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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.

ORDER BLANK

MRS. FLORENCE WAUGH DANFORTH,
Skowhegan, Maine.

Enclosed please find \$.....for.....copies of
Maine Federation History by Georgia Pulsifer Porter,
which you will please send to me at address given below.

(Signed)

Name

Street

Town

State

Price of Book is \$1.00 and
10c for parcel post.

Maine Federation News

Miss ANNA C. WITHERLE, President

Mrs. DICK A. YOUNG, Editor

VOLUME II

FEBRUARY, 1926

NO. 1

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

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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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EDITOR'S NOTES

In order to put the Federation News on a business basis and find out approximately how many copies should be printed, clubs are asked to get subscriptions at 25 cents a year, three editions to be published during the year.

Again and yet again we call your attention to the importance of sending in your club data. On the second page of the New Year-Book will be found, as heretofore, blanks to be filled in by the President or Secretary of every club. Do this immediately following your annual meeting and send to the Corresponding Secretary, thereby saving delay and postage expense to the Federation. Every club president, at least, should have a Year-Book.

A second edition of "Just Maine Folks," a companion volume to "Maine My State," has been published by the Maine Writers Research Club for use as Supplementary Reader in the public schools.

Rebecca G. Marsh, field worker for the Maine Publicity Bureau, is speaking to Maine Club women all over the State, telling them of the Maine Development Plan and enlisting their enthusiastic interest and co-operation. She gives her time without charge to the clubs, and will accept as many invitations as time will permit. She is an interesting speaker and has a worth-while story to tell.

SOME NEWSY NOTES

Mrs. Alice Ames Winter, former President of the General Federation, in her book, "The Business of Being a Club Woman," says: "The ideal club is neither all a study club nor all a working club, but a combination of the two." Most clubs report programs on interesting and instructive studies.

The North Anson Woman's Club writes: "The purpose of our Club is to broaden the interest of its members by taking up courses of study on various subjects. This year's work includes a course in General Science. The members are enthusiastic."

The M. P. M. Club of Brewer, is primarily a study club and maintains a thorough and conscientious spirit of study such as has always characterized the Woman's clubs throughout New England. This year one afternoon is devoted to a talk by Mrs. A. G. Sawyer of New York, on her work at Ellis Island. Other subjects considered are, Old Forts of Maine, The Development of the Orchestra, Civics, the Mechanism and Marvel of the Radio, New Zealand and book reviews.

Mrs. Blanche E. Folsom of the Village Improvement Society of Norridgewock, writes: "Our Club maintains a membership of a little

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Mrs. Florence Waugh Danforth wishes to call to the attention of all club women in Maine that the Maine Federation Histories are NOT all sold. Every club should buy ONE at least to be kept on file for future reference. Remember the edition is limited. Some of the clubs are surely doing their duty. The Woman's Literary Union of Portland has just ordered twenty-five copies. Every member of the Neeburban Club of Old Town has bought one. If all clubs in the State would keep up this pace, how long would 500 copies last? Let every club get busy and "do its duty" before the mid-winter meeting.

more than fifty members year after year. Our general subject is 'Maine.' Last June, Governor Brewster gave his talk on 'Maine.' To show how varied the program is, I quote a few subjects: Resources of Maine, Pemaquid, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Holman Day; Our Humorists, Bill Nye and Artemus Ward; Our Statesmen, Blaine and Reed; Musical, Emma Eames, R. B. Hall and J. C. Bartlett. In addition to Governor Brewster, we have listed the following out-of-town speakers: Mrs. Florence Waugh Danforth, who will speak on 'Arnold's March to Quebec'; Prof. H. M. Ellis, 'The Making of the Population of Maine'; Prof. A. L. Grover, 'Mt. Katahdin and its Surroundings'; Llewellyn Edwards, 'The Bridges of Maine'; Miss Dora H. Moulton, 'The Ferns of Maine.' "

Mexico Mothers' Club — This year we are answering roll call with a few lines from some specified ancient or modern poet. Papers are written and read by the members. Last year the papers were a study of children under school age, this year on schools and children of school age. Such topics as The Vacation Bible School, The Kindergarten, and Primary and Secondary Schools have been studied this year.

The Fryeburg Woman's Library Club, with a growing membership, now registers eighty-five members in good standing. It owns its Club Room and about 2,500 books. These books are let out for a small amount and the Library is opened every Saturday afternoon, during the winter, and twice a week during July and August. The club is studying Colonial History and oftentimes the programs are presented by members dressed in old-fashioned dresses of which there is a valuable collection in Fryeburg.

Wallace Nutting gave us a fine lecture last fall from which we cleared about \$65 for new library books. Rev. C. N. Eliopolis has lectured recently for us on "Life

in Macedonia." Mrs. Fred Marsh of Portland, spoke to us on January 8, on Maine Publicity. Dr. E. P. Gregory of Fryeburg, has given us a talk on "Windsor Chairs" recently. The Academy teachers are always willing to read for us and the music is often furnished by Academy pupils, conducted by Prof. H. A. D. Hurd, teacher of music in the Academy. We often entertain children of the village schools and furnish refreshments. Our Club Room is so arranged that it is convenient for us to serve afternoon tea at many of our meetings.

The Research Club of Limerick devotes most of its meetings to study. The subject of this year's work is England, which offers a field of entertainment and literary study.

LAKE VIEW COMMUNITY CLUB IS NO MORE

It is with regret that the Lake View Community Club has been dropped from our list of clubs in accordance with the following:

"Owing to the change in the American Thread Company's plans, the little settlement at Lake View is practically deserted, nearly all families having moved elsewhere. Therefore the Lake View Community Club is no more. It accomplished much during its existence, being a community affair in every sense of the word. Outside charities were helped also as finances allowed. One of the first monuments to world war veterans was erected by this Club.

Several members of the Club are now located at Milo and will probably join one of the Milo clubs."

MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT

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annual dues to the General Federation treasury. This second plan, known as Universal or Direct Membership, was thought to be more practical and decidedly more democratic, and was finally adopted. In the last three years, State after State has come into line, until now there are twenty-eight States holding Universal Membership. It is hoped that Maine will not be among the last to feel responsibility in this direction. At present, only fifteen Maine clubs are direct members of the General Federation. Will not other clubs consider this matter? Every club holding Direct Membership is entitled to receive the General Federation reports, and to be represented at the Biennial by one or more delegates, according to the size of the club. But, as in all club work, the question is not so much what we can get, but what we can give.

Our General Federation Director, Mrs. Florence Waugh Danforth, shows us in this issue why Maine will want to send a large delegation to the coming Biennial at Atlantic City.

(Signed)

ANNA C. WITHERLE.

PUSH-CART FAIR

The Springvale Woman's Club gave a "Push-Cart Fair," The Carnival of Months, last summer. One of the club members writes:

"We had twelve booths, each representing a month. Parcel Post was December. Pumpkins represented October. The months that had holidays, were decorated to that effect. Each booth had two wheels, gaily decorated. We held the Fair in late July on the Campus of Nasson Institute. We had a band and a tea room and everybody came from far and near. An arch of lattice work made an attractive entrance to our Fair."

**WEST FARMINGTON LITERARY CLUB**

The West Farmington Literary Club program consists of an interesting roll call, a prepared paper on some topic, literary contests, conundrums, etc., with much sociability.

This Fall we bought a Health Bond, sent money to the State Board of Charities and Corrections and have given money to aid in a local project. We always send money to the Children's Home.

Our only way of raising money is through the five-cent collection taken at every meeting. The subject of our year's work is America and Miscellaneous.

Our plans for 1926 are to put into the Club our best abilities that we may get better returns from a literary standpoint than ever before.

(Signed)

(MRS.) FLORICE C. BAILEY.

**THE MONDAY CLUB, BOOTH-BAY HARBOR**

On Thursday, October 22, the Monday Club of Boothbay Harbor entertained the Lincoln County Union of Women's Clubs at the home of Miss Millicent Maddocks. Over ninety women were present.

The Presidents of the different clubs spoke briefly of the work of their respective clubs. Then a program was given consisting of vocal and instrumental music, a reading by Maude Clark Gay of Waldoboro from her own poems, followed by a sketch, "Mrs. President's First Cabinet," by members of the Monday Club.

**AUGUSTA STUDY CLUB**

The Augusta Study Club is limited to 25 members. The subject of this year's program is "The March of Events" which covers a broad field and has proven intensely interesting. Our roll call responses bring forth discussions.

Helping support a Health Nurse is our local work, and donations to Opportunity Farm and Associated Charities our State work.

Thanksgiving, Christmas and Valentine parties have been features of the year's enjoyments.

(Signed)

M. E. PACKARD.

BERWICK WOMAN'S CLUB, SOUTH BERWICK

The Berwick Woman's Club year began with a Club Tea, at which time our Superintendent of Schools talked to us upon school matters. After this talk the Club voted to purchase for the new Central School building, sand tables and kindergarten tables for the first two grades and also to establish a reading-room for the use principally of those children from outside the village whose noon hours are of necessity spent on the school grounds.

The Board decided this year to use Maine talent whenever possible and thus help boom Maine, so we have gone outside the state for only one entertainment. We use local talent sometimes. Our "Club Nights" are closed meetings, very informal and tend to bring the club members closer together. The members are often in costume.

The sale of Health Seals and Bonds was, as last year, in the hands of the Current Events and Civics Department. The seals were sold largely through the school children.

MRS. CARRIE C. RIDEOUT,
President.

BIENNIAL

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Jersey, West Virginia, Maryland and New York, have banded together into what is to be called the "Northeastern Section" and will hereafter hold meetings under that name. At a meeting of this "Northeastern Section" in Washington, it was voted that at Atlantic City, the New England States should hold their dinner under the name of the New England Conference because the Biennial being held in the East, there would be no place large enough to accommodate so many people as would be likely to attend, especially from Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

It was voted also that as the chairman of the New England Conference is our Mrs. Harry H. Burnham, Maine's special part in this dinner should be the planning of the program. A meeting will be held in Boston about Feb. 20, consisting of representatives from each of the New England States, and at this time plans will be perfected for this big social event.

Our meeting at Poland Spring exceeded our greatest expectations. Let us do things on a much larger scale at Atlantic City. It's the people that makes any gathering a success. Our sister State, New Hampshire, expects to send seventy delegates; Massachusetts over two hundred — moreover, New England has a candidate in the field for National Federation Secretary. Let us all be on hand to push the candidacy of Mrs. Grace Morrison Poole of Massachusetts.

SCHUMANN CLUB OF BANGOR

The Schumann Club of Bangor is the only Club in the Federation that devotes its entire time to the study of music.

The Club opened its year's work with a reception on October 20. A program of musical numbers was given by Mrs. Carrie Newman, contralto; Mrs. Emma Eames Redman, soprano; Miss Barbara Whitman, pianist and Mrs. Dorothy Doe Hicks, accompanist.

On Nov. 4, an interesting study-meeting was devoted to "Early Opera up through Mozart," Mrs. Harry Farnham, chairman.

Nov. 17, a recital was given, Mrs. Linwood Jones, director.

Dec. 2, a study program was on "Development of the Ballet," Mrs. A. B. Garcelon, chairman. Miss Ruth Baker demonstrated the different types of Ballet dancing and Miss Dorothy Doe Hicks, pianist, played several ballet selections from different operas.

On Dec. 15, under the direction of Miss Mary Hayford, a recital of merit was given by different members of the club.

It is the plan of the president to take up chorus work in the club, and this idea has met with much enthusiasm by members. On the 6th of Jan. an operatic music memory contest was enjoyed.

The club has disposed of its usual quota of Health Seals.

**CASTINE WOMAN'S CLUB**

The Castine Woman's Club is studying Maine this year. At its first meeting this year a silver tray was presented to Miss With-erle with good wishes for her coming regime as President of the State Federation.

November 4 was an open evening with Thomas Mott Osborne, the noted prison authority, as speaker.

Money has been voted to the Near East Relief and for the Christmas gifts to children who are wards of the State. The campaign for the sale of Christmas seals for the Maine Public Health Association was started with Mrs. George Coombs as chairman. Through the efforts of a member of this Club, application has recently been made for one student as a beneficiary of the Scholarship Fund of the Federation.

The January meeting was a mock school session held at the Normal School, in Miss Harvey's class room on January 2d. The subject was "Maine." Supposed to represent an old red school-house of ye earlier days—with the club members as unruly pupils of that period. Miss Harvey was the "new teacher." All the exercises were conducted along the lines of questions and answers. They were questions of geographical, literary or historical purport. The answers

were bright and snappy—often bringing in hits on local celebrities.

The greatly harassed teacher called for a recess at 4 P.M., when both she and her scholars were refreshed by sandwiches and coffee, netting a tidy sum for the exchequer. The afternoon was in the hands of the Study Committee, while Miss Appleton and a faithful committee took full charge of the dinner pails.

THE JUNIOR CLUB OF OLD TOWN

The Neechoosuk Club of Old Town—the first Junior club to become affiliated with Maine Federation of Women's Clubs—has presented a victrola to the English Department of the Old Town High School, raising the money by food sales, card and dancing parties. Of the sixteen original members of this club—all at the time, high school girls—two are now successful teachers, in grade schools; two, Thelma Perkins and Hilda Ginsbery, are students at Maine University and were on the Dean's list last year. Five other members entered Maine University last fall. A new member, Josephine Hartwell, who joined the club last fall, has won several prizes for essays. The club program is made up for the year just as in the Senior Club. The Neechoosuk Club is particularly interested in history and literature. The members who have left High School for College become automatically associate members, with full right to vote, and they are expected to act as guardians to the younger girls. Mrs. C. B. Porter of Old Town, who organized this Junior Club, may well be proud of its accomplishments. The Federation now has three Junior Clubs affiliated with it.

NORUMBEGA CLUB OF BANGOR PASSES ON A GOOD IDEA

The Norumbega Club this year tried a new plan for raising money for club expenses.

Early in the club year, we held a sale of second-hand clothing which netted us a substantial sum for our treasury.

Each member was solicited for at least one article of wearing apparel. Closets and attics were raided for garments which had served their term of usefulness to the owner, but still held possibilities for service.

The response was most gratifying. Club members and friends contributed generously, so that when the date decided upon arrived, we were able to open our doors to the public upon a very complete and attractive array of coats, dresses, sweaters, hats, shoes, etc. Articles left from the sale were distributed among needy families at Christmas time.

HOME ECONOMICS

It is with a feeling of temerity that I approach this subject. I have spoken on Home Economics at club meetings and elsewhere and find the easiest, the pleasantest path is the esthetic side. One can give one's fancy such flights, can make such good and strong points by pointing out what books, what pictures should be in every home to influence the family in right directions, what colors should be used and what discarded, that our souls may be in harmony each with the other and with the home in its entirety. I do not want to belittle any of these, for each is essential to the making of a true home. But I feel that there is a yet more important factor, though it does not appeal to any of us in just the same way as the esthetic side.

If you will allow me to parody:

Man cannot live without food,
Nor live well without cooks,
And I'm sure without these
There'd be no need for books.

I want to take up this year, as part of the work of the Home Economic Department, "The Science of Food." I have been studying the subject for a few years and find it wonderfully fascinating. We have laid too much stress on the calory, which is only at best a measure. Let us take up some of the life-giving materials of what we eat.

Are WE eating, are we giving our CHILDREN to eat, that which will give us strength physically, mentally and morally?

I am asking each club in the State to discuss this question and then to send in to the Home Economic Committee of the State Federation one day's menu, written with thought of the things needful to promote life at its best, giving particular stress to the all-important vitamins, as well as the fats, proteins, etc., with due consideration of the calories. These menus will be submitted, by the Committee, to competent judges, and fourteen or twenty-one selected to be printed for use.

Allow me to repeat, I believe the study of The Science of Food and its application would add greatly to our bodily and mental strength.

KATE B. ELLIS,
Chairman.

WOMAN'S LITERARY CLUB NORTHEAST HARBOR

The year 1925-1926 began very pleasantly for the Woman's Literary Club of Northeast Harbor. The first meeting was a reception, at which the club members and their husbands met the guests of honor, the teachers of the local schools. Canada is the general subject for our study. We have prepared our papers with the aid of a travelling Library.

We have just made a small assessment to pay our share toward

the Maine Star on the Peace Hill at Valley Forge. We are just beginning this year's campaign to raise money for a prize to be awarded in the local High School. We started the prize fund last year and with the help of the Pyramid Tea, a food sale and a Larkin Soap Order, besides two appreciated gifts, we had almost \$100 at the end of the year. We hope to increase our bank account each year until the interest alone will provide the prize money. The prize will not be awarded until 1929, the present Freshmen being the first eligible candidates.

Our splendid Civics Committee collects and distributes to worthy people, money, food, clothing and supplies of all kinds. Our Thanksgiving boxes and Christmas gifts have afforded comfort to invalids and aged people on our island. Last year our donations of this kind amounted to over \$300; this year, \$150. In December we managed the sale of the Public Health Bonds and Seals, realizing \$240. During the last twelve months we have contributed to the Blind Veterans Fund, the Good Samaritan Home in Bangor and the Scholarship Fund.

We have our share of good times, and foremost among them the banquet held at the Rock End Hotel in June. Husbands and other guests did justice to the excellent menu and enjoyed the speeches cleverly introduced by the Toastmistress, Mrs. Lenora Falt.

No list of our good times is complete without mention of the Mt. Desert Island Federation meeting at Cranberry Isles last spring, where we were entertained royally. Fired with Mrs. Danforth's enthusiasm and Mr. Cummings' patriotism, we resolved to live and die ardent boosters for Maine and her Federation of Women's Clubs.

WOMAN'S COMMUNITY CLUB, UNION

The Woman's Community Club, of Union, is one of the new clubs of the Federation. It has 40 members. It has been studying the Constitution of the United States and one program was "An Afternoon with Holman Day." It is working for a public library, too.

MOTHERS' IMPROVEMENT OF OAKLAND

Of special interest among the programs sent in to the Editors of the News is that of the Mothers' Improvement Club of Oakland. The main subject of study for the this year is "The Camp-Fire Girl Movement." At numerous meetings the club has as dinner guests a Camp-Fire Group and Guardian. Late in February the Club will hold an open meeting on another line of civic work. The roll call will be answered by Articles from the Town Warrant and a talk will be given on "A Charge to Women Voters."

W. L. U. OF ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY

The Woman's Literary Union of Androscoggin County has had two receptions, notably that to the delegates to the New England conference at Poland Spring when Mrs. John D. Sherman, president of the General Federation, was present. Another outstanding feature was its Community night when all the clubs in the county were guests, the gentlemen, as well, and Arthur G. Staples, editor-in-chief of the Lewiston Journal, was speaker.

The most novel feature of the year was the Street Fair held in the fall. Frye Street, the most exclusive residential section in Lewiston, was given over to the ladies. Pretty booths lined the street, with all kinds of wares for sale; a band played, and there was street dancing. A drawing-room concert was given at the McIlroy home on Frye Street and the net receipts of the fair were \$300. Some of the fine entertainments of the year have been a program by M. Katherine Tift Jones, diseuse, and Miss Georgia Price, harpist, both charming; the Unity Male Quartet concert, Miss Dorothy Berry Carpenter, of Boston assisting; dramatic reading, by Edwin Whitney, and there is none better; and in March Dr. Payson Smith, Commissioner of Education of Massachusetts, will lecture for the W. L. U. The annual luncheon in February closes the club year except for the annual meeting. The W. L. U. helped in the Red Cross and Christmas Seal sale.

WOMAN'S LITERARY UNION OF PORTLAND

The club year of the Woman's Literary Union of Portland is being marked by great enthusiasm. We feel that not since the early years has there been so much active interest in either membership or activities. Attracted by our program of lectures and other high-class entertainment by out of town talent; by thoughtfully arranged class programs or by the entertainment by local talent furnished by the Social Activities Committee, one hundred twenty-six new members have joined the Union. The University Extension Course is enjoying its third year of marked success and is being attended by large audiences on Thursday afternoons. Additional reciprocal relations have been established with out of town clubs and this fall we are exchanging club courtesies with the Boston City Club added to the list.

A new project was launched in December under the direction of the Child Welfare Committee. Arranged by this Committee a series of Moving Pictures for children is being shown through the co-operation of Mr. Hamilton of Keith's Theatre every Saturday morning. The program is arranged by our Committee who choose

pictures clean and interesting for children of the primary and grammar school grades. But a nominal entrance fee is charged for this hour's entertainment.

New classes added to the list this fall, and proving very popular, are in Interior Decorating under the leadership, as are all study classes, of a club member and taught by an expert in the subject.

With all the new interest and enlarged membership, there is a most satisfactory spirit of helpfulness and co-operation in our large body of 630 members.

MRS. MABEL W. LITTLE,
Recording Secretary.

WOMAN'S LITERARY CLUB SEAL HARBOR

The Woman's Literary Club of Seal Harbor opened its club year November 6, with an interesting paper on Old New England Customs. A committee on International Relations was appointed at this meeting.

Succeeding meetings dealt with the following subjects: Nov. 20, paper on College Debating, especially Bates College and current events in regard to international relations; Nov. 27, Subject: Gene Stratton-Porter, at which meeting a Health Bond was bought; Dec. 4, Annapolis Naval Academy and the French War Debt. discussed, and \$5.00 was sent to the Little Wanderers' Home. Dec. 11, was the annual Christmas meeting, Dickens' Christmas Carol being read. The Club has raised money from food sales and plans to give some sort of prizes in the schools based on rank or moral standing.

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB, OLD TOWN

Our Neighborhood Club of Old Town this year has raised a goodly sum for educational purposes. Miss Maud Gould, music instructor in the public schools of Old Town and Orono, is giving us fine music at each meeting. A happy reunion after the summer vacation opened our season when Miss Marian Gould, West Broadway, Bangor, entertained, her mother, Mrs. J. F. Gould being one of the early members of this club.

Our Neighborhood Club has had three generations of one family in its membership, with a prospect that the fourth generation soon may come in. Can any other Club equal this record?

The lecture by Mrs. C. C. Palmer given by the union of Our Neighborhood Club and the other federated club of Old Town was interesting.

The Christmas box packing is a feature of this club's work each year, generous contributions being made so that the children and needy may be bountifully remembered. This club also is furnishing milk for underfed school children. An evening with a display of antiques with old-time music was delightful. At the first meet-

ing of the New Year a paper was read by Mrs. C. B. Porter, on "A Few of the Women Who Have Been Epoch Makers, and What We Owe to Them."

CURRENT EVENTS CLUB, PORTLAND

The Corresponding Secretary of the Current Events Club writes as follows: Our Club has led a very quiet, happy existence for 35 years. Our membership has always been limited—at first 28 and now 25. Our members are represented on the School Board by two out of the three women on the Board. One member is the President of the League of Women Voters and you will find the names of our members connected with every Charitable and Philanthropic organization in the City. We sell Health Seals at Christmas time and aid every good cause presented to us. Our meetings are held in the morning and our papers are written by the members who draw their subjects at the close of the preceding year. We have four papers on the Literature of the day, reviewing books, and four on Politics. One each on Education, Art, Economics, Biography, Drama, Music, Poetry and Science. We occasionally have a Guest Day with a speaker from outside. We close in April but during May and June have Field Days at the summer homes of our members.

We gave for some years to the Scholarship Fund in the name of our first President, Mrs. Harriet Beth Stevens.

YORK WOMAN'S CLUB

Mrs. Carrie A. Morrill, Secretary of York Woman's Club, says: We have contributed to the Home for U. S. Blind Veterans of the World War, to the Scholarship Fund of the Maine Federation, to the Good Samaritan Home, for a lecture in town by Thornton Burgess and have bought a Health Bond. We also gave the Geographic Magazine to our school. We raised funds by giving a play last spring, and in the summer sold scarfs purchased from the Associated Handicraft Industries.

AUBURN FRIDAY CLUB

The Auburn Friday Club reports good attendance and meetings interesting and helpful. Among the speakers are Mr. Seth May of Auburn, Mr. Sam Conner of the Lewiston Journal and Mr. A. L. T. Cummings of Portland.

SOROSIS OF MADISON

The Sorosis Club of Madison has a varied program covering Current Events, Nature Study, Health, Travel, Poetry and Household Economics. The Club superintended the sale of Health Seals in the town. It will sponsor an Art Exhibit in the High School.

CLUBS SHOW INTEREST IN MAINE HEALTH WORK

It is gratifying to find that so many clubs are devoting both time and money to Health Work.

The Christian Valley Literary Club of Rumford Centre reports that one of the events of the Club year is Hospital Day, when the members meet to sew for the hospital.

During the past year the Current Events Club of Gardiner has contributed toward the support of the District Nurse and the School Nurse, also co-operated with the Maine Public Health Association in making May Day, Health Day.

The Eastport Woman's Club writes that a sum of money raised by the Club some time ago for a local hospital which never materialized, is to be used for the help of children who need medical treatment.

The Fidelity Club of Mexico plans every year to have a free talk and illustrated lecture on Public Health. It contributes to the M. P. H. Association, Child Welfare and Near East Relief.

The Woman's Literary Club of Seal Harbor will devote one afternoon to Health. This meeting will be in the form of a talk by the local Red Cross Nurse.

Mrs. Marian R. Harris, Secretary of the Child Study Club of Millinocket, writes that her Club has held a food sale, the proceeds of which were put at the disposal of the District Nurse to be used in needy cases. During the latter part of the year the club work will consist of a Home Nursing Course, the lessons being in charge of various members of the Club who are graduate nurses.

The Searchlight Club of Rumford has made a generous contribution toward the new Community Hospital, and is supplying milk for the underweight pupils in a local school, and conducted a rummage sale netting over \$100 to meet the yearly pledge.

The Bingham Century Club reports the buying of a Health Bond.

Skowhegan Sorosis is mainly responsible for carrying on work of the District Nurse. The funds for this work come from benefits, from funds received from the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and from money appropriated from the town. November 30, Dr. Howard Hill of Waterville gave a most instructive talk on the eyes. At the Christmas meet-

ing a silver collection was taken and about \$16 was collected, and as usual the money was passed over to the nurse to use as she saw fit in bringing Christmas cheer and happiness to her patients.

CLUB EXTENSION CHAIRMAN STRESSES JUVENILE CLUBS

Just now an effort is being made to have groups of young girls form into clubs, these in turn to become affiliated with the Federation. This is to show the younger ones the connection between school and life and the value of the school studies in every-day life after school. All that is necessary to have membership in the MAINE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS is to notify the undersigned. She'll do the rest.

Already several clubs have made application for membership, and it is desired that every section of Maine have a federated club before 1928. If in your section there are already clubs, see to it that a Junior club is organized. Wherever such clubs exist, the ability and interest shown by these young women is most gratifying, and there cannot be too many. Maine's Federation needs the young women, that all may unite in efforts for the upbuilding of our State and Nation.

(Signed)

MRS. C. B. PORTER,
Chairman, Old Town.

WOMAN'S CLUB, NEWCASTLE-DAMARISCOTTA

Early in the club year, the Woman's Club of Newcastle-Damariscotta, held a reception for the Superintendent of Schools, the School Boards and Teachers of the two towns. Thanksgiving week, a committee met at the club rooms and packed baskets for the needy and prepared smaller gifts for the shut-ins.

The outstanding features for the past year were: The purchase of a beautiful new Baby Grand Brambach piano, all paid for, and the holding of club meetings during July and August to which our summer guests were invited, so successful that it will be continued in the years to come. Our Club has now 112 members.

We have two out-of-town speakers listed, Mr. Edward Metcalf, a civil engineer formerly of Damariscotta and Rev. Henry Dunack, State Librarian.

(Signed)

MYRA D. SCHROEDER,
Secretary.

FRANKLIN WOMEN'S CLUB

I am glad to report an increase in membership in the Franklin Women's Club. Six new members have been added since October. During the past summer the Club had some attractive guide boards made for the town. In the fall we offered a prize for the best essay on "The Value of a High School Education." We also offer-

ed some suitable trophy to be awarded to the school making the best showing at a public speaking contest, the school to hold the trophy for a year. At our Christmas meeting we were favored by having an interesting and instructive talk by two of our own town's girls regarding their trip abroad last summer, with the opportunity of examining some of the lovely things they brought home. We had charge of the Health Seals and received very generous support. Our most important work from one standpoint is the fifteen minutes of each club meeting which we devote to the study of English as outlined in Mrs. Miller's Text Book.

(Signed)

ELLA M. BLAISDELL,
President.

WOMAN'S CLUB, GUILFORD

The Secretary of the Woman's Club of Guilford, writes as follows:

Our calendar for the year 1925-1926 is made up, as has been the custom for several years, of Miscellaneous subjects. For the opening meeting we had an informal reception to the Honorary Members (the teachers in the public schools). At the next meeting we listened to a lecture by Miss Hall, Field Representative of National Red Cross Association. The third meeting was especially interesting as we are all hearing and reading constantly concerning Maine Beautiful, and this was the subject for the evening. More or less has been done in Guilford along the line of beautifying the town through the work of the Civics Committee. Our Club was instrumental, several years ago, in starting Union Thanksgiving Services held at one of the churches, a custom which has been carried out each year including the last one. At Christmas time we were guests of the schools where the pupils presented, under the direction of Miss Homer, Music Instructor, the Christmas Story in pageant form. A beautiful and impressive watch night service was held on New Year's Eve, sponsored by the Woman's Club and the two local churches. The musical program was directed by the Woman's Club and the numbers introduced by Mrs. Helen Williams. The High School Orchestra played throughout the evening. Following the program the audience went to the church dining-room where a luncheon was served. Games were played upstairs and a social hour passed. At eleven o'clock came the devotional service which was concluded at just two minutes of twelve. All waited silently until the New Year was ushered in by the stroke of midnight when the benediction was pronounced. Recently, five sweaters have been knit for disabled soldiers and we have sold a large number of the very attractive wool scarfs which are woven by these men. Our

share of the Endowment Fund has long been paid. Our club dues are reported all paid in advance and we have also disposed of five Year Books and hope to have several subscriptions to The Federation News to send in soon.

FRIDAY CLUB OF SOUTH-WEST HARBOR

The Friday Club of Southwest Harbor writes: "We are not growing in numbers as we limit our Club to twenty-five members on account of house room in entertaining, and we have kept this number for several years. We have four names on the waiting list and we are talking of organizing a second club in town, which, under the circumstances, will be much more satisfactory than enlarging our original Club. The only charity we have served is the Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont Shut-In Society, outside of one or two local charities. Our year's study for 1925-1926 has been entirely Maine with Current Events."

ORONO WOMAN'S CLUB

The Orono Woman's Club has adopted unlimited membership, and as a result, has a large increase in members. In co-operation with the Chamber of Commerce, the Club has financed a municipal skating rink. It has induced the selectmen to rule that all public dances in the town hall must be attended by a police matron as well as by a special policeman. The Civics Committee will sponsor a bird-house building contest this spring. This contest is open to all Boy Scouts of Orono under the direction of Douglas Beale, Scout Master. Houses of every size, shape, form and color may be constructed, with particular attention given to houses that would appeal to our native birds. A public display of these houses will be held some time the latter part of March, when they will be judged, graded and priced. The public will have opportunity to purchase these bird-houses at this time, the money thus realized to go into the Boy Scout Fund. The Civics Committee will offer two cash prizes of three dollars and two dollars for the two best houses on display.

QUEEN CITY CLUB

The Queen City Club of Bangor has contributed \$5.00 toward the Scholarship Fund. This is the first "Junior Club" in the State to make such a contribution.

ARCANA CLUB OF CLINTON

The aim of the Arcana Club of Clinton is to be very generous in doing good. We have contributed to the Scholarship Fund, to the State Board of Charities, the Good Samaritan Home, and have bought a goodly share of Health Seals. We sent two large packages of new cloth, and second-hand cloth-

ing to Rev. Hannah Powell, a former Clinton girl and Arcana member, who is now doing missionary work among the mountain people near Sunburst, North Carolina. Instead of having our usual Christmas gifts for one another in our Club this year, we felt that we could be spreading the true Christmas spirit more fully if we put our allowances together. This we did, and with the money, bought a most attractive thick bath-robe for a poor and very worthy invalid woman. We interest ourselves in our local schools, charities, and strive to help in all ways of civic improvement. Our dues to date are all paid. Our subject for our year's work is Miscellaneous. Our plans for 1926 are to improve upon this year's program wherever possible; to live lives as closely in keeping with the spirit of our Collect as we can; to help whenever we see a need and to enjoy all the happiness of life. Our Club is not growing in membership, because we enjoy the family associations and solidarity of our loyal twelve.

(Signed)

EDITH PRATT BROWN,
President.

MAINE CLUBS ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK

The Mexico Mothers Club writes as follows: "We have aided families who have been less fortunate than ourselves, giving food, clothing, household linen, etc. Money has been raised by food sales, selling magic covers and subscriptions to the McCall Magazine. We have purchased for the new library, which has just been organized in our town, a reading table and two sets of children's books. A baby clinic has been started. Miss Soule of Augusta was with us one meeting and gave us a helpful talk. We are uniting with other clubs in this vicinity in obtaining Miss Burnham to give us a lecture in the near future. Our plans for 1926 are to see the clinic do better and more helpful things for all the little ones of our community, and to train ourselves to be better mothers and citizens."

The Barton Reading Club of Norway contributed to the town's Community Christmas and to private need. The Club has also given to the Maine Baby Saving Society and to the State Board of Charities, and filled a worth-while box for the Shut-In Department. It reports six new members since October.

The Bingham Century Club has given \$10 toward a piano in the Parish House. It also reports a considerable increase in membership. In the last Year Book the Club reported fifty members; it now numbers seventy-two.

Fidelity Club of Mexico writes: "Our Club believes the proper way to grow is to have an objective, so about a year ago the members

began talking about a Public Library for the town. To this end, by the great activity of a few and the assistance of many, a drive was made throughout the town for funds or books. An entertainment was arranged by the Club which netted \$100.00; food sales were held and various plans were carried out until today we have a collection of 1500 volumes, many entirely new, the rest in excellent condition. We bought shelves and had them placed in the selectmen's office, which serves as our library at present, trusting that at no distant date we may have a library building. We hope to make the 1926 program so interesting and busy with our work on our library that no time will be wasted. The Club members have volunteered to assist in the library Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and evenings until town meeting, when other plans may be made.

Current Events Club of Gardiner has assisted in the extension of the Traveling Library:

The North Anson Club is supplying the library in town with several magazines and papers for the use of the children of the town.

Brewer M. P. M. Club has co-operated with the Brewer Beautiful Committee in buying trees. The Club has given the usual amount for magazines for the public library and assisted in the sale of Health Seals.

The Norridgewock Club is primarily a Village Improvement Society and reports most of its work along that line: "We have placed silent policemen, kept streets free from grass and weeds, cared for our little 'Monument Triangle,' etc. We also help the schools in practical ways, furnishing a few dishes for the hot noon lunch, buying additional drawing paper, and doing such little things. This year we mean to offer a prize, the nature of which we have not yet determined. We are raising money by a series of three food sales and are considering giving a play."

The Lubec Woman's Club has had fine meetings with increased membership, and given real service to the community. The sick and poor are looked after, nurses are furnished occasionally, with assistance in hospital expenses where needed. All funds available are used for the good of the community. Teachers and other guests were entertained this fall, with Josiah Taylor of the State Department of Education as speaker. The meetings are social as well as educational and the spirit fine.

The Research Club of Limerick writes: "Throughout the year donations are made to several

worth-while projects. Though perhaps our charities are small, we endeavor to do our bit as a Federated Club, and we are proud to belong to 'A group of organized women, who can be depended upon to promote all movements looking toward the betterment of life.' "

From the Friends in Council of Camden: "We have just finished raising about \$135 for the purpose of furnishing the Teachers' Rest Room in our new school building. In December we had a card party netting us \$64, and last week a dance brought \$70. That is the only benefit we shall probably work for this year. We purchased a Health Bond at Christmas time.

The Woman's City Club of Calais serves its community in a great variety of ways. The District Nurse, maintained by the Club, carried Christmas cheer to forty families in which there were sick children, and aged people who would not be likely to have much for Christmas. Home-made jellies, cookies, fruit furnished by the Rotary Club, and toys or books, all done up in attractive boxes, were delivered by the nurse accompanied by Santa Claus himself. The annual Community Christmas Tree was held by the Club. A very beautiful, decorated tree was set in the town square. On Christmas Eve a large crowd attended the exercises which consisted of Lighting the Yule Candle and of Carols sung by a group of six hundred school children. Bags of candy and popcorn were distributed. During the summer visitors from many of the different States in the Union, from many of the Provinces, from England, Wales and Australia visited the Rest Room maintained by the Club. The Club entertains twice a month a group of girls, many of whom are employed during the day, and a large number of whom are away from their own homes, boarding in town. Music, games and refreshments make up pleasant evenings. The budget of over \$2000 has been raised by membership dues, a food sale, a musical recital, rummage sale, cantata and a moving picture.

The Thursday Club of Biddeford gives as usual \$50 toward the Red Cross work. The Club has also bought Health Seals and a Bond. At Christmas time the members donated about one hundred fifty pairs of stockings for the children of the City Mission.

The Olympian Club of Kennebunkport sent a large box of records, books and cards to the Shut-In Society. Miss Talbot, through the Club, gave \$5 to the boy and \$5 to the girl writing the best essay on their trip to Washington. The Club also gave \$25 toward the expenses of the Wash-

ington trip. In August \$184 was realized from a baseball game given for the benefit of the building fund. A Health Bond was purchased and a Welfare Committee organized. Boxes were sent to families in town and to the Marine Hospital for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Club had a Community Christmas Tree with Trumpeters. Candy bags were given to one hundred fifty children.

Right up to date was the "Old-Fashioned Dance" recently given by the Newport Woman's Club. It was a grand success socially as well as financially. An old-fashioned orchestra was a great drawing card. The hall was filled with dancers and the balcony with spectators. The grand march was indeed a pretty sight. Boston Fancy, Lady of the Lake, Portland Fancy, Schottische and Waltz were danced by nearly everyone. A vaudeville sketch caused much merriment when Mr. Cram as Mellie Dunham played the fiddle, and Mrs. Stuart as Gram danced a jig. The proceeds were for the Newport Library Fund.

CARATUNK WOMAN'S CLUB

The Caratunk Woman's Club of Northern Somerset County has added several new members this year.

From our annual club sale in December, a goodly sum was cleared to be used for welfare work. Our charity work consists in the Christmas cheer and benevolent work and help at other times when needed. We assist financially in the hot lunches served at school.

In conjunction with another association, we are restoring the "Old Red Schoolhouse."

The first meeting of the year we were privileged to have as our guest Mrs. Florence Waugh Danforth, who gave a most delightful talk.

This year we are making a special study of Spanish American Countries.

We are a small club perched way up here in northern Maine, but we do feel we are being of real service to our town and its people. We also deem it a privilege to help in the Federation Work.

(Signed)

EUNICE P. SPAULDING.

ALPHA LYRA CLUB, WYTOPITLOCK

The Secretary of the Alpha Lyra Club of Wypitlock, one of the clubs recently organized and federated, writes: "The past year, the subject for study has been 'Our Country.' After the reading, we have open session for the discussion of same.

"As yet we have not tried to solve any local problems. Raising money, so far, has been only by voluntary contributions. We

are now knitting and sewing for needy children.

"The study for the year is miscellaneous subjects, including Problems of Immigration, Tariffs, Our Scientific Discoveries, The Peace Movement and The Great Men and Women of Our Country."

RUMFORD SEARCHLIGHT CLUB

The Rumford Searchlight Club is continuing its study of Art this year, taking up Nineteenth Century France and Germany. The major artists in the year's study are Millet, Troyon, Breton, Rosa Bonheur, Dore, Chavannes, Durer, Hoffman, Plockhurst, Gabrael, Max and Richter. Roll calls have been answered by the significance of colors in early religious paintings, by names of various saints and apostles and their emblems; by minor French and German artists and by a brief sketch of a favorite artist "and why." Each member is given small copies of the best known works of the artist under consideration, by the member giving the afternoon's paper, these making an interesting and stimulating souvenir of the year's work.

"Two afternoon programs have been left for special committees to arrange and on the first of these, G. Bernard Shaw's play 'Candida' was read aloud by the committee and three others selected from the membership, a biography of Shaw and synopsis of the play preceding the reading. 'Prominent People of Today' has had a part on several programs."

NINETEENTH CENTURY, BANGOR

The Nineteenth Century Club of Bangor has adopted a new method of financing club work. In the past the Club has given plays, conducted lectures and resorted to various means of raising money, but the dues have been raised to a sum found sufficient by the Budget Committee to cover the necessary expenses of the year.

By virtue of their club membership, the members belong to the District Nursing Association. The Club gives annually \$50 to this Association.

The subject of study for 1925-1926 is "The World Today." Among meetings of special value on the program is an afternoon with Polish Music and Musicians by C. Winfield Richmond; three lectures on U. S. Government by Prof. Ashworth of the University of Maine; and a lecture on "The Contribution of the Immigrant to American Life" by Prof. Clark of the Theological Seminary.

DOVER-FOXCROFT ATHENA

Dover-Foxcroft Athena Club reports special interest in Civic Improvement. \$5 was recently voted for educational purposes. \$2 toward the Endowment Fund and several subscriptions to the Federation News and Year-Book.

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URGES EVERY CLUB WOMAN TO PLANT A TREE

Mrs. Carl E. Kelley, Chairman of Conservation of Natural Resources, urges that every club woman plant a tree sometime during May, and report the good work to the chairman.

Last year Mississippi was the banner State. A few "Roads of Remembrance" and a number of Memorial Trees were planted. The various club districts reported the planting of a total of over 27,000 trees.

Maine will stand high this year as 80,000 young trees have been planted by the farmers of the state under the direction of the Extension Service of the Maine College of Agriculture. These trees were mostly white pine and spruce.

The University of Maine can assist in telling clubs where to get young trees. Brown Company Nurseries at Oquossoc, Maine, are offering seedlings.

NEXT NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE AT WHITEFIELD

The New England Conference will hold its next annual conference at the Mountain View House, Whitefield, N. H., on Oct. 6, 7, 8, as the guests of the New Hampshire Federation. Already Mrs. Speare, the President of the New Hampshire Federation, has mapped out a fine program with many splendid features. We hope to have as a guest one of the officers of the General Federation. Especial emphasis will be laid upon the Round Table discussions, which have always been one of the worth-while features of the conference.

The place where the conference is to be held is one of the most beautiful spots in the White Mountains, and is not far from the Maine border. The season will be the glorious autumn, when the hills are decked with gorgeous color. Added to this will be the delights of club-fellowship and the interchange of ideas among the club women of New England.

The chairman of the Conference earnestly desires the presence of Maine women in as large numbers as possible. Let us plan an autumn holiday at Whitefield, New Hampshire.

Mrs. Edward Franklin White, first Vice-President of the General Federation, will be the guest of honor and one of the speakers at the New England Conference at Whitefield, N. H.

MRS. HARRY H. BURNHAM,
Chairman of the Conference.
Biddeford, Maine, April 27, 1926.

WORLD-FAMOUS SPEAKERS AT BIENNIAL MAY 24-JUNE 5

Vital questions of the day, such as those pertaining to youth, homes, legislation, law observance, advancement of the fine arts, public welfare, education, conservation, citizenship, Americanization and others kindred to these, will be discussed fearlessly and eloquently at the General Federation of Women's Clubs' eighteenth Biennial Convention in Atlantic City, May 24 to June 5.

Speakers on these subjects will consist of Cabinet Members, Bishops, Governors, an Assistant United States Attorney General, Federal Bureau chiefs, a University President, the President of the American Federation of Labor, noted writers and welfare workers, the chief of the Social Section of the Secretariat of the League of Nations, the founder of the Boy Scouts, the fifty State Federation presidents (including the District of Columbia and Alaska) and others, and in the twelve days of the convention they will have threshed out what is right and what is wrong with the world.

Dr. William Mather Lewis, President of George Washington University, will take the part of the youth of today, and point out the need for adult leadership, which that worthy group does not have, parents having generally stepped out of the picture, allowing youth to lead itself. They will also hear a ringing address on "Sons of Mothers and Daughters of Men," by Margaret Slattery. So also will they be told how "Time is on the Side of Facts," by Mr. William Greene, President of the American Federation of Labor.

In addition to these fine addresses there will be routine business of club work, reports, elections, pageants, social events and much good music to attract visitors from all parts of the country.

June 1st will be Play Day at the Biennial.

FALL FEDERATION AT KENNEBUNKPORT

Announcement that the fall meeting of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs will be held at Kennebunkport, one of Maine's most beautiful summer resorts, arouses enthusiasm. The meeting will be held probably in the week of Sept. 20. The Olympian Club of which Mrs. Ellen L. Littlefield is president, will be hostess.

MAINE BOOKS SENT HEAD-QUARTERS LIBRARY

The list of books sent by the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs to the General Federation Library at Washington, D. C., is announced by Mrs. Harry H. Burnham of Biddeford, as follows: Longfellow's Poems, Portland Literary Union; Poems of Edwin Arlington Robinson, Damariscotta Women's Club; Renascence, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Methenesic Club, Rockland; Pine Tree Ballads, Holman Day, Dexter Woman's Club; Translation of Dante, Prof. Johnson, Westbrook Woman's Club; Passing Age, Arthur G. Staples, Auburn Art Club; Garden of Memories, Kate Douglas Wiggin, Thursday Club, Biddeford; Letters of John Fairfield, Educational Industrial Union, Saco; The North Pole, Robert E. Peary, Corinna Woman's Club; Memoirs of an Editor, Edward Page Mitchell, Searchlight Club, Sanford; Country of Pointed Firs, Sarah Orne Jewett, Berwick Woman's Club; Forty Years in Congress, James G. Blaine, Current Events Club, Augusta, Maine; Five Great Philosophies of Life, Wm. De Witt Hyde, Century Club, Bingham; Maine Book, Henry C. Dunnack, Henry C. Dunnack; Maine Beautiful, Wallace Nutting, Searchlight Club, Rumford (previously sent); Maine in History and Romance, Maine State Federation; Trail of the Maine Pioneer, Maine State Federation; Life of Lincoln, Noah Brooks, Castine Woman's Club (by mail); History of Castine, Wheeler-Bartlett, Castine Woman's Club; Gift and Art Shop Merchandising by Mrs. Grace Knudson will be given by the author as soon as the book is off the Little, Brown press.

SOME CLUB PROBLEMS, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. How can arrangements be made for the State President to speak to our club, and what are the expenses?

A. By writing to the President of the State Federation and agreeing upon a definite date, she will come to you for her railroad fare and entertainment while in your town. By several clubs in a vicinity agreeing upon consecutive dates, these expenses could be divided among the clubs, thus lessening the expense for each club.

Q. To whom shall I send for subscription to the Federation News, and how many numbers are issued during the year?

A. Send twenty-five cents for one year's subscription to the