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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 Newnan, 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.

Maine Federation News

Miss ANNA C. WITHERLE, President

Mrs. BERNICE J. YOUNG, Editor

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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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TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR FALL MEETING

Of the Maine Federation of
Women's Clubs at Kennebunk-
port, Sept. 21-24

Opening Session, Tuesday, 2.30
P.M.

Invocation Rev. H. R. McCartney
Reading of the Collect
Assembly singing, "Pines of
Maine"
Salute to the Flag
Addresses of Welcome
Response
Greetings from Past Presidents
and Guests
Minutes
Appointment of Committees
First Report of Committee on
Endorsements and Recom-
mendations
Reports of Chairmen of the Divis-
ion of American Citizenship
Club Reports

Tuesday Evening, 8.15

Reception at Hotel Nonantum

Wednesday Morning, 8.45

Reading of Collect
Singing
Minutes
Reports of Officers
President's Address
Business
Department and Club Reports

Wednesday Afternoon, 2.30

Music
Minutes
Reports from Biennial
Notice of New England Conference
Report of Club Extension
Reports from New Clubs
Voting on Amendment to By-Laws
proposed at Bangor
Reports of Unions
Department and Club Reports

Wednesday Evening, 8.15

Music
Reading, "The Encore"
Mrs. Deland
Music

Thursday Morning, 8.45

Meeting of Club Presidents, 8.15
to 9.15
Discussion of Club Problems

General Session 9.30

Singing, "Pines of Maine"
Memorial Service

Music
Necrologist Report
Tribute to Mrs. Abbott
Music
Prayer Dr. Gordon

Recess, 3 Minutes

General Business
Voting on Resolutions
Club Reports

Thursday Afternoon

Shore Drive, 1.30 to 3.30
Tea at Kennebunk, Webhannet
Club Hostess

Thursday Evening, 8.15

Music
Address by Mr. Arthur G. Staples

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO BY-LAWS

The following amend-
ment to the By-Laws pre-
sented at the last annual
meeting by Mrs. Butler of
Farmington will be voted on
at Kennebunkport: "That
Article VI., Section 3, be
amended by inserting after
"Officers and chairmen of
Departments of Work" the
words, "and Past Presidents
of the Federation," so that
the last sentence of Article
VI., Section 3, shall read:
"Officers, Chairmen of De-
partments of Work and Past
Presidents of the Federation
shall be voting members of
this meeting."

Friday Morning, 8.45

Singing
Minutes
Club Reports
Final Report of Committee on
Endorsements and Recom-
mendations
Final Report of Credentials Com-
mittee
Report of Committee on Courte-
sies
Unfinished Business
Adjournment

Many details could not be
decided before the printing of
the News.

SHAKESPEARE CLUB, CHERRYFIELD

The Shakespeare Club of Cher-
ryfield, was organized in January,
1893, with a limited membership
of twelve. Its object, "Mutual
Improvement of its Members."
Since its formation the number of
members has increased to twenty.
The first two years were devoted
to the reading of Shakespeare's
plays, followed by years of inter-
esting and instructive study.

The club receives many calls
for help and responds whenever
the cause is considered worthy.
The club also does much charity
work in town.

Study for the past year has
been "Contemporary American
Literature."
MRS JOSIE R. NASH, Secretary.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE

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shall be amply repaid for the trip
and the conference by new con-
sciousness of New England solid-
arity. Let us plan our autumn
trip for October 6, 7, and 8 to
Whitefield, N. H.

(Signed)

MRS. HARRY H. BURNHAM,
Biddeford.

Chairman New England
Conference.

GENERAL FEDERATION FOR ENFORCEMENT

The sentiment of the various
clubs represented at the General
Federation Convention in Atlantic
City in regard to prohibition and
law enforcement, was very defi-
nitely expressed when Mrs. Ed-
ward F. White of Indianapolis,
Chairman of Law Observance,
asked the delegates to again go on
record for "Loyal and uncompro-
mising support of the Eighteenth
Amendment and the Volstead
Act." In the moving of the pro-
hibition resolution, an unusual
thing happened,—so many dele-
gates rose to second the motion
that Mrs. Sherman asked if a
unanimous second was desired and
was answered "Yes." The call
for the votes of those opposed to
the prohibition resolution was
greeted by a dead silence, and the
resolution was declared unani-
mously carried.

Hon. Gifford Pinchot, Governor
of Pennsylvania, in his address on
"The Law Can Be Enforced,"
said,—"We fought for the 18th
Amendment and got it, and
against gang rule in Pennsylvania.
The fight for decency and clean
politics is a hard fight. The city
gang is always in the minority,
but is so well organized that it
usually wins out. The Wet and
Dry question is the greatest moral
issue of the day. In 1923, Penn-
sylvania was the wettest State in
the Union. Now one-third of the
breweries are closed, and we are
going to keep right on down the
middle of the road and Enforce
the Law."

Mrs. R. H. Volland of Iowa City
expressed the sentiments of the
Convention when she said,—
"Prohibition has been written
into the Constitution and is there
to stay as long as the States are in
the Union."

(Signed)

MRS. JULIA A. MORRELL.

MAINE'S STATE SONG SUNG AT BIENNIAL

A feature of the Biennial was
the daily singing by the different
state delegations of their state
song. Each morning five or six
states sang in competition and at
the closing session the winners
sang for the final award. Our
Maine delegation sang "Pines of
Maine" on the second morning in
competition with New Jersey, Ala-
bama, West Virginia, California
and New Mexico. What was our
amazement to hear, at the final
trial, Maine's name called as the
winner of the group! By that
time so many of our delegation
had left for home that we had to
beg to be excused, and Mrs. Obern-
dorfer, the music chairman (who,
by the way, is a sister of Mrs.
William Chapman), exclaimed,
"What a pity! Maine has a most
beautiful song."

(Signed)

MRS. JOHN H. HUDDILSTON.

IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT BIENNIAL

In many ways the most important work of any convention consists of the resolutions which it passes.

"Loyal and uncompromising support of the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead Act" was pledged with great enthusiasm and without a single dissenting vote.

The General Federation reaffirmed its support of the proposed child labor amendment to Constitution, and of the proposed federal department of education in resolutions passed over the opposition of delegates who objected to these measures mainly as infringements of states' rights. The child labor resolution was passed by a vote of 692 to 249 and the education department resolution was approved with only 42 votes cast against it. Opponents of these two resolutions, the most contentious subjects on the convention program, were given full opportunity to explain their objections.

In connection with the creation of a new division of Law Observance, a resolution was passed that "whereas the General Federation views with concern the increase in crime throughout the country, every club is urged to give serious consideration to the question of law observance, and to include in its program for the coming year a report on the survey, "Know your Courts," which has been prepared by Mrs. White, first vice-president of the General Federation.

Other resolutions urged legislation for the extension of the Shepard-Towner Act and for the extension of Home Demonstration work and urged clubs to work for the beautification of highways, the teaching of citizenship in the public schools, daily reading of selected portions of the Bible in the public schools, and for other lines of work in connection with the general policy of the Federation. In spite of considerable amusement and even ridicule, a resolution was passed urging women and girls "not to imperil their health and that of future generations by reducing methods other than those advocated by reliable physicians" and endorsing "the efforts now being made to formulate a reliable height, weight scale for women."

A ripple of excitement was caused by the demand of a small group of delegates from the Louisville (Kentucky) Woman's Club that the convention rescind the ruling made at the last Council meeting that clubs should consider themselves bound by the majority votes of the Federation. The Louisville delegates were ac-

corded the privileges of the floor and argued vehemently for the independence of dissenting clubs, but their motion to rescind was defeated, by an overwhelming majority. The ruling which was made by Mrs. Sherman at West Baden in 1925, is as follows:

"In my opinion the Biennial Convention and the Biennial Council cannot be considered as separate from the General Federation. Through the delegates at these meetings the Federation has its opportunity to record its stand upon questions. When a resolution has been adopted at such meetings, either unanimously or by a majority, it should be considered the action of the organization. In no other way can the General Federation speak as an organization. State Federations or individual clubs opposed to the action taken should not conduct a campaign in the name of the state or the club in opposition to that of the General Federation. Individual members of the State Federation or individual members of clubs are free to enter campaigns in opposition as individuals, not as clubs."

THE HEALTH COMMITTEE MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS

Mrs. Harvey D. Granville, Chairman of Health in the Maine Federation, held a meeting of her Committee in Augusta, June 17. After a round table discussion of the health situation, including the many splendid activities already being carried on by many of the federated clubs, the Committee voted unanimously to make the following recommendations:

1—We recommend the formation of a health committee in each local club.

2—We recommend that each Federated Club have at least one health program each year. Material for this program may be obtained through the Maine Public Health Association, State Trust Building, Augusta, or the State Department of Health, State House, Augusta.

3—We suggest and strongly urge that during the next Federation year, each club sponsor or be responsible for some specific local health activity which might take the form of a better baby conference, a pre-school clinic or a local health survey.

4—We recommend that each local club lend both its moral support and its active interest to the splendid program of constructive and practical public health work as carried on by the Maine Public Health Association.

5—We recommend and urge that each club lend its active

co-operation to the local or county public health nurse working within the territory of the club.

6—We suggest that each club—if it has not already done so—earnestly consider a club membership in the Maine public Health Association. The membership qualifications of the association has a special class open only to clubs and other organizations—the membership dues for this class being \$10. This membership is known as sustaining membership and quite a number of clubs and other organizations in Maine carry this membership regularly as part of their contribution toward health work in Maine.

7—We particularly call the attention of the Federated Clubs to the need for active support to the state, district and local health authorities.

8—We respectfully call the attention of the local Federated Clubs to the frequent need for corrective measures—orthopedic, dental, eye, etc.—revealed through the activities of the county and local public health nurses, clinics, etc. Very frequently no funds are available to provide for these corrections and we suggest that, whenever possible, the local Federated Club interest itself in the providing of adequate funds for these corrections.

9—We strongly urge the local clubs to continue to take an active part in the annual sale of Christmas Health Seals which has accomplished so much in Maine toward the advancement of public health work and which has been one of the most effective measures in the encouraging reduction in Maine's tuberculosis death rate.

10—The legislature of 1925—see Section 58, Chapter 140 of the 1925 Statutes—enacted a law which legalizes town appropriations for public health nursing service. We strongly recommend to the clubs that at their annual town meeting they sponsor or support articles in their town warrants calling for town appropriations for this service.

11—Since one of the most effective methods for the prevention of preventable sickness is a regular health examination of children and adults by competent medical men—a movement which was first begun on an organized state-wide basis by the Maine Public Health Association and which has since been started in other states, we strongly recommend to each member of the Federated Clubs that for their health's

sake, and for the health of each member of their family, they arrange to have at regular intervals a thorough going-over for the purpose of detecting in very early stages signs of preventable sickness or other physical infirmity.

PITTSFIELD TUESDAY CLUB HAS ITS BANNER YEAR

The Pittsfield Tuesday Club has had a year of exceptional interest in its study, and of unusual pleasure in its social life. The past year being Maine Publicity Year, the meetings opened with a rousing program on "Boosting Maine." Other vital meetings followed.

For the December program, bordering so closely upon the Christmas season, Professor Stevens, of the University of Maine, gave a most delightful talk on the English Bible. As the old year died away and the new was born; the book-shelf of 1925 was reviewed and a retrospect of what the year had done for the United States and for Europe, as well, was studied. At each meeting some member has spoken for ten minutes on Current Events.

Interspersed among the programs of study have been various social affairs. In the fall the clubs of Newport, Corinna, Dexter and Hartland enjoyed with the Tuesday Club the pleasure of listening to a lecture on "Shall it be Drudgery or Joy" by Mrs. Irving O. Palmer of Boston. A similar affair was held in February when John Clair Minot, literary editor of the Boston Herald, spoke on "What's What in the World of Books." On the occasion of the Club's Guest Night Banquet at the Lancey House, Professor Wilkinson of Colby College, gave a most interesting talk on World Events.

This account would not be complete without mention of an unusual afternoon when the home talent of the Club most happily proclaimed itself in a variety of attainments.

And while the year was passing in study and reveling, the Tuesday Club was also adding its contributions to worthy causes,—to the American International College, W. C. T. U. benevolences, State Board of Charities and Corrections, the Scholarship Fund, Opportunity Farm and Health Bonds.

Altogether the club year proved to be not only profitable, but delightful as well.

(Signed)

BETSEY TODD MILLIKEN.

AN S. O. S. CALL

Don't forget to send your Club Year Book to the Publicity Chairman, Alice Frost Lord, of the Lewiston Evening Journal, Lewiston, who will substitute for Miss Dingley during her absence in Europe.

WOMAN'S EDUCATIONAL CLUB OF ROCKLAND

The Woman's Educational Club of Rockland reports a most successful year. Some 179 new names have been proposed during the past year, and there are at present 448 memberships paid in advance, plus many who will "pay when they come."

The programs for the meetings have consisted of studies in civics, citizenship, the Constitution of the United States, current events, word study, pronunciation, correct formation of sentences, errors in grammar, vocal and instrumental music by some of the talented members, interesting papers on various matters of interest, educational lectures by prominent men and women who have very graciously given to the Club of their time and talent. Among those contributing were:

Former Governor Carl E. Milliken on Enforcement of Law, Miss Kathleen Snow on Books in The Public Library of our Home City, Associate Justice L. B. Deasy whose subject was Then and Now, Rev. Robert E. Laite on The Stirring Drama of Modern Society, with solos by Lieut. E. Whitefield Laite, Mayor Ernest L. McLean of Augusta, on Parties and Partisanship, Hon. Frederick S. Dyer, U. S. District Attorney, on Prohibitory Laws, Associate Justice Norman L. Bassett of the Supreme Court, on The Constitution, Mrs. Rebecca S. Marsh of the Maine Publicity Bureau, Major Arthur L. Thayer of Bangor, and Mrs. Sara H. Bates, State Vice-President of the W. C. T. U.

At the closing meeting of the year, a banquet was served, the guest of honor being Governor Brewster who spoke on the Maher Amendment, first paying a high tribute to the Club and its ideals, saying that all definite action should be preceded by careful thought and study, and that from such a body of women, only good was sure to emanate.

The subject unanimously chosen for study in the coming year was "United States History."

(Signed)

MRS. WINNIE HORTON,
Secretary

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Mrs. William E. Brewster of Dexter, has been appointed Necrologist of the Maine Federation, succeeding the late Mrs. Frederick R. Abbott of Saco. All clubs are urged to send the names of members who have died during the past club year to Mrs. Brewster by September 1.

IN MEMORIAM

SARAH RIDEOUT ABBOTT

In the death of Sarah Rideout Abbott, wife of Frederick P. Abbott of Saco, on May 8th, the Maine Federation loses one of its most active and helpful members. Mrs. Abbott was President of the Maine Federation in 1915-16.

Mrs. Abbott had rare personal charm. She was strikingly handsome and her kindness was reflected in her beautiful face. She was an idealist and an enthusiast, giving of her best to any cause in which she enlisted.

During her presidency of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs, was published the first club book, "Maine in History and Romance," an undertaking that required both vision and courage, and its success speaks for itself.

Mrs. Abbott knew the woods and flowers and birds with an intimacy rarely equalled. A woman of unusual gifts, an eloquent and interesting speaker, Mrs. Abbott was much in demand.

The last years of her life were chiefly devoted to the Maine Parent-Teachers Association of which she was the first president, holding this office until her health began to fail.

She had travelled from one end of the State to the other, in the interests of the State organizations with which she was affiliated.

MAY MEETING OF THE LINCOLN COUNTY UNION

The Lincoln County Union held its first annual meeting in May with the Waldoboro Woman's Club, with more than 125 present.

The meeting was a big get-together in numbers and spirit. The Waldoboro Club, 31 years old, the oldest club in the county, had the honor of having present one of its charter members, Miss Eugenia Waltz, who spoke briefly, urging that the club women present follow the ideals of George Washington. Damariscotta Club's only honorary member, Mrs. Emily Hilton, 81 years young, spoke on many points of interest, but her chief thought centered about the home. She urged the women present to build homes of happiness today, not to wait until some future date to begin to live happily.

The address of the day was given by Mrs. Ruth Ellingwood of Rockland, secretary of the State Federation. Speaking on Club Ideals, Mrs. Ellingwood stressed the Better Homes movement.

The Wiscasset Woman's Club, the baby of the Union, with 125 members, was represented by a large delegation.

Each Club contributed some number to the program. The

Maine Federation News

Miss ANNA C. WITHERLE, President

Mrs. BERNICE J. YOUNG, Editor

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the beginning of the calendar year it is well to look back for a little as well as to plan for the future. Naturally our thoughts turn to the annual meeting which serves not only to sum up the achievements of the past but to open the way to new club duties. We look back with pleasure to the beauties of Kennebunkport, the wonderful hospitality of the Olympian Club and the helpfulness of towns-people and summer residents. Surely the inspiration gained from the friendly contacts and from the business and the pleasure of the three days' Convention must have helped to raise the level of club work throughout our State.

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Of the Maine Federation of
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port, Sept. 21-24

Opening Session, Tuesday, 2.30
P.M.

Invocation Rev. H. R. McCartney
Reading of the Collect
Assembly singing, "Pines of
Maine"
Salute to the Flag
Addresses of Welcome
Response
Greetings from Past Presidents
and Guests
Minutes
Appointment of Committees
First Report of Committee on
Endorsements and Recom-
mendations
Reports of Chairmen of the Divis-
ion of American Citizenship
Club Reports

Tuesday Evening, 8.15

Reception at Hotel Nonantum

Wednesday Morning, 8.45

Reading of Collect
Singing
Minutes
Reports of Officers
President's Address
Business
Department and Club Reports

Wednesday Afternoon, 2.30

Music
Minutes
Reports from Biennial
Notice of New England Conference
Report of Club Extension
Reports from New Clubs
Voting on Amendment to By-Laws
proposed at Bangor
Reports of Unions
Department and Club Reports

Wednesday Evening, 8.15

Music
Reading, "The Encore"
Mrs. Deland
Music

Thursday Morning, 8.45

Meeting of Club Presidents, 8.15
to 9.15
Discussion of Club Problems

General Session 9.30

Singing, "Pines of Maine"
Memorial Service

Music
Necrologist Report
Tribute to Mrs. Abbott
Music
Prayer Dr. Gordon

Recess, 3 Minutes

General Business
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Shore Drive, 1.30 to 3.30
Tea at Kennebunk, Webhannet
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Music
Address by Mr. Arthur G. Staples

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ment to the By-Laws pre-
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meeting by Mrs. Butler of
Farmington will be voted on
at Kennebunkport: "That
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amended by inserting after
"Officers and chairmen of
Departments of Work" the
words, "and Past Presidents
of the Federation," so that
the last sentence of Article
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partments of Work and Past
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shall be voting members of
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Singing
Minutes
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mendations
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sies
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Adjournment

Many details could not be
decided before the printing of
the News.

SHAKESPEARE CLUB, CHERRYFIELD

The Shakespeare Club of Cher-
ryfield, was organized in January,
1893, with a limited membership
of twelve. Its object, "Mutual
Improvement of its Members."
Since its formation the number of
members has increased to twenty.
The first two years were devoted
to the reading of Shakespeare's
plays, followed by years of inter-
esting and instructive study.

The club receives many calls
for help and responds whenever
the cause is considered worthy.
The club also does much charity
work in town.

Study for the past year has
been "Contemporary American
Literature."

MRS JOSIE R. NASH, Secretary.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE

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shall be amply repaid for the trip
and the conference by new con-
sciousness of New England solid-
arity. Let us plan our autumn
trip for October 6, 7, and 8 to
Whitefield, N. H.

(Signed)

MRS. HARRY H. BURNHAM,
Biddeford.
Chairman New England
Conference.

GENERAL FEDERATION FOR ENFORCEMENT

The sentiment of the various
clubs represented at the General
Federation Convention in Atlantic
City in regard to prohibition and
law enforcement, was very defi-
nitely expressed when Mrs. Ed-
ward F. White of Indianapolis,
Chairman of Law Observance,
asked the delegates to again go on
record for "Loyal and uncompro-
mising support of the Eighteenth
Amendment and the Volstead
Act." In the moving of the pro-
hibition resolution, an unusual
thing happened,—so many dele-
gates rose to second the motion
that Mrs. Sherman asked if a
unanimous second was desired and
was answered "Yes." The call
for the votes of those opposed to
the prohibition resolution was
greeted by a dead silence, and the
resolution was declared unani-
mously carried.

Hon. Gifford Pinchot, Governor
of Pennsylvania, in his address on
"The Law Can Be Enforced,"
said,—"We fought for the 18th
Amendment and got it, and
against gang rule in Pennsylvania.
The fight for decency and clean
politics is a hard fight. The city
gang is always in the minority,
but is so well organized that it
usually wins out. The Wet and
Dry question is the greatest moral
issue of the day. In 1923, Penn-
sylvania was the wettest State in
the Union. Now one-third of the
breweries are closed, and we are
going to keep right on down the
middle of the road and Enforce
the Law."

Mrs. R. H. Volland of Iowa City
expressed the sentiments of the
Convention when she said,—
"Prohibition has been written
into the Constitution and is there
to stay as long as the States are in
the Union."

(Signed)

MRS. JULIA A. MORRELL.

MAINE'S STATE SONG SUNG AT BIENNIAL

A feature of the Biennial was
the daily singing by the different
state delegations of their state
song. Each morning five or six
states sang in competition and at
the closing session the winners
sang for the final award. Our
Maine delegation sang "Pines of
Maine" on the second morning in
competition with New Jersey, Ala-
bama, West Virginia, California
and New Mexico. What was our
amazement to hear, at the final
trial, Maine's name called as the
winner of the group! By that
time so many of our delegation
had left for home that we had to
beg to be excused, and Mrs. Obern-
dorfer, the music chairman (who,
by the way, is a sister of Mrs.
William Chapman), exclaimed,
"What a pity! Maine has a most
beautiful song."

(Signed)

MRS. JOHN H. HUDDILSTON.

Boothbay Harbor Club gave as a part of its contribution the prize essay which carried off the gold piece offered by that club for the best essay written by a pupil in its High School. The presentation was an example of the good work of the Boothbay Club.

Mrs. L. A. Nash, president of the Union, urged that all the clubs do everything possible to further the work of the Educational Committee by making generous contributions to the scholarship fund. She spoke of one girl in Lincoln County who has availed herself of the help offered by the fund.

REMINDERS

Renew your subscription to the Federation News now.

As this is the first year in which the Maine Federation News has been put on a subscription basis, it has been gratifying to receive over three hundred subscriptions. However, three hundred is a ridiculously small number compared to the number of club women in the State. Every woman interested in club work should be glad to secure for the small sum of twenty-five cents, the many helpful suggestions contained in the News.

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Any club or club member wishing to present a Resolution at the fall meeting of the Federation, will kindly submit the same to Mrs. Emma M. Eaton, Chairman Endorsements and Recommendations, 8 Cleaves Street, Auburn, by September 7.

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In the coming year can we not at least double the number of subscriptions? The first three clubs sending in 100 per cent subscriptions, will each receive a copy of the book "The Business of Being a Club Woman."

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It has been suggested that the report of each Department Chairman be followed by the reports of two clubs that have done outstanding work along that same line.

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Mrs. Ellingwood will be prepared to receive new subscriptions and renewals at Kennebunkport. Or subscriptions may be sent to Mrs. Ruth Ellingwood, Rockland.

MESSAGE FROM

NATIONAL PRESIDENT

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A WOMAN'S CYCLE OF PRAYER

By

Delphine Harris Coy, Colorado

[Mrs. Skolfield secured for the News this poem which was read at the Biennial at Literary Vespers by the author, Mrs. Burgis Coy, Chairman of Literature, Colorado.—Ed.]

Let me be a woman in this world
of beauty,
Let my labor be of love,
Not from sense of duty.
Ready with my hands and heart
Glad to do a woman's part
In the quiet little sphere
Where I've been placed to labor
here,
Let me be a woman.

Let me be a daughter to the old
and childless,
Let me minister to them
With sympathy and mildness,
Let it be my joy to make
Sacrifices for their sake,
Let my lamp dispel the gloom
And warm their cold and narrow
room,
Let me be a daughter.

Let me be a sister to the ones who
labor
And make them feel they have
in me
A sister, friend and neighbor,
Let me help to bear the load,
Find the ones who've lost the
road
And wake in them hopeful song
To last them all the journey long,
Let me be a sister.

Let me be a helpmate in a home
where love lives,
Let me willingly each day
Give everything that love gives.
Let no selfish wish of mine
Blind me to the purpose fine
Which makes our little home a
place
Reflecting heaven's lofty face,
Let me be a helpmate.

Let me be a mother in the land of
childhood,
Let me keep within my heart
A constant prayer for childhood,
That little children everywhere
Have sunshine, food and God's
fresh air,
Have love and joy and sympathy,
Mother's loving ministry,
Let me be a mother.

Let me be a woman with a love
for serving,
Let no kinsman's plea for aid
Find my purpose swerving.
With my heart and hand and all
Ready at the great world's call,
Working on without surcease,
Brave in war and strong in peace,
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MAINE CLUB WOMAN

IS IN HONOR LIST

Mrs. L. A. Miller, the chairman of Literary Department in General Federation, in a personal conversation with Mrs. Harry H. Burnham, Chairman of Maine Department of Literature, spoke in the highest terms of the list of books, submitted by Mrs. Edna P. Hutchins of Corinna, in the nation-wide contest for "100 Best Books for a Home Library." Mrs. Miller said that Mrs. Hutchins' list was considered by the judges in their final award. Although the list did not receive one of the three prizes, it was mentioned with honor.

Mrs. Unewhr, Berkeley, Cal., won first prize; Mrs. William Hill of Massachusetts, second; Miss Annie Walton, Kansas, third; Mrs. Beckwith, Ovid, Mich., fourth. Mrs. Hutchins received a gift of five books, because of the excellence of her list.

The Maine Federation has good reason to be proud of its second Vice-President, Mrs. Edna P. Hutchins of Corinna, who has furnished by request her list of books for the Maine Bulletin.

The books that are starred were in the First Prize list. Mrs. Hutchins' "Best 100 Books" follow:

Mrs. Hutchins' List

- Aesop *Essays Literary & Critical*
- Hans Christian Andersen *Old Esprit*
- *Arabian Nights
- Atlas of Ancient and Classical
- Geog. *French Revolution - Carlyle*
- Atlas of Literary and Historical
- Geog. *Garbner Research*
- *Pride and Prejudice—Austen *Am*
- Essays of Francis Bacon *Century*
- Ecclesiastical History—Bede
- Bible *Voyages of the Bible - Darwin*
- *Lorna Doone—Blackmore
- Pioneer Work for Women—Elizabeth Blackwell *Pickwick Papers*
- *Life of Dr. Johnson—Boswell, vol.
- *Jane Eyre—Bronte
- *Robert Browning's Poems
- *Pilgrim's Progress—Bunyan
- *American Speeches and Letters—Edmund Burke
- *Robert Burns' Poems
- Carlyle's Essays *Crime and*
- *Don Quixote—Cervantes
- *Canterbury Tales—Chaucer
- The Woman in White—Wilkie Collins *Millon du Fleuve / Eliot*
- *Pinocchio—Collodi
- *Deerslayer—Cooper
- *Last of The Mohicans
- Dictionary of English Literature—John W. Cousin *Cranford - Mrs*
- Tales of Ancient Greece—Sir G. W. Cox *Dead Souls - Gogol*
- Fifteen Decisive Battles—Creasy *Midnight Book*
- *Two Years Before the Mast—*+ Tanglewood* Dana
- *Divine Comedy—Dante
- *Robinson Crusoe—Defoe

- James*
- pages*
- *David Copperfield—Dickens
 *Nicholas Nickleby—Dickens
 *Oliver Twist—Dickens
 *Tales of Two Cities—Dickens
 *Dictionary of Dates—Dodge
 *Hans Brinker—Dodge
 *Three Musketeers—Dumas
 *Adam Bede—Eliot
 *Romola—Eliot
 *Emerson's Essays
 *Tom Jones, 2 vol. Fielding
 *B. Franklin's Autobiography
 *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire—6 vol.—Gibbon
 *Vicar of Wakefield—Goldsmith
 *Through Russia—Gorki
 *Short History of England—2 vol.—John R. Green
 *House of Seven Gables
 *Scarlet Letter
 *Twice Told Tales
 *Autocrat of the Breakfast Table—Holmes
 *The Iliad—Homer
 *The Odyssey—Homer
 *Les Miserables—Hugo
 *A Doll's House—Ibsen
 *Sketch Book—Irving
 *Hypatia—Kingsley
 *Westward Ho—Kingsley
 *Essays of Elia—Lamb
 *Tales from Shakespeare—Lamb
 *Lincoln's Speeches and Letters
 *Longfellow's Poems
 *Last Days of Pompeii—Lytton
 *Travels—Marco Polo
 *Moby Dick—Herman Melville
 *John Milton's Poems
 *Utopia—More
 *John Halifax, Gentleman—Muller
 *Pepys Diary—2 vol.
 *Tales of Mystery and Imagination—E. A. Poe
 *Cloister and the Hearth—Reade
 *Sesame and Lilies—Ruskin
 *Ivanhoe—Scott
 *Kenilworth—Scott
 *Quentin Durward—Scott
 *Talisman—Scott
 *Black Beauty
 *Shakespeare's Comedies, Histories—Tragedies
 *Faerie Queen—2 vol.—Spenser
 *Heidi—Spyri
 *Treasure Island—Stevenson
 *Uncle Tom's Cabin
 *Gulliver's Travels
 *Tennyson's Poems
 *Henry Esmond—Thackeray
 *Vanity Fair—Thackeray
 *Walden—Thoreau
 *Anna Karenina—Tolstoi
 *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea—Verne
 *Leaves of Grass and Democratic Vistas—Walt Whitman
 *Wordsworth's Poems
 *Swiss Family Robinson—Wyss
 *Faust
 *Count of Monte Cristo
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 *Virgil's Aeneid
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- Classical Dictionary—William Smith*
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**Complete Angler—Walton*
- Macaulay's Essays -*
- Plays & Poems*
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Club Reports at Annual Meeting:

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Year Books:

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Year Books will be on sale at the annual meeting, or orders may be sent to Mrs. Bernice J. Young, 14 Boutelle Road, Bangor.

CURRENT EVENTS CLUB

The Current Events Club of Stockton Springs opened its activities Oct. 7th, with the following officers: Mrs. Florence Tupper, Pres.; Mrs. Lena Morrison, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Estelle Crosby, Sec., and Miss Alice Hichborn, Treas. Our programs were varied and interesting. Some time was spent in England, chiefly in the Tower of London and Westminster Abbey. We traveled quite extensively in our own country, both in years and miles. After "Old" in back to 1607 and continuing in Boston we traveled the years from 1630, getting unusual glimpses of the early days. In Detroit we gave the famous Ford plant the "once-over" and the city itself also—an eye witness giving the talk, with photos. A trip over the Rockies and visits to the California Missions, was delightful.

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We spent much time with some of our favorite authors, Shakespeare, George Eliot, Kipling and Charles Dickens. We also went "Gypsying." Several afternoons were devoted to Current Events.

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In April we lost by death our oldest member. Our membership now stands at 44.

We closed our club year on June 16th with our annual Field Day observed by the delayed trip to Belfast for dinner and movies in the afternoon.

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(Signed)

MARY HICHBORN,

Sec. Current Events Club.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

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