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS HOSTESS FOR FALL MEETING OF F. W. C.

In the year 1910, the four federated clubs of Bangor, the Athenae, Norumbega, Nineteenth Century and Home Culture clubs decided to form themselves into a City Federation. Their purpose was to accomplish better work along broader lines. Since then, two other clubs, the Schumann Club and the Bangor Woman's Club have joined.

In the first year came the very unexpected work of helping as we could, in the re-building of the city after the big fire. A committee was appointed from the Federation to help raise money for the purchase of the Norumbega site, and a goodly sum was raised.

In 1913, due to the splendid efforts of our Health committee, we were able to install and maintain a system of district nursing in Bangor. This continued for a number of years under the supervision of our District Nursing committee. It has since been changed into a corporation known as the Bangor District Nursing Association, composed largely of members of the Bangor Federation, the officers being elected wholly from that body.

This is a work of which the Federation is justly proud, for the work of our District Nurse is something that can only be measured by the comfort and help which she is able to give in the homes to which she is called.

The Federation has two other committees which do very important work,—the Educational and Civic committees. One afternoon during the winter is given to each of these committees.

For three years the Educational committee has offered cash prizes for a summer reading course. This course was mapped out by our librarian, Mr. Elmer Boyd, and by some of the teachers from the High School, and it has been most interesting to note the work done by the prize winners.

Our Civic committee is at present co-operating with other organizations to try for the enforcement of the Anti Cigarette Law for minors.

The thought of the Federation that "in union there is strength" has never changed, and we look forward each year to broader and better work.

During the past year the Bangor Federation of Women's Clubs has been especially active in the welfare of its city.

The Federation has co-operated with the school officials, the Fire

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EDITOR'S NOTES

The suggestions given by the Berwick Woman's Club are worthy of attention and might well be used as a model by other clubs in the state.

The club house of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union of Saco dates back to June, 1911. The editor will be glad to receive reports of other club houses that are unusual in any way.

The officers of one of our new clubs, the Smith's Crossing Mother's Club of Rumford, are as follows: Mrs. A. D. Austin, President; Mrs. E. L. Carrier, Vice-President; Mrs. W. E. Canders, Secretary and Treasurer. This club was admitted to the Federation soon after the Year-Book was printed.

The Council of Friends Club of Camden has earned a large sum of money in the past for philanthropic purposes. The club was founded in 1916 and since then has raised nearly \$1,000, a large part of which has been given toward the Camden Public Library Building fund and books.

All of the programs which have been sent in must be omitted for lack of space.

The Woman's Club of Damariscotta has had summer meetings which have proved a great success, both in advertising the club and the town. The summer visitors have furnished the programs. The meetings have been patronized by the strangers in the community and by club members from all over the country. They have during the summer raised money to buy a new baby grand piano for the club house. Would it not be a good idea for other clubs similarly situated to follow Damariscotta's example?

Mrs. Lutz, chairman of the Education committee of the Sanford Searchlight club, gives the following: The committee has purchased fifty pictures for the use of the high school. A service bureau has been instituted at the high school and it is planned for the dean of girls to have a private, homelike office.

Roger A. Nye of Fairfield, will be soloist at the Tuesday Evening Session of the New England Conference at Poland Spring.

Mrs. John D. Sherman, President of the General Federation, and guest of honor at the Poland Spring Conference, speaks on Monday evening, Sept. 21.

NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE

The tentative program for the New England Conference of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, to be held at Poland Spring, September 21, 22 and 23, is announced as follows:

Monday P. M. 2.30

Greeting—Response to welcome. Usual preliminary business.

Monday Evening

Reception to Mrs. John D. Sherman, President of the General Federation of Women's Club.

Address by Mrs. Sherman. (Time not yet announced).

Tuesday Morning

Round Table Talk. Each State President will speak for five minutes on one of the vital problems of her State, as follows:

Maine, Miss Florence Waugh Danforth, Skowhegan.

New Hampshire, Mrs. Guy Speare, Plymouth, N. H.

Vermont, Mrs. O. H. Coolidge, Rutland, Vt.

Massachusetts, Mrs. Fredrick G. Smith, Somerville, Mass.

Rhode Island, Miss Ada Sawyer, Providence, R. I.

Connecticut, Mrs. George H. Stoughton, 206 Beacon St., Hartford, Conn.

Tuesday Evening

Dr. Turk of Portland will give an address on "As a Nation Thinks."

Wednesday A. M.

Unfinished Business. Election of Officers, etc.

There will be fine music each day.

Every Club woman in New England is welcome at these conferences.

BIENNIAL CONVENTION AT ATLANTIC CITY

May 24-June 5, are the dates fixed for the Biennial Convention of the General Federation to be held at Atlantic City in 1926.

New Jersey and Pennsylvania, the hostess States, are already arranging the details for this great meeting.

No more delightful convention place could be found than this great National playground, and every known facility for convention work is close at hand. The entire Steel Pier will be given over to the Convention. The main auditorium seats eight thousand and there are smaller halls and meeting places and ample room for the departmental exhibits which form such an important part of the Convention.

Haddon Hall is Headquarters for the National Officers, Board members and noted visitors and speakers, and the other hotels along the board walk will house the thousands of delegates and visitors.

Grace Morrison Poole of Brockton, Mass. is Program chairman and she promises many speakers of National and International reputation.

Time will be given during the Convention for trips to Philadelphia and to places of historic interest in New Jersey.

The many hotels offer the most delightful opportunity for social meetings and it is a perfectly sure thing that there will not be a dull minute for anyone attending the 1926 Convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

FRYEBURG WOMAN'S CLUB CLAIMS "OLDEST CLUB HOUSE."

On reading the News several weeks ago, I noted your request as to the oldest Club House in the state, and it occurred to me that the Fryeburg Woman's Literary Club might possibly be able to claim that honor. It has required much research work with these results: The lot for a school-house was bought in 1805. In 1809 the historic Daniel Webster Academy building was moved from Pine Hill to said lot and was used then as a school-house in District No. 1. In Aug., 1832, it was taken down and built into a dwelling on Portland St. and the house was burned to the ground in Nov. 1863.

As yet we find no record of the date of the building of the present stone structure, but it is reasonable to suppose that the District did not go many years without a school-house. Allowing a lapse of three years would bring it up to 1835, thus making the building 90 years old. It was given by the town to the Woman's Literary Club on May 3, 1903, and has since been used by them as a Club House.

Most sincerely yours,

MARY W. LORD,

President of

Fryeburg Women's Literary Club
March 24, 1925.

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

The Bangor club women are making every effort to make the 33d annual meeting of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs to be held in that city Oct. 13-16, the biggest and best ever, and everybody who can go should plan to attend. At this meeting the annual election of officers will take place. Under the new by-laws nominations will be made from the floor instead of in a primary, and the election will be by written ballot. The candidates so far announced, are: for President, Miss Anna C. Witherle of Castine, now first vice-president, who is sponsored by the Castine Woman's Club; first vice-president, Mrs. John T. Skolfield of Portland, sponsored by the Conklin Club; second vice-president, Mrs. Charles P. Barnes of Houlton, sponsored by the Aroostook Clubs.

BANGOR FEDERATION

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Chief's Cabinet, the City and Legislative committee in matters of importance to the community. The Federation has held four regular meetings and one special meeting. Two lectures of interest were given; one by Miss Alida A. Barrows on Social Hygiene, illustrated by the picture "The End of the Road." The other by Dr. Carl J. Hedin, on "Birth Control Among the Mentally Unfit."

The meetings have all been well attended.

MRS. M. J. CURRIER,

President

ALICE E. THOMPSON,

Recording Secretary

MUSIC COMMITTEE SEEKS INFORMATION

1. Will every club president kindly write me, not later than the 30th of September, what her club has accomplished in the past two years, so that I may enter it in my report at the Fall meeting.

2. How many members of your Club have attended the Maine Music Festival?

3. Have you observed "National Music Week" and to what extent?

4. Have you, and if not, will it be possible to have a Community Concert once a year in your City or Town?

5. Is music taught in all the schools in your City or Town?

IDA N. DRUMMOND,
(MRS. HENRY F.)
41 James Street, Bangor

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

During the closing year of my membership on the Executive Board of the Maine Federation I mentally resolved that at least one Junior club should be affiliated with the Maine Federation before a new board was elected. This was before the General Federation made any decided move to this end. Then I began with the young people themselves. I talked it over with dear, sweet, beautiful Margaret Chase, a sweet young woman who has since passed on to a fuller life, for she has taken the last "great adventure." At once this bright, whole-souled young Junior in the Old Town High School caught the Vision, saw the prospect and began to talk in favor of the Junior club. Then I talked with her mother and before the end of the year the Necoosuk Club of Old Town was organized and application made for membership in the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs. The officers of this club were: President, Thelma Perkins; vice-president, Belina Brown; secretary, Izora Hutchinson, treasurer, Margaret Chase.

Words can give no idea of the fine manner in which these young people conduct their business and carry out the programs, arranged by themselves.

The Junior Club keeps the minds of the young people active, does not demand time already "too much taken up with school work," as so many mothers assert, but keeps the mind in a condition to understand better the worth of the work the clubs emphasize. Largely by the enthusiastic interest of our President, Mrs. Florence Waugh Danforth, the number of Junior clubs has increased during her administration, but not as rapidly as might have been the result if more of the women had caught the Vision that means progress. Let us see to it that the young people are aided to develop as these Junior clubs can and help them to develop during the coming years. It is not in my power to make my faith in these clubs emphatic enough,—not up to my faith is my language. Let the Junior Club receive our united efforts, our undivided support.

GEORGIA PULSIFER PORTER,
Old Town.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF ELLSWORTH

I am sending you a brief outline of what the Ellsworth Club did the past year.

Our Club year extends from October to June. We held two meetings each month, the speakers for these meetings being some of the leading men of the State. The Club gave a large party for the benefit of our local nurse and earned about \$275.

The Club responded most generously to the benevolent work at Christmas, sending out many needy boxes filled with good things.

We were able to answer the calls coming from the National Headquarters at Washington, Blind Veterans of the World War, Good Samaritan Home in Bangor, and American Legion. We supplied the schools with milk and hot soups during the cold weather, earning the money to meet this expense by cooked food sales, the food being furnished by Club members.

Much credit is due our Civic committee which has also been our Legislative committee this year, arousing our interest in state issues. I feel that the Legislative committee in the future will render real public service to our State in its non-partisan endorsement of, and work for, constructive vital legislative policies and measures.

The credit must go to the Civic committee for being instrumental in organizing the Civic Betterment League of Ellsworth. This committee will help to make Ellsworth what we are all sure it is bound to be—a bigger, better and cleaner city.

Our Club deemed it a great honor to have as our guest, Our State President.

FRANCES H. DUFFY

PRIZES OFFERED BY THE GENERAL FEDERATION

Three prizes are offered by the Department of International Relations of the General Federation for the best suggestions given in an article of not over 500 words. The first prize will be \$75; the second, \$40; the third, a small piece of American bronze statuary.

Write out your plan and send it to the State Chairman of International Relations, not later than December 15, 1925. The final judges will be members of the General Federation Department of International Relations and whether your efforts are rewarded by a prize or not, your ideas are valuable. Let us have them, please!

MARION P. NICHOLS,
State Chairman Department of International Relations.

"JUST MAINE FOLKS"

A second edition of "Just Maine Folks," published by the Maine Writers Research Club, is now on the press. The first edition sold out in three weeks.

WOMAN'S LITERARY UNION OF OXFORD COUNTY

The sixth annual meeting of the Woman's Literary Union of Oxford County was held at the Bethel Inn, Bethel, on May 19th, with a record attendance. Eighty-nine club women sat down for the luncheon. The programme was of unusual interest. Mrs. Allan I. Stevens of Portland, was speaker of the day. Her subject was "Food, Fashion, Follies." Four clubs were admitted to membership, and one individual member.

Mrs. J. S. Sturtevant who organized this Union in 1919, has always been its president, and was unanimously re-elected for the seventh term. The other officers re-elected from the previous year are: Mrs. Fred Whitin, first vice-president; Mrs. R. E. Gilkey, second vice-president; Mrs. W. H. Small, secretary and treasurer.

MOUNT DESERT ISLAND FEDERATION

The Mount Desert Island Federation of Women's Clubs held its tenth annual meeting on Saturday, May 16, 1925, at Cranberry Island, the vice-president, Mrs. Warren Smallidge of Seal Harbor, presiding, as the president, Mrs. Carl E. Kelley, was ill. The meeting opened with singing of the Club Song, "Pines of Maine," followed by the Collect.

The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Velma Teal of Cranberry Island, followed by the response by Mrs. Warren Smallidge.

Mrs. Charles O. Turner of Ellsworth, read several delightful poems of her own composition which were much enjoyed.

Mrs. Seth S. Thornton of Southwest Harbor, gave a talk on her visit to Southern clubs. She spoke most entertainingly of Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman's address on "Community Kitchens," given before the Woman's Club at St. Petersburg, Fla.

She said the chief difference between clubs of the North and those of the South seemed to be that Southern women did not take life as seriously as those of the North, but took time to be charming and delightful.

The interesting ten minute reports from the clubs forming the Federation were very inspiring, and showed that much Civic and philanthropic work is being done by the Club women.

The program for the afternoon consisted of two vocal solos by Mrs. Harry Crabtree followed by an able address by Mrs. Florence Waugh Danforth, president of Maine Federation. She urged the Island Federation to become a Hancock County Union and join the State Federation this Fall at Bangor. She said the Maine Federation this year was putting great stress upon its Scholarship Fund and asked every club to contribute to this fund.

The address of the afternoon was given by A. L. T. Cummings of Portland, executive secretary of the State Chamber of Commerce, on

"Helping Our Own State." This was most inspiring and interesting. He closed by giving some of his famous French Canadian stories.

It was voted to meet next year with The Woman's Club, Mt. Desert.

LIBRARY EXTENSION

To spread the news concerning the use of the traveling libraries, I have written personal letters to the more isolated Clubs which may have less library service than some of the larger towns and have attempted to spread the gospel of books, and more books to all in the community.

Mr. Dunnack, the State Librarian, has received letters from many club secretaries in response to the circular letter, sent out in January, and he much appreciated the hearty co-operation.

Some clubs sent addresses of several localities which they felt could use the traveling libraries.

One club wrote that the members were using a twenty-five volume library, which gave great help on the countries they were studying.

Books on many, many subjects can be procured from the State library at any time during the year and kept for a period of three weeks, or longer, if the books are not in especial demand at that time. Just a postal card will give you that information.

To me, the opportunity seems wonderful. Such a wealth of Literature at our disposal for just the transportation charges! Just think of it!

If you know of any rural community, country school or struggling Sunday school that needs help in this direction, the adjoining club, or any interested club for that matter, could pay the small sum necessary to procure the books, and the "best work" of the year would be accomplished.

A good book is one's best companion. Books are our friends, and without them, life would be dull and monotonous. Think what it would mean to the people in the remote districts, if they had one of these traveling libraries! What a joy the winter evenings would be then!

Let us spread the news and make it our business that the great privilege of borrowing books from the State Library shall be known State wide.

In the report of your Chairman of Literature and Library Extension, Mrs. Harry H. Burnham, in the Year-Book of 1924-25, gives many helpful suggestions, and states that the department of Literature has issued and is now issuing bulletins which are worth reading, and may be procured for the asking.

The children's book week last year was the week of November 9-15. This year I hope the response to the call will be even greater than before.

I wonder how many children have belonged this summer to a "Vacation Reading Club?" Loring, Short and Harmon of Portland, have sent out circulars explaining the plan with a list of books, and the special offer. Just a card will bring you full particulars. Even

though it is too late now to enter the contest, the list is helpful, and the children can be getting ready for next year's work.

A prize is offered of some book which the child may choose, if a certain number of books are read.

That book may be the nucleus for the library that they may build through the years.

It is our children that need encouragement and help in the love for good books. If we inculcate this love in their young minds, the State of Maine will have better citizens because of it.

May the good work be continued.

MRS. RICHARD J. LIBBY,
Chairman of Library Extension.

CLUB EXTENSION

For two years our committee has been talking Club Extension north, south, east, and west, urging you all to help interest more women of our state to join in Federation club life, and we wish to thank you all for your generous co-operation. Especially do we thank our president, Mrs. Danforth, whose efforts have been great and productive in the department of Club Extension. The results of our labors, though not as large as we hoped, are gratifying. Many letters have been written and personal interviews held.

So we must all keep on "Advertising Maine Clubs" by each club member striving to make her club rank with the best clubs in the Federation. To accomplish this each member must be faithful in attendance, ready to do her part in the club work, putting aside her "inferior complex" and allowing her latent abilities to come to the front. She must also endeavor to see that all the members are given something to do. I have seen club members who were commonly considered inefficient or unwilling become good workers because someone who had faith in their latent abilities insisted on their being placed on some committee.

We would urge the forming of Junior Clubs that our young women may be trained in club work. We are glad to report a Queen City Junior Club recently formed in Bangor. Other clubs admitted since the last convention are Mother's Club, Mexico; Milo Woman's Club; Smiths Crossing Mother's Club; Norway Lake, Mother's Club; Friends in Council, Camden; Literary Club of Wypitlock; Woman's Community Club of Union. There are still six weeks before the annual meeting and several other clubs are almost persuaded.

My last word to all as chairman of this department is, "Stick by the club." If conditions are not as you would have them, do not criticize the administration, but quietly try to make things better, striving yourself to be the best club member ever. Then keep on booming the advantages of the Woman's Club to all the people you meet, and your next committee will have double our number of new federated clubs to report. We think, however, that twenty new clubs is a very good showing. Don't you?

ANNIE M. R. BARNES,
Chairman.

ONAWA LITERARY UNION AT PITTSFIELD

One of the most interesting meetings of the Onawa Literary Union was held in Pittsfield on Tuesday, May 19. The Federation was delighted to have as guests of honor Mrs. Ralph O. Brewster, wife of Gov. Brewster; Mrs. Florence Waugh Danforth, President of the State Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. Georgia Pulsifer Porter, a member of the official family of the Federation, and Mrs. Jennie Flood Kreger of Fairfield, each of whom spoke briefly. Other features of the day were a lecture given by Prof. Frank D. Tubbs of Bates College on the "New Heavens;" a farce, presented by the members of the Guilford Women's Club; luncheon served by the ladies of the New Era Auxiliary; and a Tea given by the Pittsfield Tuesday Club at the close of the program.

The principal business included the election of officers: Mrs. Betsey Milliken of Pittsfield, president; Mrs. E. E. Ross of Guilford, vice-president; Mrs. Blanche Getchell of Pittsfield, secretary; Mrs. Carrie Brewster of Dexter, treasurer. Mrs. Edna Hutchins, president of the Onawa Literary Union, presided. Mrs. Nellie M. Hunnewell gave a cordial welcome to which Mrs. E. E. Ross of Guilford responded fittingly.

Reports from different clubs also were full of interest; Mrs. Danforth, the state president, in a delightfully interesting manner told of the work of various clubs in the state, emphasizing particularly the inestimable value of team work.

The next meeting will be held in Newport with the Newport Union.

REPORT OF COMMUNITY WORK DONE BY THE WOMEN'S EDUCATIONAL AND INDUSTRIAL UNION OF SACO.

The Women's Educational and Industrial Union of Saco, is having a most interesting and profitable year. During the present year, a \$5000 improvement has been made on their club house, and the usual educational and industrial work carried on as well.

One of the activities of the Club has been the financing and operating of a playground for eight weeks during last July and August, at a cost of over \$600.00. Three trained workers were in charge, with a number of volunteer assistants. Every morning during this eight weeks session a half pint of milk was given each child, and gratifying results were noted. A total of over seven hundred quarts of milk was supplied.

The Loan Closet for the use of the Red Cross Public Health nurse, is also being maintained and supplies for it kept up, as has been done for several years past.

A piece of Americanization work being done by the club this winter is the financing of an English Class for Greek women and girls. This is proving a very worth while venture, and it is hoped may be the beginning of a much larger project along the same line.

The Union has so far met its obligations as to donations to the different worthy causes that are each year brought to the attention of all clubs, but with all the work that has been, and is being done, the social side of club life has not been overlooked. The fortnightly meetings have been of a most interesting nature, and the social element has been included in several of them. A program followed by a tea given to the teachers of the city was a very enjoyable occasion, and it was felt a profitable one as well, for the teachers in any place where a Woman's Club exists have the same ideals and the same goal in view that the club has, and a feeling of friendliness and good fellowship should exist between them. As for several years past, a Holiday Bazaar will be given on February 22d, under the auspices of the Union.

MARY A. BECKWITH.

CURRENT EVENTS AND CIVICS DEPARTMENT BERWICK WOMAN'S CLUB

The Current Events and Civics Department of the Berwick Woman's Club developed from the Local History Club and was organized in 1921. It numbers thirty of the one hundred club members. The meetings are held every two weeks at different homes. For Current Events, the subjects so far this year have been "The Dawes Peace Plan," "Child Labor Amendment," "The English Elections," "Mexico's New Leader," and "Life of Henry Cabot Lodge." A questionnaire on "Am I Prepared to vote," formed the basis of one of the most interesting meetings this year.

The work of the Civics department has, until this season, been mainly a study of the subject of civics with occasional lectures. Some of the speakers have been a district nurse who gave statistics on tuberculosis in our locality; a York County lawyer who talked on Essential Things Women should know about the Law; and a woman doctor who spoke on Child Welfare.

This year we decided to be of more service to our town, and so the department determined to try to interest the younger children in using the library. South Berwick has one of the most attractive libraries for a town of its size in the state. It is well equipped with the best of literature, but it has not been patronized much by the children, chiefly because no special effort has been made to attract them.

Children's Book Week gave us the first opportunity. The children of the third grade were invited to come to Fogg Memorial Library one afternoon of that week for a story-telling hour. The reader was Miss Mary R. Jewett, an enthusiastic member of our department. She read from Playdays, that collection of stories written by her sister, Sarah Orne Jewett, which has fascinated children for so many years. Miss Jewett also related many anecdotes of the childhood days of the three daughters of Dr. Jewett, The Country Doctor.

She brought quaint pictures of her girlhood friends, and even the Pepper-owl, the very one about which Miss Sarah Orne wrote and which even now is in daily use on the Jewett table, was displayed to the admiring eyes of the children. It is impossible to describe to one who does not know her, the charm and kindness which attract everyone to Miss Jewett. The children are always her friends and this story-telling hour will never be forgotten by them.

Perhaps it will not be out of place here to comment on Miss Jewett's great helpfulness in the club work in general. Her beautiful old home which has been in the Jewett family over one hundred years and which especially in the days of Sarah Orne Jewett was a gathering place of so many people world-known in literature, is now always open to guests. Our department feels fortunate indeed when it is invited to meet with Miss Jewett for along with our current events we see and feel all about us the influence of all that was best in the South Berwick of other days. Miss Jewett is also active in the Music and Philanthropic Departments, and although past the three score and ten mark, she is a model of energy.

Each of our departments furnishes one club program during the year. To carry out this idea of interesting the children in good reading, we secured for our afternoon, December 6, a professional reader of children's stories. The children from the third through the seventh grades were invited. The reader's selections were varied, some historical, Thanksgiving, Christmas and fairy stories being told. Over one hundred and fifty boys and girls were entertained.

The department intends to have more story-telling hours, perhaps one a month, asking some mothers and teachers who are especially adapted for this line of work, to read or tell the stories.

Another line of work which the Current Events and Civics Department enjoys but cannot stress so much, is the book reviewing. A few of the best books are reviewed each year. Last winter, John Clair Minot, editor of the Boston Herald, gave us a long-to-be-remembered talk on Books of the Year.

Sometime in the near future we plan a program in the form of a cross-word puzzle. The puzzle has already been completed by one of our members, almost every word in it being the name of a person or place connected with current events.

Thanks for giving us, tucked away off down here in this corner of Maine, a chance to speak through the Federation News to our state club sisters.

ELIZABETH RING CROCKER.

AN APPEAL FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Several of the clubs have not yet contributed to the Scholarship Fund. Will not each club, which has not done so, please send \$1.00 at least to the State President, so that she may record in her message at the Annual Meeting as near 100% contributions as possible?

HEALTH COMMITTEE

The foundation of all our activities is good health. Prevention is better than cure. This fact is emphasized by our General Federation, the Maine Public Health Association and the State Department of Health. Our Maine Federation endorses these agencies to make Maine the healthiest state. Just now we hear so much about "Booming Maine." While we are all proud of our wonderful scenery, natural resources and advantages, we must not forget that Public Health is a job for all.

Do not think that the question can be solved alone by these various agencies rendering, as they do, valuable service to our State.

Boom Health!

LITERATURE DEPARTMENT

No one wishes to be a "deaf and dumb chairman" as the council at West Baden humorously dubbed the broken links in the chain of club activities. But even a chairman sometimes finds it difficult to secure from the different clubs a report of club activities relating to her department. Has your club reported last year's work in the department of literature and library extension? If not, please send such a report to the literature chairman before the fall meeting of the State Federation, in order that she may give Maine due honor in her report to the General Federation? How many clubs were represented by the attendance of some of their members at the wonderful Institute of Literature which Bowdoin College shared with the public? The mere presence of so many notable men and women within our state and the generous reports given by the daily papers were most stimulating. Reports of such activities as the vacation reading clubs, in Bangor and in Houlton, will inspire other clubs to further effort.

Our project of securing the twelve best books (non-fiction) by Maine writers, for National Headquarters is progressing and will be presented for final action at the fall meeting. Another project is earnestly recommended for the coming year—the listing of the literary shrines in our state. Each club is asked to make a list of the literary shrines in its vicinity and to forward three copies to the state chairman, one for state use, one for the national chairman and one for Headquarters.

Six new programs, arranged by Mrs. L. A. Miller, G. F. W. C. chairman, are now available at Headquarters, and will be sent upon request. (Please enclose two cents postage.) There are two travel programs, "All Around the World" and "Seeing America" and one literary program called "Makers of our Literature," designed for clubs without extensive library facilities. Three others are offered for clubs with good library supplies: I, Contemporary Fiction; II, The Political Novel; III, Changing Points of View (modern tendencies in literature). Have you seen the comprehensive book, *Cargoes for Crusoes*, costing only fifty cents, all about the writers of our own day? In

the August Delineator you will find an account of the prize award for the best book list for a family of five. Winifred King, Arlington, Mass., submitted the winning list.

I hope that we may have a conference of literary chairmen at the fall meeting for an exchange of ideas and plans.

Most cordially yours,
LILLIAN T. BURNHAM,
Chairman of Literature Dept.

A literary shrine is a place made sacred to lovers of literature because of its connection with some author or some literature—as Longfellow House in Portland or The Pearl of Orr's Island House at Orr's Island in Casco Bay.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Editor:

The activities of the Legislative committee of the M. F. W. C. were by no means limited to championship and improvement of Maine's Direct Primary law. But those will be enumerated in the coming fall report. Success, temporary at least, attended our Primary efforts, owing to the splendid assistance of the majority of our federated club women. The following circular was issued and broadcasted over Maine:

ROCKLAND, March 9, 1925.

DEAR FELLOW CITIZEN:—

The Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the Maine League of Women Voters, and the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs endorse Maine's Direct Primary Law. Let us safeguard, improve, perfect it, but not abolish it. Even its opponents concede it is correct in principle. It is in harmony with the U. S. Constitution, Declaration of Independence, Gettysburg Address, American Creed, and Salute to the Flag.

With the Primary each qualified citizen bears his rightful responsibility in selecting his party's nominees. 105,000 voted in 1924 June Primaries, thus safeguarding against misrepresentation by a few their individual choice, making sure of majority rule. Shall these 105,000 of Maine's most intelligent citizens be disfranchised?

Will you co-operate with us in a prompt educational campaign, please?

Cordially yours,
MARY PERRY RICH,
Chairman.

[Mrs. Rich was chairman of the Legislative committee of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs, Director-at-large of the Maine League of Women Voters, Knox County Chairman of the Citizenship Department of W. C. T. U.]

W. L. U. OF ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY

A rare year in the history of the Woman's Literary Union of Androscoggin County has just closed. Three meetings are most prominent: first, the annual Gentlemen's Night in November, always an occasion of great pleasure; second, the annual

luncheon in February when the members were so happy to have with them Mrs. Florence Waugh Danforth, President of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Harry F. Burnham of Saco, Chairman of the Literature Department, Mrs. Norman E. Fleming of Gardiner, soloist and third, the afternoon with President Henry Southwick of the Emerson College of Oratory at Bates College Chapel.

The membership tea was held at the home of Mrs. Maurice Small. The June Outing this year was at Frost Park.

Throughout the year donations were made to several worth-while projects, and a word must be said for the splendid and most efficient work done by Mrs. W. H. Newell on the Lewiston playgrounds.

A memorable year it was for the women of the Union under the leadership of Mrs. Walter E. Plummer of Lisbon Falls. There has been a personal something about the organization which most certainly has tried and succeeded in its project—that of bringing something fine to the community.

V. ANNE CUMMISKEY.

MOTION PICTURES

It is estimated that 15,000,000 people attend the movies in this country every day, indicating the universal appeal of motion pictures to humanity.

As this committee had no precedent to follow, our work has been of a pioneer character.

The five members of our committee represented as many different parts of our State. Our first work was the sending out of a form letter to each Federated club, asking for information regarding local theaters. From the fifty replies, we learned much that was encouraging. Nearly every answer gave the impression that the class of pictures shown in that place was steadily improving and of a high standard; that sanitary conditions, ventilation and exits were good, and above all else, that almost every manager showed a willingness to exhibit any requested picture, and was anxious to co-operate in all ways.

Several clubs have planned for an afternoon program on the subject of Motion Pictures, and material has been sent them by this committee. Many lists of films, approved by the National P. T. A., have been sent to these clubs which have motion picture committees, and to all who have requested them.

While there is still room for improvement in many of the pictures shown in our theaters, we know that in general, Maine has as many good pictures, and as few bad ones, as any state in the country.

PEARL P. BACHELDER,
Chairman.

THE KENNEBEC UNION

This year, not all of its nine hundred members were present at the annual meeting of the Kennebec Union of Women's Clubs on May 1st. But in spite of the rainy morning, a goodly number of ladies

were at the Methodist Church in Waterville for the opening session of the Union, while more ladies came in as the clouds cleared away and the home duties were put aside. In the afternoon a good sized audience greeted Mr. Parsons of the Fish and Game Commission and the other good features of entertainment. Those who were not present in the morning, missed a most delightful and instructive talk by Professor Wilkinson of Colby College. Mrs. Danforth was gracious enough to be with us for the whole session and cheered us on our way to larger and more useful work.

The Kennebec Union changed its meeting day to the second Friday in May.

The Winthrop Tuesday Club and the Augusta Study Club withdrew from the Union in order to unite with a newly organized South Kennebec Union. Although we are sorry to lose any of our members, we hope the new union will reach many clubs we could not serve and wish it all success.

The intellectual and entertaining part of the program was ably abetted by the excellent and unusually attractively served luncheon prepared by the ladies of the Methodist Church. The table decorations of May baskets helped us renew our youth.

The meeting closed leaving the future plans in the hands of the new slate of officers: President, Dr. Ethel Walters, Fairfield; vice-president, Mrs. Florence Waugh Danforth, Skowhegan; secretary, Mrs. Orrin Learned, Fairfield; treasurer, Mrs. Jennie R. Sawtelle, Hinckley.

EDITH W. CHESTER.

WOMAN'S LITERARY UNION OF PORTLAND, 1925-1926

The Woman's Literary Union of Portland, is looking forward to a season of much activity.

The usual classes in American Civics, French, Handicraft, History, Nature Study and Parliamentary Law, will resume meetings in the Fall under the guidance of experienced leaders.

The University Extension Course, so popular the last two years, will be continued. This course will consist of a series of lectures given on Saturday mornings by a professor from one of the Maine Colleges.

On the third Friday of each month, from October to March, a luncheon will be served in the Club Banquet Room to members and their guests. On these occasions club business will be transacted and there will be speakers on topics of current interest.

On Wednesday, January 20th, the Mid-winter luncheon will be held. This is the chief social function of the year and attracts a large attendance.

Throughout the season, Friday is Club Day. Many drop into the Club House for a cup of tea, a game of cards, or to enjoy the program provided by the Social Activities Committee. This season, Miss Louise Baker is to give readings on six of these afternoons, at three o'clock on the first Friday of each month.

The Scholarship Fund Committee will continue its work along the customary lines. Each year some young woman is helped to obtain a higher education, while many other students are helped in various ways.

The Child Welfare Committee will continue its work along community lines. This season its work will be toward establishing a program of educational moving pictures for the benefit of school children. These will be shown at the local theatres on Saturday mornings for a nominal admission fee.

During the past year, reciprocal relations have been established with out-of-town clubs. The Woman's Literary Union now exchanges courtesies with the Women's City Club of Boston, and the Plantation Club of Providence, R. I.

AMERICANIZATION CLASS OF PORTLAND W. L. U.

For the year ending April 14, 1925, the Americanization Class of the Portland W. L. U., had sixteen registered members and held seven meetings. We have been addressed by able speakers and discussion always followed each subject introduced.

Our budget is small, but we have contributed our \$2.00 to the Federation Headquarters fund; Opportunity Farm has had its \$5.00, Nutrition Institute \$25, and the Associated Charities \$13.

The chairman has had the pleasure of speaking on Americanization on seven special occasions, and several others as occasion arose unexpectedly. She has also received requests for help on proposed attempts to do some new things in our schools; one relates to the Day and one to the work of the Evening school. This far the coming year. We hope to reflect some credit on our Union. We do surely enjoy the work. It may be that some glad day, when the Golden Rule is recognized, we shall all be doing real Americanization work.

We are not serious every minute! We closed our year with a luncheon, our second annual affair.

Men and women are really most interesting, the foreign-born especially so,—and the study of human nature brings its own rewards in many outlooks, all sorts of angles on conduct, and a realization that in spite of much wickedness,—far too much,—we were truly made in the image of God, foreign-born and native alike, and only a little lower than the angels.

It is not the fault of the Maker or of the angels that the adjective that might be used now is not "little" but "much lower" than the angels.

Do we know how to remedy this sad state of slump? Work for and think of others beside ourselves: do real Americanization work at home. It calls for climbing and lifting, but it pays in character developed in right living for oneself, and therefore for those one tries to help. Try it, and if you prove the contention false—but you cannot—be from now on REGULAR Americanizers.

MARGARET D. DEGAMO
Portland, Maine April 14, 1925

Mrs. John D. Sherman President of the General Federation



Mrs. Sherman will be guest of honor at the meeting of the New England Conference of Federated Women's Clubs at Poland Spring September 21-23.

BANGOR PLANS TO GIVE CLUB WOMEN GOOD TIME

Maine Federation Guests on Oct. 13-15 to Enjoy Motor Ride, Tea, and Fine Music

The September business meeting and outing of the general committee on arrangements for the annual meeting of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs which will be held in Bangor, Oct. 13, 14 and 15, was held in early September at the summer home of Mrs. William D. Hayes in Searsport.

The weather being rather unfavorable, the club women motored to the Kenduskeag Country Club in Hampden for a business session, after which they proceeded to Searsport, where a picnic lunch was served by the hostess, Mrs. Hayes.

The business of the day was resumed directly after lunch. Mrs. Percy A. Bowden, general chairman, presided. Reports of the activities in preparation for the state meeting in October were given by the several chairmen.

Features planned for the entertainment of the visiting club women, as reported by the chairman, Mrs. William J. Currier, will be, the reception in Bangor City Hall, Tuesday evening, Oct. 13; a day at Orono, Wednesday as guests of the Orono and Old Town club women, followed by a return motor drive to the city in the afternoon to an informal tea, which will be served by Bangor Club women in some attractive place to be announced later, and a musical entertainmnet Thursday evening in the high school assembly hall, which will be presented by the Schumann Club.

OUR FEDERATION

(Prologue.)

For this Federation Meeting
We were asked to write a poem.
This suggestion, so appalling
Well we knew would meet fruition
Of a sort,—for She had said it!
She, our President and Leader,
And requests from such a Sovereign
Are demands, you will remember.
But with all the world to choose from,
What should be our subject matter?
Should it be "free verse," we questioned,
Without rhyme, and without rhythm?
Without rhyme,—perchance—or reason.
Ethical, or entertaining?
Should it aimlessly meander
'Long the lines of least resistance
As some modern verse seems doing?
With a mind a frantic chaos,
Thus we questioned, thus we wondered,
Till at length, from mists enshrouding
Rose a Maiden, fair and stately,
With her hair bathed in the sunrise
And her eyes aglow with promise.
So it is of her we tell you,
Just one phase of her long story
That we now present before you.

Through a mist of years long vanished,
Pure, and fair, a Maid is seen.
Radiant in her pristine beauty
As some young and stately queen,
While the mantle that enfolds her
Is of Nature's matchless green.

And the fringe about her ankles,
As a nearer view we gain—
Gleams with gems of emerald beauty,
While the diamond's sparkling train
Flashes from the sapphire stretches,
For this Maiden's name is—Maine.

Many a moon the Red Man wandered
Freely through her virgin wood,
Till the Pale Face came, engulfing
All her tribes, as in a flood.
Her fair shores, and stretching forests
Oft, alas! were stained with blood.

Then came peace within her borders,
Men could turn to interests new.
Hamlets, villages uprising
Grow apace within our view.
Ships appear where once the Red Man
Paddled in his light canoe.
Then the ground was tilled and planted,
Fields of grain now greet the eye.
Busy housewives weaving, spinning,

All their household needs supply.
While the logs burn in the fireplace,
And the years slip swiftly by.

Once again the picture changes,
As beneath heaven's same blue dome,
Housewives' burdens have grown lighter,
Interests now are free to roam,
And no longer are restricted
By the four walls of her home.

But reach out afar, and backward
Over History, dim with age.
For self culture, seek the wisdom
From the words of Bard, and Sage.
Little groups of eager women
Con the wealth of printed page.

Then, unrealized it may be,
Half unconsciously they sigh
For some bond of closer union.
Common interests form the tie,
And a happy thought finds lodgment
In the heart of Eunice Frye.

Mother of our Federation,
Building better than she knew.
To undrempt of work, and service,
Year by year our club life grew.
First were we in Federation,
To our State's proud motto true.

Not alone for self improvement,
Not for pleasure, or for fame
Do we now confine our interests,
But in Sisterhood's fair name
Reach out as the Master bids us,
To the poor, the blind, the lame.

Poor, unmindful of the riches
In the heart that soars, and sings.
Blind to beauty all about them
And to all life's higher things.
Lame, diseased in mind and body
With the ills that Ignorance brings.

Thus with powers alert, and eager,
May our service never cease,
But with influence broadening ever,
Help to bring a glad release,
And usher in that happy day
Of Universal Peace.

Serving, working, ever hoping,
May we nobler heights attain,
And with interests ever broadening,
Strive our Country's best to gain.
So—long live our Federation,
Worthy Sisterhood—of Maine.

ELLA MATTHEWS BANGS.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Announcement is made of the immediate publication of "The Maine Federation of Women's Clubs; Historical Sketches" by Georgia Pulsifer Porter of Old Town. Price \$1.00.

These sketches were published last winter serially in the Lewiston Journal and because of their great value, they are now being preserved in more permanent form.

This has been a labor of love on the part of Mrs. Porter which every club woman will greatly appreciate. The book is illustrated by some twenty pictures, the cuts being loaned by the Lewiston Journal. They include the pictures of every president of the Maine Federation with possibly one exception, no picture of Miss Fanny E. Lord having been obtainable up to the present time. The book will be sold for the benefit of the Scholarship Fund.

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MRS. FLORENCE WAUGH DANFORTH,
Skowhegan, Maine.

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Miss ANNA C. WITHERLE, President

Mrs. DICK A. YOUNG, Editor

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MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT

The new administration extends a most hearty greeting to every club in Maine. May this new year bring to even greater fruition the splendid ideals of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs.

The ever increasing purpose of the Federation is "to bring together the various Literary and Educational clubs for mutual benefit and helpfulness to others." As an aid in bringing the individual club and the individual club woman into closer touch with the Federation, the Maine Federation News was started by the last administration. The cordial welcome extended to the modest publication showed that it met a real need. As the Department Chairmen have had but little time to make their plans for 1926, it was decided to fill most of the space in this first number of Volume 2, with news from the clubs. The Editors were delighted by the generous response to the request for club items. Over fifty clubs sent in accounts of their work for the present year. The activities reported are so varied and practical that we trust every club may obtain inspiration and help from this copy of the News.

Another source of inspiration, which no club can afford to neglect, is the book of Historical Sketches of the Federation, prepared by Mrs. Charles B. Porter of Old Town. We are justly proud of the fact that Maine women formed the first state federation, and even prouder of the record of efficient service which the Maine Federation has given to the State during the thirty-three years of the Federation's existence. Let us all become more familiar with that record by reading Mrs. Porter's book.

Last year, as you know, great interest was aroused by Mrs. Danforth in the Scholarship Fund. Many clubs and several individuals contributed generously, increasing the Fund to about \$1100. Since the annual meeting only a few clubs have sent in contributions. Almost every State Federation has a Fund to help worthy girls to obtain an education. There is certainly no work that is more closely in line with the aims and interests of club women. When one hears, as your President recently heard, of girls in Maine who are willing to do any kind of work, even the roughest, to help toward their education, there is no question as to the need of a Scholarship Fund in our State. Every club will want to have an annual share in making it possible for the Education Committee (Mrs. Florence Waugh Danforth,

CALL

The mid-winter meeting of the Maine Federation will be held in Augusta, Friday, February 26.

The meetings will be held in the State House and luncheon will be served in the private dining room at the Augusta House.

Edward Whiting of the Boston Herald will speak in the afternoon.

MID-WINTER MEETING, FEB. 26, AT AUGUSTA TENTATIVE PROGRAM

- 9 A. M.—Business Session in House of Representatives, State House.
Address of President.
Address of Gov. Brewster.
Reports of Chairmen of Committees.
General Business.
- 12.30 P. M.—Formal luncheon in Private Dining Room at Augusta House, followed by an Open Forum.
- 3 P. M.—Address by Edward Whiting of the Boston Herald in House of Representatives.

Chairman) to meet the requests now coming in to them.

The work of the club woman, like charity, begins at home, but should not end there. Through the State Federation the club of the smallest village may be kept in touch with the interests of the whole State. Through the General Federation, clubs of the East and the West, the North and the South are bound together in the largest and probably the most influential body of women in the world. The question of "Universal Membership" is being stressed by the General Federation and is not clearly understood by all club members. No organization, large or small, can function without adequate financial support. A few years ago the General Federation faced the fact that its income was not keeping pace with its increasing activities. Two plans were proposed. One was to raise a much larger endowment fund. The second plan was to have every federated club belong directly to the General Federation through the payment of ten cents per capita

MAINE WANTS BIG DELEGATION, BIENNIAL, MAY 24-JUNE 5

The Biennial Convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs will be held in Atlantic City, May 24 to June 5, 1926. Elaborate plans by the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Federations are designed to fulfill the greatest expectations of those who plan to attend.

The Chairman of the Housing Committee is Mrs. W. H. Burkard, 113 N. Cambridge Avenue, Ventnor, New Jersey.

All Club women from Maine, intending to go to Atlantic City for the Convention, should communicate with Mrs. Burkard at once. Mrs. Florence Waugh Danforth, State Chairman of Transportation, will be glad to answer all communications in regard to the quickest, cheapest and best way of reaching Atlantic City.

It was made very plain at the Directors' meeting in Washington, that every Club woman who has any idea of attending this Biennial should engage a room at once; that the Hotel Proprietors expected reservations to be cancelled when necessary, but that if one decided to go at the last moment, she might not get accommodations.

Those wishing to go in motor cars, can engage garage space at \$1.50 per day.

Many private families will be glad to rent rooms. In short, one can go to the Biennial and pay a big price for her room or she can go very reasonably. But Mrs. Burkard will settle that problem for us. Write to her at once for terms.

The Transportation Committee must know how many are planning to go to Atlantic City. Send in your names at once to Mrs. Danforth.

Your State Director, Mrs. Danforth, has just returned from the Directors' Meeting in Washington full of enthusiasm over the coming Biennial at Atlantic City, May 24-June 5. Mrs. Howard, President of Pennsylvania Federation, and Mrs. Lee, President of New Jersey, answered all questions and made every State Director feel it was her duty to go home and stir up every member of her Federation to the opportunity of attending this Biennial that comes to the East—the last time, perhaps, for many years.

A most interesting feature to all New England, is the fact that eleven of the Eastern States—New England, Pennsylvania, New

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