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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 kindliness 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.

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"The Chemistry of Every Day Life," proved most interesting and instructive.

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.

Many of our members attended the State Federation at Bangor. During the year the club was presented a gavel of historic interest, it being made from a piece of the original oak of the old frigate Constitution and was presented by one of the members. At Christmas time we presented \$5.00 to the Sunday School to purchase gifts for their tree.

The Club "Constitution and By-Laws" have been printed, in leaflet form, for each member. Our usual mid-winter dinner, planned for a trip to Belfast, had to be omitted, owing to snow-blocked roads.

We have purchased two new books, "Home Harbors" and "Old Forts of Maine."

Our Library has been closed for some time, owing to unavoidable reasons, but has now been moved to its beautiful new quarters in our fine Parish House and we expect will soon be opened to the public.

The Park has been kept in fine condition and a general "clean-up day" was instituted. Two new members have been added during the year. Two have moved away.

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.

We feel that we had a most successful year and are already looking forward to our meetings, ~~in our~~ beautiful new quarters, the parlor of our Parish House, which is the gift of a friend, in memory of her husband.

(Signed)

MARY HICHBORN,
Sec. Current Events Club.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

The credential committee for the fall meeting at Kennebunkport has been appointed as follows: Mrs. Gertrude Dow, chairman; Mrs. Bertha Sherman, Mrs. Agnes Wills, Mrs. Nellie Merrill and Miss Julia Smith.

Mrs. Rita Talbot of Kennebunkport is chairman of the house committee.

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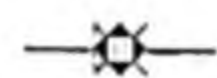
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Saturday Club of Brunswick and
Wiltona Club of Wilton.



Mrs. Fred S. Marsh of the State
of Maine Publicity Bureau is
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The address of Mrs. Walter
McNab Miller, Chairman of Pub-
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tion, has been changed from 306
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Through the combined efforts of
Mrs. Myrtle L. T. White, Histo-
rian, and Mrs. Georgia P. Porter,
the Federation Year Books have
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library with a copy of her Histo-
rical Sketches of the Federation.
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RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT ANNUAL MEETING

I. PROHIBITION

Resolved, that the M. F. W. C. renew its unequivocal stand for
loyal and uncompromising support of the Eighteenth Amendment and
the Volstead Act.

II. PUBLIC HEALTH

Resolved, that the M. F. W. C. earnestly express its interest in and
its support of the splendid health work which is being carried on by
the State Department of Health and the Maine Public Health Asso-
ciation.

III. LAW OBSERVANCE

Resolved, that the M. F. W. C. urge the clubs throughout the State
to give serious consideration to the question of Law Observance, and
that clubs include in their programs for the ensuing year a report upon
the survey, "Know your Courts."

IV. LITERATURE

Resolved, that the M. F. W. C., not only as an organization but as
individuals, throw their influence to forming a higher type of charac-
ter in the next generation by the study of the highest types of books
including the Bible.

V. REFORMATORY FOR WOMEN

Whereas, the M. F. W. C. realizes the need of employment for
women at the Reformatory at Skowhegan, therefore be it

Resolved, that the M. F. W. C. favors the coming Legislature appro-
priating money for wise measures of steady employment and training
of these unfortunate women in the Reformatory.

VI. INDIAN CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS

Whereas, a bill giving citizenship to all American Indians was
passed at the last regular session of Congress, and

Whereas, it now develops that although the Indian is a citizen, yet
on the reservations he has none of the fundamental rights under the
Constitution that other citizens have, as well as being deprived of equal
opportunities in the way of health education and the advantages of the
activities of the Departments of the Government functioning for all
other citizens, and

Whereas, the Indian has vast tribal funds and property in the dis-
posal of which he has no voice, therefore be it

Resolved, that the M. F. W. C. pledges its support to legislation
which contemplates the correction of these evils and the establishment
of the rights of our American Indian under the Constitution.

VII. STATE PARKS

Resolved, that the M. F. W. C. does all in its power to promote
immediate legislation that will provide an adequate park system
throughout the State that will become a priceless heritage to future
generations.

VIII. NEAR EAST RELIEF

Resolved, that the M. F. W. C. hereby expresses its approval of the
work of the Near East Relief.

IX. USE OF BALLOT

Resolved, that the women of the M. F. W. C. pledge themselves to
unceasing efforts to arouse the women of Maine to a fuller apprecia-
tion of citizenship in this glorious United States of America, and that
they urge upon women everywhere the necessity of expressing their
citizenship by the use of the ballot.

X. DORMITORIES FOR UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

Whereas, each year large numbers of well prepared fine young
women are refused admission to our State University because of lack
of dormitory space, therefore be it

Resolved, that the M. F. W. C. urges our legislators to appropriate
money for dormitories for women at the University of Maine to the end
that no deserving young women be denied admission, and

(AMENDMENT)

Resolved, that pending the providing of adequate accommodations,
this Federation favors a University policy of permitting both men and
women students to live outside the University buildings in private
boarding places; and favors at all times a ruling under which all rules
and regulations concerning admission to and attendance at the State
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In October the Maine Federation met with a great loss in the death
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of ability, of wise judgment, charm and kindly spirit, Mrs. Hughes was
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OLYMPIAN CLUB ENJOYED FEDERATION VISIT

Mrs. Warren H. Littlefield, President of the Olympian Club of Kennebunkport, writes: When a suggestion was made at our annual meeting in April, 1926, that we invite the Maine Federation to hold their annual meeting in Kennebunkport, it must be confessed the idea almost took our breath away.

However, the more we thought it over and discussed it, the more attractive and feasible the idea became. The motion was made and carried and the invitation extended and accepted. Right here the Club started in to prove its mettle. Every member took hold with a will and did her utmost, and perhaps a little bit more. It was a splendid demonstration of the old saying, "Where there's a will there's a way."

At last the appointed time arrived and if the visiting ladies enjoyed themselves as much as we enjoyed their visit, there is no more to be said. Our thanks are due in large extent to the summer colony who so gladly and freely helped to make our visitors welcome. I refer particularly to Mrs. Margaret Deland, the Rev. Dr. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Booth Tarkington, Mr. and Mrs. Abbott Graves and Mrs. Bentley Packard.

Since the beginning of our fiscal year we have had three meetings especially prominent on our calendar. The first was Mothers' and Daughters' Day, when every member had as guest a daughter, her own or someone else's. Our entertainment was by three ladies and consisted of costume singing, folk songs, etc. Refreshments were served and it was voted one of our most successful meetings.

Next was Gentlemen's Night when we served a banquet at 6.30 P.M., after which Mr. Jefferson Harbour of Fall River spoke on "Blessed Be Humor," with music by Miss Pollay of Boston.

Our last occasion was our All-Day Meeting, held at the home of a member. During the forenoon menus were read and discussed, a sort of Pandora Box of culinary questions and household problems was opened, questions answered and problems talked over and recipes exchanged. Dinner was served at noon and in the afternoon we had a reader from White's Entertainment Bureau of Boston.

We have made donations to the Public Health Nurse Fund, the Good Samaritan Home, Scholarship Fund, bought a Health Bond and sent out baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

SANGERVILLE CLUB

FOUND'S LIBRARY

The outstanding work of the Sangerville Woman's Club has been founding a public library, and at the beginning of this year \$41.00 was donated by the Club toward its support. A Town Beautiful committee was chosen and in October this committee set out several dozen tulip bulbs on the lawn about the town hall.

A sum of money was voted to buy some article for each of the school rooms to make the room more attractive. The different teachers were consulted and a most needed article was given in each case.

The club meetings have been both instructive and interesting. Through several programs on Maine we have become better acquainted with our State. November 5, a prominent physician gave a talk on cancer. Twenty-five members of the Club attended a meeting of the Onawa Literary Union at Hartland, October 14, and on October 21, twenty-three members attended the reception at the opening of the club rooms of the Woman's Club of Guilford.

The Club has given \$5.00 to the Near East Relief, bought a Health Bond and sold Health Seals. It also sent Christmas boxes to several needy families. On Christmas night, under the direction of club members, groups of young people sang carols to the shut-ins. The program for the rest of the

year includes such subjects as Piscataquis County, Washington, D. C., Ladies of the White House. There is also an amateur night, gentlemen's night, a valentine party and other social evenings to look forward to.

RACHEL KIMBALL,
Secretary.

HOME EQUIPMENT SURVEY

The nation-wide Home Equipment Survey, conducted by the General Federation, is now completed and the results have been published in the Woman's Home Companion. It is interesting to note that the results of the Survey as completed by eighteen Maine towns are on the whole in line with the nation-wide results. Facilities which relieve the entire family of monotony, such as the automobile and the telephone, the phonograph and the piano, outrank the devices which are chiefly drudgery killers for the mother, such as the electric iron, the washing machine and the vacuum cleaner. The facts disclosed by the Survey constitute, as Mrs. Sherman says, "a challenge to American women home-makers, not to lower existing standards of educative and recreative facilities, but to raise the level of labor-saving and health-conserving equipment."

The Thursday Club of Biddeford plans to have a Better Homes Day in the early spring.

LIVELY FOUR-YEAR-OLD IS NEWPORT CLUB

The Newport Woman's Club opened its activities October 1. Our programs have been varied and interesting. In October we had an afternoon on Maine, its famous people, its Motto and Flag, its resources and its lighthouses. A good delegation attended the Onawa Literary Union at Hartland. We have also made trips, via pen and ink, to Yellowstone Park, Yosemite Valley and the Grand Canon of The Colorado. In November we listened to a lecture, "The Trend of Modern Criminal Procedure and its Practice," by Ralph Ingalls, County Attorney of Portland.

We have also had the pleasure of a visit from Mrs. C. B. Porter of Old Town who gave us "A Talk About Women," and all club women who have had the pleasure of listening to Mrs. Porter will understand how much her talk was enjoyed, and for our entertainment, Mrs. Nellie Hunnewell of Pittsfield, related incidents and scenes of her recent trip abroad, in her usual pleasing manner. We have been guests of Corinna Literary Club and we have entertained the clubs of Dexter, Corinna and Pittsfield. We are young in years, being but four years of age, but we hope to grow and do our share in Federation club work as well as in our own community.

MAUDE H. JONES.



Dover-Foxcroft Cosmopolitan

Club Study American Art

The Cosmopolitan Club of Dover-Foxcroft is carrying an interesting and beneficial program under the efficient leadership of their president, Mrs. Clara J. Sampson, Past Recording Secretary of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs. Special study is given to American Art, varied by miscellaneous subjects, among which have been several afternoons devoted to Home Economics. Another interesting and instructive variation in the program was a lecture by Mrs. V. P. DeCoster, the Butterfly Woman of Buckfield, Maine.

At the annual gentlemen's night, Rev. H. E. Dunnack, State Librarian, gave a forceful address, full of quaint humor, entitled "As I See It." Prof. C. M. Clark of Bangor has also given a much appreciated talk on his recent trip abroad, touching on the economic conditions of the largest countries.

Along benevolent lines the Cosmopolitan Club has done much for the local schools and academy, and in addition has sponsored the sale of Health Seals in the twin towns, contributed to the Maine Baby Saving Society, recently purchased a Health Bond, at a recent meeting voted \$20.00 to the State Scholarship Fund.

REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Chairman of the Scholarship Fund is pleased to report that great interest is manifested especially by those girls who have received assistance from the Federation Fund and are now at work earning their own money. Two of our girls who graduated in 1926 are already making plans to pay back quite a part of their loan this year. In their letters they are always very enthusiastic over their school work and are so happy to be able to do their bit in helping some other girl to a higher education.

Since December 1, 1925, we have helped twenty-two girls, and several more are on the waiting list. We can promise aid only as we have funds in the Treasury to do so.

The Onawa Union, the Lincoln County and Oxford County Unions have made generous contributions in the past for which we are very grateful. Several gifts have come to us at most opportune times. So far thirty-nine clubs have responded to our several appeals. But we are confident that many more will contribute to this most worthy cause before the mid-winter meeting at Augusta.

MRS. FLORENCE WAUGH DANFORTH.

WYTOPITLOCK CLUB

DOES WELFARE WORK

Alpha Lyra Club of Wytopitlock has passed a very pleasant and profitable year. The annual banquet was held in June at which the husbands of members were entertained. The year's program has been instructive and entertaining and in addition the members have found time to do the following acts of benevolence.

The Welfare Committee reports having knit twenty-five pairs of mittens and three pairs of stockings which were given to needy children. A large amount of clothing was collected, made over, pressed and distributed to families needing same. Cheer and sunshine were brought to the shut-ins by sending fruit, jellies, food and post cards. One of our orphan girls, graduating from high school in June, was financed by the Club, thus enabling her to take her place on a like footing with her more fortunate companions.

With the co-operation of the town officials, at the Club's suggestion, a clean-up day was instituted and with all hands helping a good job was done. With a view of creating interest in school work, prizes are being given by the Club to the pupils in the grammar grades for highest ranking in English, and in the Intermediate grades for highest rank in spelling.

Our membership, while small, being about twenty members, makes up in enthusiasm for lack in numbers. Our means for financing our projects are by dues, voluntary subscriptions and in the case of the Welfare Committee, a mite box collection taken at each meeting. We are looking forward to 1927 being as successful a year as the past and hope to do more and yet more good for all humanity.

MARY T. HAMILTON.

PRIZE FOR H. S. ESSAY

Given by Monday Club of Boothbay Harbor, to Stimulate Pride in Maine

The Monday Club of Boothbay Harbor lives up to its motto—"There is only one proof of ability—action." In the past year the Club has contributed to the Near East Relief, Good Samaritan Home and the Scholarship Fund of the Maine Federation, while it has also given individual assistance to one of the girls helped by the Scholarship Fund. One of the stimulating things done was offering a prize in the high school for the best essay on "Why I am Proud to be a Maine Boy, or Girl."

In December a silver tea was at the home of Mrs. George A. Carlisle. An interesting literary and musical program was presented and the proceeds of the silver collection formed the beginning of a special fund to help the Lincoln County Union in its project of founding a house for aged people.

The club program shows that the members are interested not only in literary matters but in general education and in movements that make for community betterment. The suggestive subject of one meeting is "My Favorite Magazine, and Why." One meeting deals with "Old Boothbay," the roll call being answered by "The History of the House in Which I Live." Another program takes up the Ideal Home and includes a talk on budgeting the family income.

Members of the Eastport Woman's Club assisted materially in the sale of Health Seals during the recent Health campaign.

So far our financial aid has been given to the purchase of a piano for the Junior High School, \$25.00; and \$10.00 for the upkeep of our Memorial Plot. We are now working on a play to be presented in February.

"THE HOUSE BEAUTIFUL"

Searchlight Club of Rumford Takes This for Study—Also "Correct English"

The Searchlight Club of Rumford has taken for its year's study "The House Beautiful." The program includes nineteen meetings of which thirteen are devoted to this topic. Others take up gardening, book reviews, and open day programs with luncheon, and annual meeting May 20. Some of the topics taken up are, Familiar Styles of Architecture Seen in America; Ideal Arrangement of Rooms in the Small House; Types of Dining Rooms; Period Furniture; Silver and Linen; The Spirit of the Home; Religion in the Home; Budget System in the Home; The Child and His Interests in the Home; Literature and Music in the Home and Pictures and their Place in the Home.

The Club this year is taking the Miller System of Correct English with one of the members serving as teacher; this study taking the place of Current Events which have usually had a regular place on former programs.

In October a rummage sale was held which netted a sum sufficient to meet generously all calls from Headquarters including the Scholarship Fund, Maintenance Fund and Near East Relief, as well as various local calls such as the new community hospital, Salvation Army and the milk lunches at one of the largest schools in the town. January 7, it was voted to purchase a Health Bond.

JESSIE S. MARTIN.

SKOWHEGAN CLUB

SPONSORS MILK LUNCH

For several years the Skowhegan Woman's Club has been doing a real service to the town as well as to the boys and girls who receive the benefit of the recess milk lunch. The Club has realized the splendid results and good it has done in the past as have the teachers who say they see much improvement in the class room work of the child who has had the advantage of recess milk lunch. In addition to this project the Club gives \$100.00 each year toward the support of the Community Nurse as well as smaller gifts to worthy organizations. This year the Scholarship Fund has been increased to \$25.00.

SARAH PENNELL REED.

Mrs. Alfred C. Tyler, General Federation Chairman on Motion Pictures, says that one of the most dependable reviews of current films is a department called "Film Estimates" in "The Educational Screen," published at 5 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago.

MODERN PROGRAM AT LUBEC WOMAN'S CLUB

Activities of the Lubec Woman's Club for the past year have been many and varied. All regular meetings are opened with the Club Collect, Salute to Flag and singing of Club Song. Our programs have been, as much as possible, in accordance with suggestions from Federation Officers or Committee Chairmen.

In January, in response to a call from the Governor, asking Maine people to buy Maine Products, Mr. W. G. Hunton of Portland, Industrial Agent for the Maine Central, spoke to Club members and citizens on this subject.

In May the Club assisted in having a Better Homes Week, with homes open for inspection, special programs each evening, including Music Night, Magazine Night, etc., and a lecture by Prof. Pollard of the U. of M. on Better Homes.

Also the Club took the initiative in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Dr. E. H. Bennett's services in Lubec as physician, promoter of education, philanthropist, friend, and the most honored citizen of the town. This included banquet and special program, and being a community affair was supported by the citizens, with members of the Woman's Club acting as the General Committee.

In July, on invitation from our First Vice-President, Mrs. W. B. Mowry, the Eastport and Lubec Clubs enjoyed a delightful picnic at Mrs. Mowry's cottage at Indian Lake. In August the Club held its annual bazaar, which proved a success. This is the chief method of obtaining funds for our Relief Work, and is liberally supported by the towns-people. Another means of adding to our funds is by holding occasional card parties.

October 27th we celebrated our tenth anniversary, and had as our guest of honor and speaker, Miss Anna C. Witherle, President of the Maine Federation. It was a great privilege to have Miss Witherle visit us, and we consider this meeting one of the outstanding events.

During the year we have given of our funds to The Good Samaritan Home, State Board of Charities and Corrections and Near East Relief. Also we sold for the Near East Relief \$150.00 worth of Armenian articles. We donated to the Jefferson Memorial Foundation for the preservation of Monticello, have renewed our membership in the Travellers' Aid Society, bought a Health Bond and assisted in the sale of the Seals.

We have enjoyed the benefits of one of the State Traveling Libraries. Our chief endeavors, however, have been in connection with our local relief work. Clothing, groceries and fuel have been supplied where needed, and many families have been bridged over in order that they may not find it necessary to become town

REMINDER AND NOTICE

EVERY CLUB PRESIDENT has recently received a splendid letter from the President of the General Federation, which will, of course, be read to the club. Every Maine club will take pleasure and pride in replying promptly to Mrs. Sherman's questions in regard to the achievements, aims, and value of its work. It is requested that a copy of your answers be sent to your State President so that a record of these achievements can be kept in Maine.

EVERY CLUB SHOULD LEARN more about the General Federation by subscribing for the General Federation News, and having items from the paper read at club meetings. The News is published monthly ten times during the year (July-August and September-October combined) at fifty cents. Send subscription to General Federation News, 1734 N Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

DOES YOUR CLUB KNOW and use the salute to the flag? "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all."

THIS MEANS YOU: Clubs will soon be holding annual meetings. Be sure you have a Year Book and don't delay sending your club data (Page 2 of Year Book) to the Corresponding Secretary immediately following your annual meeting. Names and addresses of officers and number of members should be written plainly. This is important in case of sending out Credential Cards prior to the annual meeting, as well as for Club Directory in the Year Book.

PLEASE SEND your Club Year Book, or Program, to Miss Anna C. Witherle, Bangor House, Bangor, unless you have already given her a copy.

IS YOUR CLUB CONSIDERING the question of becoming a direct member of the General Federation? Twenty-one Maine clubs are already direct members and it is hoped that other clubs will vote direct membership before April 1. Every club in direct membership will be entitled to send its President, or an Alternate, to the Council Meeting in Grand Rapids, May 30 to June 4, 1927.

charges, and at Christmas time a large number of baskets—in many cases large loads, were sent to needy families, as well as flowers or "Cheer Baskets" to shut-ins. And the work is still going on, with increased membership and deep interest, which tends to make this Club Year the best ever.

ELLA M. LOGAN.

NINETEENTH CENTURY CLUB OF BANGOR

At a recent social meeting of the Nineteenth Century Club, Wilbur S. Cochrane, assisted by Mrs. Clifford Patch, presented a MacDowell program. At first Mr. Cochrane gave a very clear and concise outline of MacDowell's life, a list of his chief compositions and a description of the colony for artists established at Peterborough by Mrs. MacDowell to carry out her famous husband's dream. The list presented by Mr. Cochrane was To a Wild Rose, To a Water Lily, To an Old White Pine, To a Wandering Iceberg. Mrs. Patch sang, The Robin Sings in the Apple Tree, A Mid-Summer Lullaby, Confidence, The West Wind Croons in the Cedar Tree, The Sea, and Through the Meadow. A social halfhour over the tea cups furnished a pleasing ending to a most enjoyable afternoon.

BAR HARBOR CLUB HAS PRIZE FOR BEST PAPER

The Woman's Study Club of Bar Harbor has for its motto, "Learn to Live and Live to Learn." The objective is the promotion of intellectual improvement, but the members, individually and collectively, are interested in community matters, and while giving especial attention to cultural subjects, have upon their program such subjects as The Story of Silk, The History of Money, Co-operation Between Home and School, and Party Politics. A feature that is not general is the prize offered for the best paper on "The Benefits Received from the Club this year."

The Pine Needle Club of Island Falls opened the year's activities with a meeting devoted to "Health in our Homes and Community" and will continue this year to study problems of the home, other meetings being devoted to Furniture in Home Decoration, Answers to Roll Call,—The Purchase that has added most to the Pleasure of our Home, Literature in the Home, Religion in the Home, The Home and the School, etc.

SEARCHLIGHT OF SANFORD

Has Senior and Junior Departments—Aids High School Pupil with Cash

Mrs. Mary S. Lutz, President of Sanford Searchlight Club, writes: We have in our club two Literature Departments, Senior and Junior. The Senior Department is studying Spain this winter and will furnish a program for one meeting of the Club on Spanish Art. Miss Anna Bailey, Dean of Girls of the Sanford High School, will be the speaker. The Junior Reading Department meets Mondays, and furnished a fine program for the Club, Miss Graham of Portland giving three one-act plays. The Civics and Social Service Committees are having Miss Buck of Augusta speak on Public Health. Members of Educational Department are visiting schools and planning to assist in some special educational work this winter. They meet monthly and had Mr. Purington, Principal of the High School, speak on Intelligence Tests, with members of the Club as guests. They engaged Payson Smith, Commissioner of Education for Massachusetts, to speak in January, on "What Is Right with Young America," at a public meeting at the Town Hall. The High School Glee Club sing and the Orchestra play for this meeting. The work in Illiteracy is under the Education Committee. Sanford has very successful evening schools with about two hundred in attendance and an effort is being made to cancel all illiteracy.

We also have a Scholarship Committee and give \$100.00 to a high school girl each year. Our Playground Committee co-operates with the town Playground Committee during the summer. The Book Committee has purchased a number of books, many of which are not in the public library. These books circulate among the members.

We have a special committee of one to take subscriptions for the Maine Federation News, and we have about twenty subscribers out of a membership of fifty. I am looking forward to the Federation News for help and inspiration from the State Federation and the clubs.

The Woman's Literary Club of Northeast Harbor is making Biography the main subject of its study this year. It is necessary for the members to pay strict attention to the biography which is prepared and given by one of the Club members, for after the paper is read the writer of the paper asks questions and then a general discussion follows. At each meeting some time is devoted to Current Events.

EXILE

Frances Wright Turner.
O, sunny, pine-clad hills of Maine,
Cradle me in your arms again!
It matters not where e'er I be
My dreams, O Maine, are all
with thee.

The flowers on thy thousand hills,
Where brooks sing in a thousand
rills,
The whispered words of every
pine
Tell me, O Maine, thou still art
mine.

Though I may be a wanderer far
Where all the world's great
wonders are,
My heart will turn again, again,
And nestle 'neath the pines of
Maine.

And when my eyes, grown old and
dim,
Look out across each purple
rim,
O, let me sleep through sun,
through rain
Among my pine-clad hills of
Maine.

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Frances Wright Turner of Ellsworth, Maine, is a member of the Ellsworth Woman's Club and of the Writers' Research Club. She is the author of "Drifting Leaves," a book of verse which came out in May, 1926, which has met with marked success.

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AID FOR REST ROOMS BY WATERVILLE CLUB

Mrs. M. L. Emerson, Corresponding Secretary of the Waterville Woman's Club, writes: At six of our open meetings, Prof. W. J. Wilkinson, head of the History Department of Colby College, is to talk on National and International Affairs.

In November the play "Minick" was staged under the directions of Miss Exerine Flood. The parts were beautifully portrayed by local talent. Members of the Woman's Club gladly assisted in selling the tickets and \$500 was cleared and presented to the Waterville Woman's Association Rooms, to aid in their work.

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WESTBROOK CLUB IN NUTRITION CAMPAIGN

The Westbrook Woman's Club was the means of introducing into the Westbrook schools nutrition for the children, and not only by its influence and through the activities of its members has the club pushed this work, but it has contributed in actual funds by buying milk for children who could not otherwise afford it. The Club has for its study miscellaneous programs but is always abreast of the times. Its members are most progressive, eager to be of assistance and generous in giving of service where service is needed.

MAINE STATE NURSES' ASS'N 13 YEARS OLD

The Maine State Nurses' Association is incorporated in the State of Maine and its membership consists of graduate registered nurses. The aim of the Association is to promote the general welfare of nurses and nursing, to improve the conditions surrounding the training, education and registration of nurses.

During the thirteen years of its existence, the members have secured registration for nurses in the State; have, through the Board of Registration, carried on inspection of training schools for nurses, and as a result of this work the standards of training schools have been greatly improved. The educational requirements of young women entering the schools of nursing are now being considered more carefully than in the past and the living and recreational facilities are receiving more attention, so that a young woman entering a hospital training school now can be assured that in most hospitals in the State she will be assured of consideration of her comfort and well being, as well as adequate training to fit her for registration and her chosen work.

The State Association has donated one hundred dollars for each of the past two years toward the Nurses' Relief Fund for incapacitated nurses and is at the present time, through its Public Health Nursing Section, raising a Loan Fund for graduate nurses who desire to take post-graduate work in the State for at least one year. The Association held its annual meeting in Lewiston January 7-8, when an interesting and helpful program was carried out, with speakers of national as well as local prominence.

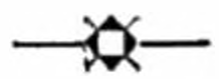
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HOME ECONOMICS ARE STRESSED AT GUILFORD

January 6, a meeting of especial interest was held by the Woman's Club of Guilford under the direction of Mrs. Helen Williams, Chairman of The American Home Committee in the Maine Federation. A feature was a talk and demonstration by the teacher of Home Economics in the Guilford Schools. With the assistance of two juniors, Miss Skillings served fifty individual Butterfly Salads which were completed in a remarkably short time. While preparing the salads, Miss Skillings continued her talk on foods and their values, especially the importance of salads. Mrs. Williams gave a very interesting and beneficial paper on "Better Homes" and the program was completed with several musical selections. A vote was taken at this meeting to observe Better Homes Week from April 24 to May 1, when a program will be carried out in connection with this movement.

MAINE CLUB NEWS

The Arcana Club of Clinton report a very interesting and instructive health meeting in May. Home nursing was taken up and demonstrated. The local doctor's wife had charge of the meeting and the State Health Department sent valuable aid. Following this, the Club President put through a Better Homes and Garden Week, culminating in a big Health Day parade and May time festivities in which all the village and rural school children took part. It was a full day's program under the direction of Mrs. Edith P. Brown aided by the school teachers of the town. In this way "Health Day" was brought more forcibly to everyone's mind.



The program of the Athena Club of Dover-Foxcroft is proving varied and entertaining. Some of the most interesting meetings have covered a debate on "Are Moving Pictures a Benefit or a Detriment to the Public," a splendid Health talk, a Recreational afternoon with a little farce entitled "News Gatherings" and a travel talk, "Sojournings in Venice and Florence," by Rev. C. E. Clark of Dover-Foxcroft. Contributions have been made to the Near East Relief, Scholarship Fund, Headquarters Maintenance Fund and a Health Bond purchased. Three new members have been added.



Members of the New Idea Club of Milo, with Mrs. Grace McLeod as Chairman, showed their interest in the recent Health campaign by the use of Health Seals to the amount of \$100.00 as well as \$100.00 worth of Bonds. The New Idea Club, together with the Alpha Club, carried out the annual Teachers' Reception which was a marked success in every way.



The Barton Reading Club of Norway has followed its usual program of Current Events and general reading during the past year with some original work covering a very interesting travelogue and an excellent paper on Ornithology. The members also enjoyed a fine lecture on Familiar Objects in Nature by a local scientist. An increase of eleven new members has enabled the Club to extend its charities,—donations going to the Shut-In Society, Maine Baby Saving Society, State Board of Charities and Correction, Norway Community Christmas, Opportunity Farm and to private needs.

A WOMAN THERE WAS

Who went to a club,
With the uplift aim in view.
She talked of the things that
seemed worth while,
As you or I might do.

She went to the club and had her
say,
And she spoke of the things that
she wot,
But she made by far the greatest
hit
When she talked of the things she
knew not.

She'd talk of the Papist and
Huguenot,
Of a truth she'd tell you why
The Louis so fast succeeded them-
selves,
She couldn't make hygienic pie.

She could talk on Oppression, The
Salic Law,
A list of French kings she could
make,
'Twas a very small thing that she
didn't know,
She couldn't make good whole-
some cake.

She could tell you what Joan of
Arc was made of,
Why Louis XV. lost his head—
Why Louis XIV. was a ladies'
man,
She couldn't make whole wheat
bread.

Moral

A man there was who hanged him-
self
To the highest tree he could find,
He was the husband of that fair
one,
The one with the cultured mind.

Oh, a man there was who hanged
himself
After all had been done and said,
For he was a Melancholiac,
He hadn't been properly fed.

KATE B. ELLIS, Fairfield, Me.
Chairman Home Economics
Committee.

(Read at Kennebunkport and
printed by request.)

For the last four years the Lithgow Club of Winslow has guaranteed the Swarthmore Chautauqua in Winslow. This year the Club has made a plan whereby it may help the boys and girls of Winslow to attend the entertainments. The tickets for the course are \$1.00 and the Club promises to give 25 cents to fifty children who will each secure 75 cents before September 15. At the Club's request, the Winslow Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution agreed to follow the same plan. Thus the D. A. R. and the Lithgow Club will help one hundred pupils to have the benefits of a wonderfully fine class of entertainments in the fall. Members of the Club visit the schools occasionally to keep this plan before the scholars.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Do I try to increase its influence?

How many of us can give an unqualified "yes" to all of those questions? Yet if our clubs are not what we want them to be, it is because we fall short of this not unreasonable standard of requirements."

Cannot questions such as these be used to rouse the indifferent, passive members who constitute one of the big problems in many clubs.

In club programs there is evidence of the influence of the campaign to center our interests on the American Home. Many clubs are having meetings on such subjects as the furnishing of the home, books in the home, religion and the home. Whether or not your club has conducted the Home Equipment Survey, will you not discuss the practical equipment of the homes of your town and try to work out a plan whereby the use of labor saving and health conserving devices may be increased.

I am pleased to find that in many clubs, papers and talks prepared by members still play an important part in the programs. Too many of us are inclined to let our brains rust after we leave school. We may well consider the plan adopted by one of our clubs whereby the members are expected to answer questions and to discuss the subject of the meeting after the delivery of the paper prepared by one of the members. May I urge every club to make its members more intelligent citizens through the use of the Quiz and Questionnaire on "Know Your Courts."

Too few of the clubs are sending in reports of their activities for the NEWS. Remember that other clubs want to know what you are doing and how you do it.

The center of our interests—the Home—remains the same, but the boundaries of our interests are ever widening. Let us study more closely the processes of our government, local, state and national, and also the problems of International Relations in order to assume with greater intelligence the duties of our citizenship.

Loyally yours,

ANNA C. WITHERLE.

At one of the meetings of the Friday Club of Southwest Harbor, an interesting description of a trip to Panama and the West Indies was given by Dr. J. D. Phillips. On almost every program of the Friday Club, some time is devoted to the study of English. Instead of serving refreshments in the evening, the Club is trying the experiment of having a 6 o'clock supper before the program meeting. In this way the hostess is not obliged to miss so much of the program. This is proving very satisfactory.

THE NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE

The New England Conference was held on October 7 and 8 at the Mountain View House, amid the glorious autumn foliage, with an attendance of 318 delegates and visitors. Maine sent a splendid delegation of sixteen delegates and ten visitors, and Maine contributed in large measure to the success of the program.

The themes of this year's Conference were the Perpetuation of New England Ideals, and a consideration of the Economic Needs of New England. Mr. A. L. T. Cummings, Secretary Maine Chamber of Commerce, gave a fine address on "Why New England Needs Publicity." Mr. Andrew Felker of Nashua spoke on the Food Problems of New England, and Mr. Charles Tobey of Manchester presented dramatically the Economic Future of New England. Each address was followed by live, pertinent debate from the delegates.

At the round table discussion on New England Ideals, Maine's State President, Miss Witherle, gave a scholarly and able presentation of the Modern Trend in Education. Mrs. Huddilston, Mrs. Moseley and Mrs. Myrtle White all contributed to the discussions. At the post-prandial exercises

after the dinner, when Grace Morrison Cooke was the brilliant toastmistress, Miss Witherle toasted Maine in charming fashion, Mrs. Stanley responded to the conference's acceptance of the beautiful gavel presented by her, Mr. Cummings recited some Canadian verse, and the chairman paid a tribute to New Hampshire, which aimed also to present the keynote of the conference.

Exquisite pictures, called the March of the Seasons in the Highlands, were given by Albert Leonard Squiers. Mrs. Edward Franklin White, First Vice-President of the General Federation and honored guest of the Conference, delivered a masterly address on Law Observance, which brought to a close one of the best sessions of the New England Conference.

Singing of state songs and of New England songs was a notable feature in this delightful program which had been arranged by Mrs. Guy Speare, the gracious President of the New Hampshire Federation. The social features included a drive and tea at Bethlehem, with Mrs. Glessner as hostess, assisted by Mrs. Francis Parkinson Keyes.

MRS. HARRY H. BURNHAM,
Chairman.

GENERAL FEDERATION BOARD MEETING

In the second year of office the President of the Maine Federation is also a Director of the General Federation. As Director for Maine, Miss Witherle attended the Board meeting of the General Federation held at Headquarters in Washington January 11 to 13. The Board consists of the officers and department chairmen of the General Federation and a Director from every state.

Officers and chairmen gave plans of their work and each Director gave a two-minute report of Federation interest in her state. Various business matters were discussed and voted upon. During one of the business sessions the news that the Senate had passed the act for the extension of the Shepard-Towner Bill for two years was greeted with applause, as the Federation had gone on record at the Biennial in favor of this Act.

In addition to the business meeting the Board was received at the White House by Mrs. Coolidge and at the Executive Offices by President Coolidge. A tea was given in honor of the Board by Mrs. Hoover, and the Board was entertained at tea both by the Democratic and by the Republican National Committee Women.

Miss Witherle reports her pleasure in seeing the fine shelf of books presented to Headquarters by Maine Clubs. Headquarters has recently suggested that it would be glad to receive a book (non-fiction) from every federated club.

WEST EDEN COMMUNITY CLUB COMES TO FRONT

One of the recently federated clubs, the West Eden Community Welfare Club, has fitted up a hall where community gatherings, as well as club meetings may be held. A Christmas party was given in the hall and all the children of the neighborhood were entertained. In addition to regular program meetings, the Club members occasionally meet to sew for someone who on account of illness has been unable to do her family sewing.

AMERICAN HOMES NATIONAL CONGRESS

I think it is well worth our while in these crowded, unsettled times, when substitutes for the genuine things of life are being sought on every hand, to spend four days of concentration upon keeping the American Home intact, as we propose to do at our First American Homes National Congress to be held in Des Moines March eighth to eleventh.

For such an institution as the Home there can be no substitute. Our citizenship is based upon it.

GENERAL FEDERATION NOTES

Mrs. Sherman, President of the General Federation, believes that it is very important to secure accurate knowledge of the organization and work of the pioneer clubs in every state. Every Maine club that was organized before 1895, is urged to send to Miss Witherle for details of the information that is desired.

Do you know of the Prize Contest, a project of the Fine Arts Department of the General Federation, conducted by the Club Corner of Scribner's Magazine? A prize of \$25.00 is offered by the Literature Division of the General Federation, in honor of Katherine Lee Bates, author of "America the Beautiful," for the best poem of not less than twelve, nor more than forty lines. Prizes are offered for the best list of two hundred books written by American authors and published in America. For details apply to our Maine Federation Literature Chairman, Mrs. Harry H. Burnham, Biddeford, Maine. Prizes are also being offered by the Art Division and the Music Division of the General Federation. Suggestive questions on Art prepared by Mrs. Berry, Chairman of the Art Division of the General Federation, were printed in the December and January numbers of Scribner's.

The bill-board policy of the General Federation is that the landscape is no place for advertising and that bill-boards should be restricted to commercial districts. The Federation's method for bill-board reform is a public opinion campaign to emphasize the value of out-door beauty and to urge its protection from unnecessary commercialism. The bill-board industry has removed some of its boards from scenic spots but still consider the general landscape as their legitimate field for advertising. Hence effective regulation of bill-boards must come through legislation.

Let us protect it and improve it. Let us make it efficient. Let us, both men and women, regard Homemaking as a profession and as a God-given duty, conducting it with the same attention and precision that we give to our business institutions, adding to these efforts the spiritual qualities that tend to keep life in the right channels.

MARY SHERMAN,
President General Federation
of Women's Clubs.

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Maine Accepts Challenge to Reduce Illiteracy

GENERAL PLAN OUTLINED

BY MRS. EVA C. MASON

After the Federation meeting at Augusta, February 11, 1927, it was decided that Maine should start her crusade against illiteracy by a special drive in Kennebec County.

Mrs. Blackman, chairman of education in the General Federation, had requested that each state federation should try to get the co-operation of the State Department of Education in taking a census of illiterates in some one county of the state and then in starting evening classes and individual teaching for their instruction.

Mrs. Elizabeth Crooker of South Berwick, chairman of Illiteracy in the Maine Federation, secured the interest and active assistance of Dr. A. O. Thomas, Commissioner of Education. With the approval of Governor Brewster and his Council, Dr. Thomas planned with Mrs. Crooker for the campaign in Kennebec County and appointed Mrs. Florence H. Pendleton of Lewiston and myself to take charge of the work. It was regretted that Mrs. Crooker was unable to leave her home to share in the drive.

To gain a knowledge of what was being done in other parts of the state, evening schools in Bangor, Portland, and Lewiston were first visited. The Bangor school was found to be doing splendid work in Americanization, the Portland school excellent work among illiterates, and work along similar lines was being done in Lewiston.

A canvass is made in sections of the town where illiterates are more likely to be found and the pupils are rounded up by some of the teachers two weeks before school starts. Men and women are usually taught in the same building, but in separate classes.

A Speaking Campaign

In order to arouse interest in the campaign, I spoke before the D. A. R. annual meeting in Portland in March, before the Waterville Woman's Club; and in May I am to speak to the Onawa Literary Union.

Mrs. Pendleton explained the work to the Grange, the Dames of Malta, Directors of the Home for Aged Women, and the Androscoggin Literary Union. All of these organizations are ready to do what they can to help.

We have sent material for teaching to the Benevolent Society of Hallowell. In Augusta the East Side Association, Augusta Study Club, and W. C. T. U. have

THE MAINE SONG

Frances Meserve Cotton
Air—Tramp, Tramp, Tramp
Way up next the border line
Of the map of U. S. A.
You will find it written
M-A-I-N-E,
And no matter where you roam
That's the word that stands
for Home
Where our faithful hearts
will ever long to be.

Chorus

Maine, Maine, Maine,
We sing thy glory,
Rivers, Pines and Rocky
Shores,
We can all thy beauty see,
And our clubs will loyal be
As we pledge our toast to
thee forevermore.

We grow pines to make the
masts,
Also corn to fill the cans,
While we follow where our
motto says "I Lead."
With fidelity we'll strive
As club women all should do
To uphold our State in every
time of need.

been approached and members of the different organizations have volunteered to act as teachers.

Locating Illiterates

The main part of our work has been to secure the names and addresses of illiterates. This has been done principally through the schools. With the permission of superintendents and teachers, we went into the grade schools and asked the children to write the names of any persons they knew who could neither read or write in any language. The children were much excited and were delighted to give us many names. Other names were obtained through ministers, priests, superintendents of mills, leaders in the American Legion, and Americanization workers.

The work of listing illiterates in Kennebec County is practically completed, although we have yet to hear from a few of the towns and rural regions. Exact figures
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MRS. PENDLETON'S STORY

COVERS HER EXPERIENCE

When Mrs. Mason and I were appointed by Dr. Thomas to represent the State Department of Education in the Illiteracy campaign, one of the big problems confronting us was whether we could create interest enough among the local organizations to help us find those who were still illiterate out of the 1633 illiterates listed in Kennebec County by the U. S. census of 1920.

We started on our work intending to do our best to find these illiterates and to induce the club women to reach those whom the night schools might fail to reach—mothers with little children, men who work at night, those too proud to let others know their deficiencies. But no matter how much we wanted to succeed, we could go only so far as the co-operation of the club women would let us.

I don't know just how Mrs. Mason felt, in the time between accepting our responsibility and actually working for our objective. I am going to be frank to say that, although I could see the downright tragedy of going through life an illiterate, lurking in the back of my mind was the hopeless thought—how can the women take on any more? A privilege and wonderful opportunity for the club women, yes, but where was the time coming from?

Met Cordial Support

The first club I visited gave me one of the happiest experiences I have ever had, when I never needed encouragement more. I arrived at the club in Augusta, I opened the door, expecting to see a few women of some study club, who might listen politely to what I had to say, and found a score of women working like bees, with machines humming away under their rapid work.

They were a benevolent association caring for the poor in their section of the town. They didn't stop working but changed to more quiet sewing and listened while I told my story and displayed the reader and writing tablet. Fourteen of those fine women volunteered as teachers for the illiterates and six others as substitutes if needed.

The women responded at the first call and have been doing so ever since. Club after club has voted to do what it can to help in removing illiteracy from Kennebec County. However, while we have made our intensive drive in Kennebec, we are hoping that other clubs besides those reported
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