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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 Wytopitlock, 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.



# Maine Federation News

Miss ANNA C. WITHERLE, President

Mrs. BERNICE J. YOUNG, Editor

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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



Federation News to Mrs. Ruth Ellingwood, 39 Chestnut Street, Rockland. The News is printed three times a year, February, May and September.

Q. Where can I obtain a Federation Year Book?

A. Write to Mrs. Bernice J. Young, 44 Boutelle Road, Bangor, enclosing twenty-five cents, the cost of a single copy of the Year Book.

Q. How can my Club become a Direct Member of the General Federation?

A. Send to Mrs. Florence Waugh Danforth, General Federation Director, Skowhegan, an application for Direct Membership in the General Federation together with a copy of your Constitution, list of officers and dues of ten cents per capita.

Q. Our Club has had several fine musical programs this year, and we would like other clubs to benefit by our experience. How can this be done?

A. Send a report of your meetings to Miss Anna L. Dingley of the Lewiston Journal who is Press Chairman of the Maine Federation. Also report to Mrs. Horace Hughes, Court Street, Houlton, Chairman of the Division of Music in the Federation.

Q. Why were not the reports of the Committees published in the recent issue of the Federation Year Book?

A. Because of a vote taken at the annual meeting in Bangor to the effect that on alternate years a shortened Year Book should be published.

#### ILLITERACY DEPARTMENT APPEALS TO CLUBS

At the time of the 1920 census there were over 20,000 people over 10 years of age in our State who could not write in any language. The Department of Education, through its night schools, has been reducing this number at the rate of 1,500 each year for the last six years. But the night schools are in the cities while a large number of illiterates are in the rural districts.

Volunteer teachers are needed in such communities, and who are better fitted to do the work than club women? A "National Literary Crusade" has just been organized in Washington, D. C., with the purpose of wiping out illiteracy in every part of the country before the census of 1930 is taken.

Will your club make a study of illiteracy facts in your own community? Illiteracy is a prolific cause of poverty, disease and crime, and a disgrace to the educated people who allow such conditions to exist.

Write for statistics and programs to your chairman, Elizabeth M. Crooker.

#### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE PRESENTS BOTH SIDES TO MAHER AMENDMENT

There seems to be a great deal of confusion of thought about the Maher Amendment, and still it is a question upon which we women must be prepared to act intelligently in September. Therefore we have asked Governor Brewster and Major Thayer to briefly present the two sides of the question, and it is hoped our readers will give these two opinions careful thought. Dr. A. O. Thomas prepared the statement for the bill and his article was found to be longer than our space would admit. Dr. Thomas was out of town when we tried to call his office for instructions but from the Governor's office came the message to shorten it as we deemed best, Governor Brewster knowing that it much exceeded the length we had requested. Therefore we have regretfully omitted some parts of it.

(Signed)

ROSELLE W. HUDDILSTON,  
Chairman.

#### AGAINST MAHER AMENDMENT

By Major Thayer

The Maher amendment, so-called, if adopted, will prevent the use of public funds for all private, charitable, philanthropic, and educational purposes after January 1, 1931, except aid which may be given the University of Maine and limited hospital assistance which may be arranged for by towns or the State for persons wholly or partially unable to care for themselves.

When the constitution of the State of Maine was adopted, Section VIII provided, among other things, that "it shall further be their duty to encourage and suitably endow, from time to time, as the circumstances of the people may authorize, all academies, colleges, and seminaries of learning within the state;" . . .

Under and by virtue of this constitutional provision four colleges and fifty-eight so-called private schools and academies are now well established in the state, most of which have, from time to time, received substantial assistance from the State.

As Justice Spear so fittingly expresses it, these schools and academies are "the bridges over which have crossed the bright boys of the countryside from the common school to the college."

If the Maher amendment is adopted the fifty-eight schools which have grown up under and because of the constitutional provision above quoted, will become absolutely blacklisted. The State can no longer aid them by general laws or special appropriation, and towns can no longer send students to them for high school training. The hospitals now receiving state

assistance may be seriously affected. The orphan asylums, the Good Samaritan and the Anti-Tuberculosis Homes at Bangor, all the Children's Homes and Homes for aged and other private, charitable, and philanthropic organizations, will be forever barred from any further aid either from the town or the State.

There is grave doubt if the adoption of the Maher amendment will not prevent all fair associations in the State from receiving further financial encouragement from the State.

Two years ago Mr. Brewster, now governor, traveled the length and breadth of the State telling the voters about an amendment which he then advocated which was supposed to prevent the use of public funds for sectarian schools. Today Mr. Brewster is deliberately attempting to make the people of Maine think that what he told them two years ago about the amendment he then advocated is true of the proposed Maher amendment. It is not. The amendment he talked about two years ago would have affected but two institutions in Maine, the St. Joseph's Academy at Van Buren and the St. Mary's College at Portland, both Catholic. The Maher amendment will affect more than a hundred and fifty institutions in Maine, including the two Catholic schools just mentioned.

Of all the institutions affected, directly or indirectly, in but two is sectarianism of any kind taught. It is because the people have a right to believe that information received from the Governor of the State can be relied upon, that there exists a grave danger that the Maher amendment will be adopted. Having been told about an amendment which was intended only to prevent the diversion of public funds for sectarian schools and having been told that the only schools teaching sectarianism were Catholic, large numbers of people are willing to vote favorably upon such an amendment. Unless these people can be informed that they are to vote upon an entirely different proposition, many will go to the polls in September and vote for the Maher bill, who would vote against it if they fully understood it.

The question to be placed upon the ballot in September upon which the voters are to express their preference is, "Shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a resolution of the legislature prohibiting the use of public funds for other than public institutions and public purposes?"

Do not vote for that resolve unless you want to cripple or kill outright one hundred and fifty so-called private, educational, charitable, philanthropic, and literary institutions, now serving thousands of the boys and girls in the rural communities of our State who are seeking an education;



which are giving aid to thousands of the sick and unfortunate, the deaf, the dumb, the blind, and the aged; and among which are over fifty fair associations, the chief aim of which is to encourage agriculture.

### IN FAVOR OF MAHER BILL

By Dr. Thomas

The Maher Bill seeks through an amendment to prohibit the use of public funds for private institutions as an economic question and to protect the people against sectarian instruction in schools supported by a tax upon all of the people and to which all may send their children. Only two types of institutions are covered by the intent of this measure—hospitals and schools.

As for the private hospitals, there appears in the bill no intent and no change produced. In our state, hospital service is carried on by private institutions supported by philanthropic funds. It is our custom through the legislature to appropriate sums of money to be used in payment of services rendered. The Maher Bill merely continues this policy and anyone who is familiar with the present method and who reads the bill carefully will realize this.

The academies are the main institutions to be affected by the Maher Bill. It would mean some shifting in the academy program in many instances. While the academies are valuable assets to our educational regime, they do not occupy the same position of prominence they once did. There was a time when they were the backbone of our secondary education but time has brought many changes. There are at present around six thousand students attending these institutions. During the last fifteen or twenty years, while not multiplying greatly in number, our high schools have been greatly strengthened and have increased their attendance many fold. At present, about twenty-five thousand students are attending them.

Many people have the impression that the passage of the amendment would "put the academies out of business." Their fears are not well founded. The academies, as a whole, need strengthening. Some are very strong institutions but some are weak and struggling. The state and the localities find it necessary to appropriate large sums of money for these academies. They would be better as free public high schools. This class of academies does not have large invested funds. Their buildings are inadequate. Even with the help they are getting from the state, they are unable to provide a standard form of secondary education. They can be greatly improved. Those which are well equipped and strong, would probably not suffer.

From careful consideration of all the factors which enter into the proposed amendment, it would seem that a school on a contract basis with the town would be a public institution and, therefore, not affected. The contract carries a lease. A lease implies ownership for the term of the contract.

There may be some who doubt the opinion that such academies would come under the category of public institutions. Let them study the definitions of public institutions, court decisions and "Words and Phrases Judicially Defined." The Century Dictionary says that public institutions are "establishments of educational, charitable, reformatory or sanitary character maintained and controlled for use and benefit of the public and usually at public expense." In "Words and Phrases Judicially Defined," we find: "Public institutions are those which are created or exist by law or public authority, while private institutions are those which are created or established by private individuals for their own private purposes."

Our academies are serving the public. They have not enriched individuals. They would not exist other than for public service. Our academies are so much an integral part of our free educational system that they could well establish this co-operative relationship with the towns they serve. The towns or the state would have no desire to confiscate the private property of these institutions. If they were turned over to the towns by an organization which would still exist, there is no reason why reasonable compensation might not be made.

The rural sections need better educational facilities than the academies which serve them can provide and some provision should be made for them. There is a sort of injustice done some of the towns of the state when some towns receive considerable appropriations by the legislature as well as regular academy aid while free high schools have never received consideration by the legislature.

At present, there is no law, either constitutional or statutory, which prohibits sectarian instruction in schools maintained by public funds. Religious education of a denominational type cannot safely be given in institutions supported by all the people through a public tax. We must concede to every individual the right to bring up his children in his own faith. It would not seem out of place to put this American feature into our fundamental law. This is the one thing which the proposed amendment will do.

Instead of looking upon the amendment as a menace or as dangerous to the preparatory schools, it may be looked upon as a means of strengthening and increasing their efficiency and, at the

same time, safeguarding to the future the principles of the separation of Church and State so deeply written into the personality of America.

### BEATITUDES OF THE CONSERVATION DIVISION

Dedicated to the General Federation of Women's Clubs by  
Mrs. Jack H. Pryor,  
Florida

1. Blessed are they who plant the long-lived tree and shrub, for generations shall rise up and call them blessed.

2. Blessed are they who are owners of flower gardens, for in the heart of a flower may be seen its Creator.

3. Blessed are they who appreciate nature's gifts, for they shall be known as lovers of beauty.

4. Blessed are they who clean up the highways, byways and home grounds, for cleanliness is next to godliness.

5. Blessed are they who brighten and freshen their buildings and fences with paint, for improvement and the praise of many people shall be their reward.

6. Blessed are they who war on signs and banish the billboards along the rural highway, for they shall be called protectors of roadside beauty and landscape scenery.

7. Blessed are they who stand against friend and relative in the protection of nature's gifts to our Nation, for they shall be recognized as true patriots of America.

8. Blessed are the towns with planning boards, for great beauty, prosperity and peace shall descend upon them.

9. Great shall be the reward of those who protect our forests from fire, for the bird shall continue to serve him and the fish and wild animal to furnish him food.

10. Whosoever conserveth our National Resources serveth himself, and the generations following.

### APPEAL TO MAINE CLUBS FOR JEFFERSON CENTENNIAL

All patriots are invited to join the national, non-partisan, all-American movement to fittingly observe the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the 100th anniversary of the death of Thomas Jefferson and to free from debt and endow Monticello, Jefferson's home, as a national memorial to the author of the Declaration and as a perpetual shrine of patriotism for the children of America. It is hoped that Maine club women will respond to this call to celebrate July 4, 1926, and will send contributions, no matter how small, to the Jefferson Memorial Foundation, 115 Broadway, New York City.



### BETTER HOMES PROGRAM OF BANGOR FEDERATION

The Bangor Federation of Women's Clubs, under the leadership of its President, carried out a successful Better Homes week, at the suggestion Mrs. Joseph Thompson, nationally appointed Chairman of Better Homes Association for Bangor. On Sunday morning, April 25th, in the Second Congregational Church, the pastor, Dr. Arthur Little, preached on the subject of "Better Homes." In the evening at the invitation of Dr. Ashley Smith, pastor of the First Universalist Church, Mrs. W. J. Currier gave a ten-minute talk on "What is the Meaning of Better Homes Week?" from the broadcasting station at that church. A public meeting was held one afternoon at which Prof. Esther McGinnis of the Home Economics Department of the U. of M., spoke on "Labor-saving Devices in the Home," and Mrs. H. R. Houston of Brewer spoke on "Keepers at Home." On another afternoon the Household Arts Department of the High School held an exhibition and demonstration of the work of this department, stressing particularly art in the home, household management, cooking and sewing.

Many organizations co-operated by bringing to the attention of their members the fact that Better Homes Week was being observed and its meaning. The moving picture houses showed slides all the week which were prepared by the National Committee for Better Homes Week. A paper written by Miss Anna C. Witherle, President of the Maine Federation, on "What the General Federation is doing for Better Homes," and another, written by C. Parker Crowell, an architect, on "Building the Small House," were published in the daily papers. Miss Grace P. T. Knudson also contributed a paper for publication, her subject being "Art in the Better Home." Prizes were offered to the boys and girls of the 7th and 8th grades for the best essay on "What is the Best Kind of a Home?" The Bangor papers gave the committee wonderful publicity so that the message reached many people in this section of the state.

### MAINE TO SEND LARGE DELEGATION TO BIENNIAL

Miss Anna C. Witherle of Castine, president of the Maine Federation, announces the following list of delegates to the Biennial of the General Federation of Women's Clubs to be held at Atlantic City, May 24 to June 5:

Mrs. J. T. Skofield, Portland, 1st Vice-President of M. F. W. C.; Mrs. Harry Burnham, Biddeford, Chairman New England Conference; Mrs. Grace Thompson, Bangor, Chairman International Relations; Miss Grace Allyn, Portland,

Art Chairman of Federation; Mrs. Moses Burpee, Houlton, an ex-president of the Maine Federation; Mrs. J. C. Strout, Portland; Mrs. Annie Cole, Biddeford; Mrs. Arthur G. Spear, Portland, President Woman's Literary Union; Mrs. George Parsons, Kennebunk.

Miss Witherle and Mrs. Florence Waugh Danforth, Maine's General Federation Director, are delegates ex-officio and there will be a large number of Maine delegates from the clubs that hold direct membership in the General Federation. These will include: Mrs. John H. Huddilston of Orono Woman's Club, Mrs. A. A. Kendall of the Conklin Class, of Portland, Mrs. Asa Kimball of the Bangor Woman's Club, Mrs. William E. Kingston of the Nineteenth Century Club of Bangor, and Mrs. Daggett of the Norumbega Club of Bangor. Skowhegan Woman's Club and Skowhegan Sorosis and the Current Events Club of Augusta will also send delegates. Mrs. Myrtle L. T. White of Presque Isle will represent the Pierian Club of that town. The East Winthrop Club also will send a delegate. Maine will probably have its largest representation ever at a Biennial.

### FORTY CLUBS STUDYING AMERICANIZATION

The Americanization Committee of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs has made arrangements for a Citizenship Day to be held in May at the Fraternity House in Portland. Edmund H. McDonald, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, will be the speaker and the subject will be "Good Citizenship."

The Katahdin Club of Island Falls will hold a Citizenship Day, April 20, and a general invitation to all interested has been given. The speaker will be from the faculty of the Presque Isle Normal School.

This committee is asking all the clubs in the Federation to co-operate and plan for a Citizenship Day during the next club year with special invitation to all new voters of their community.

The subject of Americanization is also being urged for an afternoon on every club program as this important subject relating to the foreign born now residing in our country is one of the most interesting.

Over forty clubs have already replied to the personal letters sent out by the committee, and are planning to make Americanization a part of their program.

Any information about these subjects can be obtained through Mrs. A. T. Stewart, 208 Deering Avenue, Portland, or from any member of her committee.

### DIRECT MEMBERSHIP IN GENERAL FEDERATION

It is a great satisfaction both to Mrs. Danforth, General Federation Director, and to the Executive Board that the following clubs have recently become direct members of the General Federation. It is expected that every one of these seven clubs will be represented by a delegate at the coming Biennial.

Orono Woman's Club  
Bangor Woman's Club  
Portland Conklin Class  
Bangor Norumbega Club  
Bangor Nineteenth Century Club  
Skowhegan Woman's Club  
Skowhegan Sorosis

The clubs below listed have held direct membership for several years. It is hoped that in the coming year many other Maine clubs will decide to take a direct share in the duties and privileges of the national organization.

Augusta Current Events  
Augusta Study  
Bar Harbor Woman's Literary  
Bar Harbor Woman's Study  
Castine Woman's  
Eastport Woman's  
East Winthrop Thursday  
Hallowell Current Events  
Northeast Harbor Woman's Literary  
Presque Isle Pierian  
Rockland Methebesec  
Rumford Searchlight  
Wilton Tyngtown

### A FEW REMINDERS TO MAINE CLUB WOMEN

1. Circular letters received by club presidents from State Chairmen are the property of the clubs, and should therefore be read to the clubs. State Chairmen spend much time and thought on their projects and deserve for them in return fair consideration.

2. Many clubs have already held annual meetings. Have you held yours? If so, have you sent your list of officers with addresses to Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Bernice J. Young, 44 Boutelle Road, Bangor?

3. Miss Anna L. Dingley of the Lewiston Journal and Press Chairman of the Maine Federation, asked at the mid-winter meeting that every club report its activities to her each month. Have you done so?

4. Each club is reminded to report its activities along the line of departmental work to the State Chairman. Our Departments want to serve you, but don't forget that you have your part to do.

5. All Resolutions which are to be introduced at the annual meeting should be sent to Mrs. Charles W. Eaton, Chairman Endorsements and Resolutions, Auburn, not later than August 25.

6. Club women, write to your State Chairman, Mrs. Carl E. Kelley, Northeast Harbor, telling her which bird your club has chosen for a State Bird. Are you satis-



fied with the cheerful Chickadee? Let us decide upon this before the club year closes.

7. Now that the season of motoring and picnics is nearly here, let us be reminded of our "Out-Door Good Manners."

If you enjoy the hospitality of a wood or meadow, leave it clean and safe from fire. Abuse of outdoor hospitality is just as really a breach of good manners as abuse of kindness in a home.

8. Don't forget to appoint your delegate for the annual meeting of the Federation in September. See By-Laws Article VI, Section 3, on Page 82 of the State Year Book.

9. Remember that all Maine delegates and visitors to the General Federation Biennial at Atlantic City will be expected to go to the New England dinner prepared to sing the praises of Maine with voices loud and strong.

#### NEW CLUBS JOIN MAINE FEDERATION

Since October, 1925, the following clubs have been admitted to the Federation:

Gorham—Woman's Club  
West Eden—Community Welfare Club  
Mt. Desert—Woman's Literary  
Lincoln—Harmony Club  
Andover—Friday Club  
Norway—Woman's Club

#### SOME REMINDERS

Is your club competing for the \$5.00 which will be credited on the Scholarship Fund to the club bringing the largest number of clubs into the Federation this year?

Don't forget to send your menu for one day's meal to the Home Economics Chairman.

The attention of Maine club women is called to the articles by Mrs. John D. Sherman on the results of the Home Equipment Survey appearing from time to time in the Woman's Home Companion.

#### HOW ART DEPARTMENT HAS DIVIDED ITS WORK

The Art Committee has divided the work of art direction among its members: Mrs. Yeaton of Saco will take charge of the subject "Art in the Garden;" Mrs. Richmond of Bangor, "Fine Arts;" Miss Harriet Thompson of Portland, "Design;" and Grace Allyn, the Chairman, will handle all the "leftovers" as well as the special subject, "Craft Work."

The committee would like to know as soon as possible what clubs desire lectures on Art from General Federation (with tentative dates), so that they may plan some system of transportation to save express charges. Lectures

from the American Federation of Art may be obtained by applying directly to their headquarters in Washington. Write your chairman for more information about this. She hopes to bring back to you from Atlantic City Convention in May some of the inspiration she is sure to receive there.

#### A CLUB THAT BUILT A CHURCH SOROSIS OF SULLIVAN

It was through the efforts of the Sorosis Club of Sullivan that the "Church of Our Father" was built. The church is owned by the club which pays for repairs, insurance, fuel and janitor. This year the club has put electricity into the church and into a hall in which they hold their suppers. Generous contributions towards the upkeep of the Church have been made by various summer guests.

The club is small in numbers but is helped by almost the entire town. The "Good Times" of the club consist principally in working hard to give a social good time to the community.

Our membership grows in this way—the work passes on to younger members as the older ones become unable to carry it on. In that way we keep a club organization. It would be hard to enumerate the many things that a club of women accomplish even in a small town. We try to have a helpful spirit in all good work.

#### COSMOPOLITAN CLUB OF DOVER-FOXCROFT

The Cosmopolitan Club of Dover-Foxcroft reports a varied program. Several travel talks have been given—one by Mrs. Huddilston on a "Winter in Southern France," one by Mrs. Mary Gilman on her recent travels through England, Scotland, Belgium and Holland, and a third by Mrs. Parsons, who told of her trip across the continent.

Rev. Cornelius Clark has given a lecture on art, and Dr. Wilkinson of Waterville a talk on current phases of European affairs. At one of the meetings the teachers of the academy and the public schools were entertained by a talk on "Types of Humor" by Dean Stevens of the University of Maine.

Two entertainments have been given—one an amusing farce entitled "Sardines," and the "Cosmopolitan Annual."

Recently the Cosmopolitan Club co-operated with the Athena and Carpe Diem Clubs in giving a large card party, the proceeds of which are to be given to the schools.

#### FAIRFIELD PAST AND PRESENT CLUB ACTIVITIES

The Past and Present Club of Fairfield is a small club of fifteen members, but one of the most active of the many in town. It has always maintained a high standard of organization and purpose. This year one-half of the program is devoted to the study of Maine, the other half to miscellaneous subjects. The club spirit never wavers and to every member the club brings great literary and social returns. Besides encouraging literary work, the club also has its social life which makes a pleasant change.

We are looking forward this year to Past-President Roselle W. Huddilston's visit, when she will address all the federated clubs in town, taking for her subject "A Winter by the Mediterranean."

The club has contributed to the State Board of Charities, Good Samaritan Home of Bangor, bought a Health Bond and sent Christmas gifts to the children at Central Maine Sanitarium. We expect to do something toward equipment of the new high school building.

#### ROCKLAND METHEBESSEC HAS A WAITING LIST

The Methebesec Club of Rockland is a literary club, having a membership of forty-six with a waiting list.

The subjects of study this year are North America and Current Topics. Some of the countries included are Canada, Alaska, the Arctic Region, Mexico, the Philippine Islands, the Hawaiian Islands and Cuba. As a country is taken up a Map Talk is given and the growth and development of that country considered.

Thus far there have been three speakers. A lady who has spent much time in Cuba, gave a Travel Talk on that subject. A physician, who is related to MacMillan, spoke on "MacMillan's Expeditions," and a minister, who attended school in Canada, delivered a lecture on that country, with readings from Henry Drummond's poems. A High School teacher is to speak on "Early Maine History" and other speakers are expected before the year closes.

Some of the contributions made by the club during last year were to the Near East, Community Chest, Scholarship Fund, Opportunity Farm. The club purchased a Health Bond, a cabinet for the new High School Rest-Room and books for the High School and Public Library. The ways of obtaining money, aside from dues, were by selling scarfs made by disabled veterans and by securing 51 subscriptions to the magazine, "Better Homes and Gardens."



### SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF HOULTON WOMAN'S CLUB

The Houlton Woman's Club has had a very successful year. At the annual meeting, April 12, the reports showed a business of \$2,054 for the year. Not only has the club continued to maintain the District Nurse for the town but has been responsible for a course of three entertainments. Gifts for the year include: \$25 to the High School War Memorial Tablet; \$25 to improve the stage platform; \$25 for the School Milk Fund; \$10 Little Wanderers' Home; \$11 Near East Relief, and \$35 to the Philanthropic Committee, while \$50 was added to the Club Building Fund.

The program has been varied and interesting, including a talk on New Zealand and Australia by a representative of a wholesale house in New Zealand. The Arts and Crafts Committee brought an interior decorator from Portland. A talk on New Brunswick, its education and history was given by Fred C. Squires of Woodstock, N. B. Charles Dunn, Principal of the Boys' School in Portland, spoke on "Whether our young people are progressing or retrogressing, morally and intellectually."

On the social side, the club has conducted a series of properly chaperoned assemblies, thereby furnishing a healthful and normal atmosphere in which the young people may dance.

### WATERVILLE WOMAN'S CLUB WORKS FOR CLUB HOUSE

One new departure this year for the Waterville Woman's Club is a budget committee. This committee has for one of its duties the making of plans for raising money towards the fund for a club house. Last year a small sum of money was set aside as a club-house fund. This club has three hundred and fifty members and has a waiting list. There is no hall with a stage in Waterville large enough to accommodate our meetings. Our departments have grown so large that very few homes can take care of our department meetings. We want a building that will be an addition to our community.

In February a play, "Merely Mary Ann," was staged under the direction of Miss Exerine Flood of Waterville. The parts were finely taken by local talent. The Opera House was filled to its capacity and the audience enjoyed every minute of the play. The sum of \$555 was netted for the building fund. Each department is raising money for the fund this year.

We are very fortunate this year in having Prof. W. J. Wilkinson, Professor of History at Colby College, to address us at five of our meetings on the subjects of

International and National affairs. That our club women are appreciating these talks has been shown by the large attendance.

### AUGUSTA CURRENT EVENTS "BEST WORK OF YEAR"

During the year the Augusta Current Events Club had two members serving on the Augusta Americanization Committee, an active organization in the city. This committee conducts each year a Carnival of Nations, in which a program is presented by representatives of the different nationalities in our city.

Perhaps the most important work done during the past year was in connection with the organization of the new South Kennebec Union. Augusta Current Events Club invited the other clubs of Augusta, Gardiner, Hallowell and Winthrop to join in forming such a union, and was the hostess club at the first meeting of the Union in May. A fall meeting was held in Winthrop, and the new organization bids fair to be a most worthy member of the Federation.

We have had two representatives on the Augusta Women's Council, a board made up of appointed delegates from the various organizations in the city, to deal with problems of community welfare as they may arise.

We gave last year \$3.00 to Headquarters Fund (our second contribution), \$5.00 to the Christmas fund for the wards of the State Charities and Corrections, \$5.00 to Opportunity Farm, and \$5.00 to the Educational Fund of the Federation. We gave \$60 for the support of a Greek orphan, the money for the purpose being raised by a series of card parties, with some other contributions by members.

The two volumes of "Twenty Years in Congress," by James G. Blaine, has been given by Augusta Current Events Club to the library of General Federation Headquarters at Washington.

At our last meeting we voted to give \$3.50 to the Educational Fund. Our membership is somewhat larger at present than last year.

### BUCKSPORT OCTOBER CLUB HAS BROAD INTERESTS

The October Club of Bucksport at the present time has 125 active and 14 honorary members.

The club is especially interested in education and civics and has broadened the work of the organization so that its activities reach out into many groups.

The past two or three years the club has given money to the following: \$100 to Eastern Maine Conference Seminary; \$10 to Bucksport Athletic Association;

\$10 for magazines for the Fire Engine Company; \$25 to the State Federation Endowment Fund; \$10 to the Good Samaritan Home of Bangor; \$5 to Salvation Army; \$6 to Boy Scouts; \$60 to Public Schools; \$35 for Health Bonds; \$320 toward permanent sidewalks in town; \$30 for Public Library; \$4 to Near East Relief; \$5 to Children's Sewing Class and \$25 for use of this summer's Civics Committee. The last two years the club sold over \$500 worth of Health Seals and Bonds.

The club has put on two musical comedies and has a third booked for the early fall. A moving picture, a health picture and a series of Pyramid Teas this spring have been very successful. A Reciprocity Day was observed with invitations to the Federated Clubs of Hancock County. A Patriotic Day was celebrated, the program being furnished by the school children.

The Philanthropic Committee has placed a large amount of clothing in homes where it was much needed. The Educational Committee has collected over 700 magazines and placed them mostly in the rural districts. Fifty-eight books were sent to the State Prison Library at Thomaston, and a library has been started in some of the rural schools with second-hand juvenile books. The Civics Committee has many things planned for this season's work. Our program has been brilliant—splendid speakers coming to us from time to time. The social side has been most pleasant—spring and fall teas and a Valentine cabaret being the outstanding events of the club year.

### MESSALONSKEE GIRLS' CLUB OF WATERVILLE

The girls of the Messalonskee Club of Waterville are pulling together finely. Not long ago we held an initiation which was heartily enjoyed by both the new and old members. It was carried on by the light of candles. The first part was solemn and impressive. Then the new members were made to pass through a dark and spooky ceremony during which each got a few real thrills and a laugh at the end.

We make it a point to send flowers to those of our members who are ill or in sorrow. We want to be of service to the community so for a while at each meeting we do White Cross hospital work, which is folding and rolling bandages and making picture books for children. The members enjoy this, especially as one of the girls reads aloud while the rest of us work.

Our programs are mainly devoted to art and music, but we sometimes vary them with a play or by having an outside speaker. The club is growing both in membership and in interest.



### NEEBURBAN OF OLD TOWN STARTS FORESTRY PROJECT

The Neeburban Club program for 1925-6 has included, among other interesting features, a lecture on Chinese affairs, by Prof. C. G. Cumming of the Bangor Theological Seminary; a talk on Municipal Forests, by consulting Forester J. W. Sewall; and Travelogues by Mrs. Roselle Huddleston and the Rev. T. B. Fisher.

Extra program events were a Costume Recital by Alton Forster, U. of M., and a lecture, "Shall It Be Drudgery or Joy," by Mrs. C. C. Palmer of Brookline, Mass., arranged jointly by the Neighborhood and Neeburban Clubs.

Since each member earned a certain sum of money during the summer season, the club has not been obliged to indulge this winter in fairs, food or rummage sales to provide the funds needful to carry on its various activities. It has already contributed to the magazine table of the Children's Room in the Public Library, to the Travellers' Aid, Good Samaritan Home, Opportunity Farm, and the Girls' Scholarship Fund at the University of Maine.

The balance in the treasury will be devoted in the spring to the new work that the club has taken up, the reforestation of a considerable plot of waste land, which will eventually develop into a Town Forest. This is a tract of 27 acres near the heart of the city, and a part of the Victory Field, a public park established as a memorial for Old Town's soldiers and sailors.

A Town Forest, while it is used as a park, differs therefrom in its policy of handling. It is kept as a permanent tract of wild land, under correct forest management. Its primary purpose is growing timber, and whereas the ordinary park costs the taxpayers money for up-keep, the Town Forest becomes a self-supporting entity.

The Old Town Forest has been put under management and a heavy thinning of inferior species and suppressed trees made, the brush burned, and the product sold as firewood. This operation a little more than paid for itself. This coming spring some planting to pine and spruce will be undertaken, and various large ant hills, which are fatal to tree growth, will be destroyed by poison gas.

It is the Neeburban Club's intention to appropriate a certain amount yearly until the Forest is on a self-sustaining basis.

### CONKLIN CLASS OF PORTLAND ACTIVE IN CIVIC WORK

The Conklin Class of Portland is the oldest and largest club organized for the study of Parliamentary law in the state. It was founded in 1897 and has a membership of one hundred active and twenty-five associate members with a long waiting list. Although the study of parliamentary law is the prime object of this class their activities have gone far beyond this subject and in the years of their existence have accomplished much that is worth while.

Opportunity Farm, Good Will Home and the Boys' Club of Portland have in the past been sponsored and assisted by this group of women. Through their efforts, the reopening of the oldest community center in Portland, the Fraternity House, which had been closed for two years, became possible. Always interested in the betterment of civic conditions, the class is now asking the city of Portland to establish a Comfort Station.

Many of the members who are now leaders in other organizations obtained their training in the Conklin Class and it is with pride we mention that one of our past presidents and a most loyal member, is now the first vice-president of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs.

There are several social affairs each year during the club season, including Field Day in June, Midwinter Luncheon in honor of the charter members—seven of whom are now living and all taking an active interest in the class—and President's Day. This last event in honor of the President marks the ending of the club work for the year as the following meeting is the Annual with election of officers.

Study and some play is the program and the co-operation of the members in either work or play is the outstanding characteristic of the Conklin Class.

### CLUB NEWS NOTES

Under "Club Problems" are found some of the questions which are being asked by different clubs in the Federation. Has your club a problem? Send it in to the Editors and let other clubs benefit by the reply.

Mrs. J. S. Sturtevant of Dixfield, Chairman of Child Welfare, has prepared a "Model Program" for use in individual clubs. In planning your club program for another year, reserve an afternoon or evening for this worth-while study.

### WILTON TYNGTOWN CLUB KEEPS IN STEP WITH THE TIMES

The Tyngtown Club of Wilton was named for Capt. Tyng, who figured conspicuously in the early history of the town which originally bore his name.

Last year marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the club, and the occasion was fittingly celebrated by a banquet followed by a short program of music and two papers—"The Club History" prepared by one of the Charter Members, and "The Tyngtown Club—Twenty-five Years Hence," cleverly written in verse and humorous in its prophecies.

By way of "Service" the club contributes to such charities and other worthy causes as its finances will permit. The club has a Philanthropic Fund of \$50 earned by the members which is spent annually. For two years this Fund helped a student through Normal School; last year it was given toward the purchase of equipment for the new school playground; this year it enabled the club to present to the Public Library, to the Academy and to the Grammar School an unabridged edition of Webster's New International Dictionary. Our share of the Endowment Fund has long since been paid.

The Tyngtown Club has been a member of the Maine Federation for twenty-five years, and has held Direct Membership in the General Federation for twelve years. State and General Federation dues are paid in advance. In December we purchased two ten-dollar Health Bonds.

The club season is always marked by a few outstanding social events, including Hospitality Day when a neighboring club is entertained.

By way of "Study" the program is always miscellaneous, adapting itself to popular questions and current happenings. There are scheduled a number of papers on worth-while subjects, a musical program, health program and an open forum to discuss the warrant which will be presented at the next Town Meeting.

As the meetings of the Club are held in the homes, the membership is limited to forty, and there is always a waiting list. The club boasts of a splendid spirit of co-operation and loyalty.

### THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND ASKS FOR PLEDGES

Thanks to the generosity of our club women, the "Scholarship Fund" has been able this year to aid ten girls to a higher education, three of whom would have been obliged to leave school in the middle of the year, had they not



received assistance from us at the opportune moment.

One of our girls who graduated from the Castine Normal School only four years ago, is now a successful teacher in one of our city schools. She has already paid back every penny that she borrowed and has expressed herself as being so glad to have the privilege, in this way, of helping other girls to help themselves.

Whether we are able to reach our goal of helping twenty-five girls next year or not, depends entirely upon you, club members of our state.

The committee pledges its time and strength to the accomplishment of this purpose.

(Signed)

FLORENCE W. DANFORTH,  
Chairman.

#### ENDOWMENT FUND OPEN TO CONTRIBUTIONS

The Endowment Fund Committee wish to call the attention of the clubs to the fact that the Endowment Fund is still open to contributions. At the Annual Meeting at Castine in 1921 it was voted "that each club pay during the next two years one dollar per capita for the Endowment Fund with the privilege of giving more if they desire." In 1923 it was reported by Mrs. Nutter, then Chairman of the Fund, that 87 clubs had given one dollar per capita, while 27 clubs had made some contribution. The clubs that were not able to give the full amount at that time may now wish to complete their gifts; and new clubs will doubtless desire to have a share in this fund, the interest from which should be of increasing assistance in meeting the expenses of the Federation. Contributions may be sent at any time to Mrs. Maude Clark Gay, Chairman, Waldoboro, Maine.

#### DEXTER WOMAN'S LITERARY CLUB HAS HAD A BUSY YEAR

The Dexter Woman's Literary Club is enjoying a very progressive and encouraging year. The subject of study has been "Contemporary Poets and Miscellany." Thirteen new members have been added this year, making a total membership of 83 active and 9 honorary members.

The club has contributed to the Public Health Nurse Fund, the Christmas work of the State Board of Charities, Opportunity Farm and the Scholarship Fund, \$40 given to the Nurse Fund, being raised by a public whist party at the home of the vice-president.

A copy of Holman Day's poems was contributed to the library of the General Federation at Washington, D. C.

Among the notable days of the club year thus far have been the meeting to which the Corinna Literary Club was invited, the speaker being Miss Frances Arnold of the University of Maine, whose subject was "Spaniards at Home;"

the meeting at which Miss Avis Trafton spoke on "Home Economics;" the public meeting at the First Baptist Church with Miss Faith Hinckley as speaker; the open meeting at the Grange Hall when Prof. L. J. Pollard of the Extension Service of the University of Maine spoke on "Heredity, Environment and the Child." At a meeting worthy of mention the Calendar Committee entertained the other members of the club. Mrs. Carrie Palmer of the local post office force gave an excellent paper on Civil Service, and Mrs. Minerva Sanders read a sketch and several poems of Edna St. Vincent Millay.

#### LINCOLN HARMONY CLUB HOLDS A "DOLLAR NIGHT"

The Harmony Club of Lincoln, our new musical club, is studying the music of the different countries of the world this year, and the programs have been both helpful and entertaining. We are now making arrangements for a concert to be given during Music Week in May.

We have subscribed for one musical and one juvenile magazine for our library, and have bought andirons for its reading-room. At Christmas we purchased a Health Bond.

Other clubs might be interested in our "Dollar Night." In order to help fill our treasury, each member earned one dollar and at the next meeting responded to the roll call with an original poem on how the dollar was earned, which afforded much merriment. We found that many had literary as well as musical talent.

#### FEDERATION NEWS NOTES FROM ALL OVER MAINE

The Sangerville Woman's Club will entertain the Onawa Literary Union the 18th of May. Miss Anna C. Witherle, State President, and Mrs. J. H. Huddilston, Chairman of Legislation, are to be the guests of honor at this meeting.

Norway Lake Mothers' Club, federated in 1925, is doing good work in the community. Boxes have been prepared for the neighborhood sick, charitable organizations have been helped, and at Christmas time bags of candy were given every child in the neighborhood.

The Thursday Club of East Winthrop, Mrs. Fannie Hewett, President, was the first to send in the outline of work done this past year along literary lines, in response to the call from Mrs. Libby, Chairman of Literature and Library Extension, at the February meeting. This response is much appreciated. May more follow.

The Chaucer Club of Livermore Falls has celebrated its twenty-fourth birthday. "Conditions in

China" has proved a satisfactory study for the year.

The Woman's Club of Guilford is enthusiastically pushing a Club House Fund. The club is also furnishing the 'teachers' Room in the new school building.

The Every Monday Club of Farmington has taken for its main study this year the History of English Literature. Variety has been given to the program by occasional meetings devoted to music, the study of American Art, the discussion of new books and a travel talk on Italy by one of the High School teachers. The membership of the club is limited to thirty, with names on the waiting list.

The winning list of 100 books for the ideal library for the American Home, for which prizes of \$200 will be given, will form an exhibit being arranged by the literature division of the General Federation of Women's Clubs Department of Fine Arts for the Atlantic City Biennial May 24-June 24.

#### LECTURERS AVAILABLE FOR MAINE WOMEN'S CLUBS

Colby College

(Reasonable Prices)

(NOTE: Societies, schools, and other organizations desiring to engage the services of any of the members of the Colby Faculty listed below should address them direct, Waterville, Maine.)

Ernest Cummings Marriner, B.A., Librarian of the College and Professor of Bibliography.

William John Wilkinson, Ph.D. Professor of History and Political Science.

Herbert Carlyle Libby, B.A., Litt. D. Professor of Public Speaking and Instructor in Journalism.

Carl Jefferson Weber, M.A. Professor of English.

Lowell Quinton Haynes, M.A. Instructor in Philosophy.

Herbert Lee Newman, B.D. Instructor in Biblical Literature and Director of Religious Activities.

#### University of Maine

Many members of the Faculty of the University of Maine are prepared to give addresses to clubs or other organizations. A few speakers with their subjects are here listed. There will be a charge of ten dollars for each lecture and the club will be expected to meet all expenses including that of travel and entertainment. Further details may be had by addressing L. J. Pollard, University Extension Division, Orono, Maine.

All the State Departments will furnish speakers at request free of charge.

Bates and Bowdoin Professors also can be secured for lecture courses or single lectures at small expense.



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## NOTABLES AT FALL

### MEETING OF FEDERATION

That the fall meeting of the Maine Federation will be delightful goes without the saying. The Olympian Club of Kennebunkport is leaving nothing undone. Automobiles will be at the club women's disposal thruout the convention by courtesy of the local chambers of commerce. The sessions will be held in the South Congregational Church.

The program speaks for itself. Guests of honor at the reception will include Booth Tarkington and Mrs. Tarkington, Abbott Graves, the artist, and Mrs. Graves, Kenneth Roberts, Dr. Gordon of the Old South Church of Boston, and Mrs. Margaret Deland. Abbott Graves' studio at Kennebunkport will be opened to the Federation guests throughout the session. The chief speakers of the meeting will be Mrs. Margaret Deland, who will read from one of her own books on Wednesday evening, and Arthur G. Staples, editor of the Lewiston Journal, who speaks on Thursday evening.

## MESSAGE FROM

### NATIONAL PRESIDENT

From Mrs. Sherman's address at the Biennial, we quote the following extracts:

"The American Home is an industry for which, in the last analysis, all other industries are operated and from which the nation must draw both the raw material and the finished product of its citizenship." "The home equipment surveys, both urban and rural, have occupied a year of time and have awakened and intensified in the hearts of countless men and women a degree of respect for women's clubs never before made known."

"That the General Federation is constantly extending its influence is shown by the new clubs enlisting. Since the last Biennial 3432 clubs have been admitted to membership and many foreign and territorial clubs in eighteen countries have joined our ranks. And still there are nearly a thousand counties in the United States without a club."

"With all the earnestness that I can command, I urge upon you the one great object of a more

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## CALL

The annual meeting of the Maine Federation will be held in Kennebunkport, September 21 to 24, by invitation of the Olympian Club. The opening session will begin promptly at 2.30 o'clock on the afternoon of September 21. The closing session will be held on the morning of September 24.

Presidents, presidents' appointees and delegates will present Credential Cards, properly signed, to the Credential Committee upon arrival in Kennebunkport.

Clubs that have not reported in the Federation News during the past year will be given first chance to report at the meeting. Club reports will be limited to two minutes.

A meeting for club presidents will be held on the morning of September 23, from 8.15 to 9.15.

A shore drive is planned by the entertaining Club, followed by a tea at Kennebunk with the Webhannet Club as hostess.

There will be reduced rates on the railroads.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Accommodations may be secured by writing the following hotels:

Nonantum, Arundel and Parker House, two in a room, \$6.00 a day per person, meals included.

Mrs. Warren Littlefield and The Sommerlyst can accommodate a few club women at \$4.00 a day.

The Kenmore can provide rooms only at \$2.00 a day. Meals can be obtained nearby.

Further information and accommodations in private houses can be obtained by writing Miss Rita Talbot, Chairman Housing Committee, Kennebunkport.

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## TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE

The New England Conference of the State Federations of Women's Clubs will be held at Whitefield, N. H., on Oct. 6, 7, and 8, with the State Federation of New Hampshire as hostess. Headquarters for the conference will be at the Mountain View House, and reservations are to be made directly with the hotel.

The program will consist of worth-while discussions and addresses on the problems germane to the New England States with especial attention paid to economic factors in our future welfare.

The round table discussion which will be introduced by the six presidents of the New England State Federations will center about the thought—How can we preserve our New England Ideals?

A. L. T. Cummings of Maine is to speak on Thursday morning on Publicity.

The social features open with an informal dinner on the evening of our arrival, which will be enlivened by state songs and toasts, with Grace Morrison Poole of Massachusetts, the newly-elected General Federation Secretary, as toast-mistress.

On Thursday in the late afternoon after the program, New Hampshire is planning for a stroll through the woods with a visit from the Wood-nymphs. On that evening, Mr. Squires will show us some beautiful pictures, which portray the beauties of the State in all four seasons of the year. On Friday afternoon the drive to Mount Prospect will wind up with a tea at a camp in Lancaster, by courtesy of local clubs.

In addition to these features, we are to have as speaker and guest of honor, the first Vice-President of the General Federation, Mrs. Edward Franklin White, who will be the guest of honor at the reception on Thursday evening, and who will give an address on Law Observance on Friday evening.

We are to meet amid the autumnal foliage in a land of scenic splendor. We shall have the inspiration of nature, of fine fellowship, and of high ideals.

Even though this meeting comes so near the time of our State Federation meeting, we

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