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1892-1925



MRS. GEORGE C. FRYE
PORTLAND
"Mother of the Federation"

Maine Federation of Women's Clubs

HISTORICAL SKETCHES

1892 - 1924

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MAINE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Dedicated to
FLORENCE WAUGH DANFORTH

President of the Maine Federation
of Women's Clubs
1924-1925

Whose courage, vision and energy
made the publication of these
historical sketches
a reality

FOREWORD



FEW words in regard to the circumstances under which this little book has been written are necessary.

One of our pioneer club workers, Mrs. C. B. Porter of Old Town, came across bits of the early history of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs. With her usual keenness of mind, she conceived the idea of writing a history of the Federation from the beginning to the present administration.

What a task this has been, only those who have done research work can appreciate. The collecting of material, the solicitation of pictures of our early members and not the least of all—getting responses to letters of inquiry—all these were enough to daunt the ardor of most of us.

Not so Mrs. Porter—the greater the difficulties, the more enthusiasm she displayed. Through the efforts of our loyal friend who has made this work purely a “labor of love,” the history of the Maine Federation is ready for publication.

The book has been financed by a few friends of the Federation, and we hope that every club in the State as well as every library will want at least one or more copies.

This History of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs should arouse our pride in the past, and stimulate us to higher ideals for the future.

FLORENCE WAUGH DANFORTH.

Acknowledgment

Thomas Wentworth Higginson says: "It is a bewildering and fascinating thing to read old letters; they are so full of vitality . . . that one can scarcely bear it." So it is with the reading of records of the doings of one's friends. Thus encouragement and help have been necessary for me to carry out what some have called a "beautiful adventure." To each and all who have helped to make this possible I express my thanks, especially to that loyal group of women who helped to finance this "adventure" for the Club Women of Maine.

GEORGIA PULSIFER PORTER

Old Town, Maine

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MRS. C. B. PORTER
Old Town

MAINE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS ORGANIZED

CHAPTER I



THE Maine Federation of Women's Clubs was organized in September, 1892, thirty-two years ago. Since more than a generation has passed, it becomes a pleasure to suggest that many who were prominent in the formation of that organization, so long ago, are still active and prominent in its councils today.

It was my great privilege to read recently a short sketch of the activities and the history of the early days of this Federation written by Mrs. George C. Frye of Portland, who is properly known as the "Mother of the Federation" and whose name is cherished in its councils as her memory is revered. In reading these annals of the Federation, so carefully prepared and so simply, yet eloquently told by Mrs. Frye, I have been moved to retell from her suggestions the important happenings of those first few years and supplement it with additional details of the concerns of the Federation from those years up to the present day.

Mrs. Frye says:

"Maine may be justly proud to claim the first State Federation of Women's Clubs. The Woman's Literary Union of Portland, formed in 1889, sent delegates to the General Federation held in Orange, N. J. In 1892, the Literary Union entertained the leader of the Federation work, Mrs. Charlotte Emerson Brown, on its annual Field Day. A reception was held that evening at 296 Congress Street, the birthplace of both the City and State Federation, when a temporary organization was formed.

"Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy was chosen chairman. Mrs. E. H. Hall of the Bangor Athene club, was made secretary. A committee was chosen to draw up a constitution, another to prepare a program, these to report at a meeting appointed for September 23."

"During the summer much corresponding was done and plans made, and when the date came, thirty-seven club women of Maine were present. The Portland Federation was host. Music for the occasion was arranged by the recently formed Literary Union, for the opening reception. Several guests were present, former residents of Maine, and Miss Kate Vannah, the well-known composer, rendered two piano selections."

The object of the meeting was stated by Mrs. George C. Frye, who represented the Portland Literary Union. The Constitution presented was adopted.



FLORENCE WAUGH DANFORTH
PRESIDENT OF THE MAINE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
1924-1925

FIRST CONSTITUTION

The constitution follows:

ARTICLE I

Name

This organization shall be known as the "Maine Federation of Women's Clubs."

ARTICLE II

Object

Its object shall be to bring together the several Women's Literary and Educational Clubs of the State for mutual benefit.

ARTICLE III

Officers and Delegates

Section 1. The general officers shall be a president, a first vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer and an auditor, who shall constitute the executive board to transact the business of the State Federation subject to its direction and make a full report at each annual meeting. A quorum shall consist of three members. Meetings of this Board shall be held at the call of the president.

Sec. 2. The president of each club in membership shall be vice-president of the State Federation.

Sec. 3. The executive board and vice-presidents shall constitute a board of directors to consider and promote such measures as shall be for the interest of the State Federation. This board shall meet at call of the executive board, one-third constituting a quorum.

Sec. 4. The general officers shall be elected annually by ballot. One delegate from each club present shall form a nominating board to present a list of officers for election. A majority vote of those present entitled to vote and voting, shall constitute an election.

Sec. 5. No officer shall be eligible to the same office for more than two terms consecutively.

Sec. 6. Each club belonging to the State Federation may be represented at the annual meeting by its president and one delegate who shall both be entitled to vote and one of whom shall give a report of the club work. In case a club cannot

send a delegate a written report shall be accepted as a substitute.

Sec. 7. Members of clubs belonging to the State Federation may be present at the annual meeting and may take part in discussion, but shall not introduce motions or vote.

ARTICLE IV

Sec. 1. Clubs desiring to join this Federation shall make application for membership accompanied by copy of constitution to the secretary.

Sec. 2. Clubs shall be admitted to membership by vote of the board of directors. A two-thirds vote of members present, and voting, being necessary for an election.

ARTICLE V

Meetings

Meetings shall be held annually the second week in October at such place as the executive board shall decide. The Woman's Manual shall be the authority for the conduct of all meetings.

ARTICLE VI

Committee of Arrangements

The officers, together with a committee from the club with which the State Federation is invited to meet, shall be authorized to arrange for the exercises of the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VII

Dues

The annual dues for each club shall be two dollars, payable in advance at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any meeting of the State Federation by a two-thirds vote, notice of the proposed amendment having been appended to the call of the meeting.

Mrs. Etta H. Osgood of Portland, was chosen as the first president of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Osgood, whose sweetness still radiates to all who knew her, was a charming and able president. Mrs. E. H. Hall of Bangor, was elected vice-president. A long story could be written of Mrs. Hall, her interest in the best in literature

and art and her generosity in giving to others what she herself possessed. Never have the secretary and treasurer and auditor of the Maine Federation been fully appreciated, but efficient women have served in these places. In the very beginning able women assumed these offices. Mrs. Anna J. Coyle of Portland was the treasurer, Mrs. Eunice M. Frye, really the "Mother of the Federation," was secretary, and Mrs. Mary S. Burnham, auditor. Each of these women did much to put the Maine Federation on a firm foundation.

The first directors' meeting was held in Augusta, Feb. 27, 1893, in the office of the Board of Agriculture, at the State House. The Current Events Club of Augusta entertained the delegates; Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt, president, introduced her club with as much pride as a mother would present her daughter. At this time twenty-seven clubs were federated. A bureau of information was formed, the secretaries of each club to make up its membership and the secretary of the Federation to serve as chairman. The duties of this committee were to procure a list of speakers available for club meetings with their subjects and terms and send this information to each Federation club.

The clubs making up the Federation at the time of the first directors' meeting Feb. 27, 1893 with the names of the president and corresponding secretary of each, as given in the first year book, follows:

AUBURN

ART CLUB

President, Mrs. Mary E. Farrington.

Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Fannie Wagg Leavitt.

AUBURN ART AND LITERATURE CLUB

Organized 1891.

President, Virginia P. Foss.

Corresponding secretary, Miss Annie C. Haskell.

LEWISTON

MT. DAVID SHAKESPEARE CLUB

Organized 1889.

President, Mrs. Edgar M. Briggs.

Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Emily B. Angell.

SOROSIS CLUB

Organized 1892.

President, Mrs. Florence S. Small.

Corresponding secretary, Miss Carrie Bradford.

LEWISTON AND AUBURN

HISTORY CLUB

Organized 1888.

President, Mrs. Florence S. Small.

Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Emily B. Angell.

WOMANS LITERARY UNION

Organized 1892.

President, Mrs. F. H. Briggs.

Corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. M. Briggs.

AUGUSTA

CURRENT EVENTS CLUB

President, Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt.

Corresponding secretary, Miss Marian F. Michales.

BANGOR

ATHENE CLUB

Organized 1892.

President, Mrs. E. H. Hall.

Corresponding secretary, Mrs. L. L. Paine.

NORUMBEGA CLUB

Organized 1892.

President, Mrs. H. G. Rowe.

Corresponding secretary, Mrs. James Thissell.

BATH

FORTNIGHTLY CLUB

Organized 1891.

President, Mrs. G. E. R. Patten.

Corresponding secretary, Miss Mary Watson.

BETHEL

COLUMBIAN CLUB

Organized 1892.

President, Mrs. C. M. Mason.

Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Fannie S. Jordan.

BRUNSWICK

SHAKESPEARE CLUB

Organized 1877.

President, Mrs. F. C. Robinson.

Corresponding secretary, Miss Helen M. Whitmore.

MUSTARD SEED CLUB

Organized 1883.

President and secretary, Miss Harriette M. Otis.

CRESCENT CLUB

Organized 1884.

President, Miss Mae Stanwood.

Corresponding secretary, Miss Maud Mason.

DEXTER

WOMAN'S LITERARY CLUB

Organized 1880.

President, Mrs. Georgie F. Dole.

Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Frances A. Bradbury.

FRYEBURG

LITERARY CLUB

Organized 1890.

President, Miss Hannah C. Osgood.

Corresponding secretary, Miss Mary E. Warren

STIRLING CLUB

Organized 1891.

President, Mrs. Emma E. Towle.

Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Marion J. Chandler.

FARMINGTON

EVERY MONDAY CLUB

Organized 1892.

President, Mrs. H. P. Keyes.

Corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. P. White.

GARDINER

CURRENT EVENTS CLUB

Organized, 1892.

President, Gertrude E. Heath, M.D.

Corresponding secretary, Miss Mary Wilder Cooper.

NORWAY

BARTON READING CLUB

Organized 1892.

President, Mrs. Freeland Howe.

Corresponding secretary, Mrs. George A. Brooks.

OAKLAND

TUESDAY CLUB

Organized 1888.

President, Mrs. John Ayer.

Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Lizzie Ayer.

ORONO

WOMAN'S CLUB.

Organized 1887.

President, Mrs. D. W. Colby.

Corresponding secretary, Mrs. James S. Stevens.

PORTLAND

WOMAN'S LITERARY UNION

Organized 1889.

President, Mrs. Josiah Burnham.

Corresponding secretary, Miss Mabel Elwell.

MONDAY CLUB

Organized 1877.

President, Miss Inez A. Blanchard.

Corresponding secretary, Miss Harriet N. Hobson.

TRAVELERS' CLUB

Organized 1882.

President, Mrs. George C. Frye.

Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Hiram L. Jones.

BEECHER CLUB

Organized 1889.

President, Mrs. George E. Thompson.

Corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. S. Heald.

ROCKLAND**SATURDAY CLUB**

Organized 1889.

President, Mrs. Lillian Mortland.

Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Jennie C. White.

SKOWHEGAN**WOMAN'S CLUB**

Organized 1882.

President, Mrs. Sarah A. Hanson.

Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Mary H. Snow.

SOROSIS CLUB

Organized 1886.

President, Miss Gertrude S. Weston.

Corresponding secretary, Mrs. R. B. Shepherd.

THOMASTON**GREAT EXPECTATIONS CLUB**

Organized 1893.

President, Mrs. Emily C. Smith.

Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Mary A. Stimson.

WESTBROOK**AMMONCONGIN CLUB**

Organized 1892.

President, Mrs. Zebulon Jackson.

Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Mary Melcher.

WINTHROP**LITERARY CLUB**

Organized 1891.

President, Mrs. Florence C. Porter.

Corresponding secretary, Miss Louise Benjamin.

One of the subjects for discussion at this first mid-winter meeting, was "Whether or not the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs should be represented at the Exposition to be held in Chicago the following summer."

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING AT SKOWHEGAN

CHAPTER II

IT may be interesting to note at this time, when education week, and library week and different observances are so much in evidence to encourage better reading, and better appreciation of all these advantages, that of the twenty-seven clubs reporting at the first mid-winter meeting of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs, eighteen have literature in their course of study, eight have history, about as many announce art as included in their course of study, several have music, a few current events and several civic work.

At the first mid-winter meeting in Augusta came up the question of representation at the World's Fair in Chicago the summer of 1893. The affirmative vote was followed by the question of how or in what way? It was decided to have a volume of records and a banner, the first to be planned by Mrs. Florence Collins Porter, the last to be in charge of Mrs. Fannie Brainard. Mrs. Mary S. Burnham of Portland, the auditor, designed the banner and records were sent to the State of Maine Building in Chicago. On the banner was a list of the clubs federated as reported at the mid-winter meeting.

An invitation to hold the annual meeting for the fall of 1893 in Skowhegan, was extended by Miss Gertrude Weston, president of the Sorosis Club of that town; and in October, the club women gathered in the Somerset shire town, the place of meeting being the Bethany church. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Osgood, with a gavel made from wood from the first frame house built in Fryeburg. Mrs. Hanson, wife of the pastor of the church in which the meeting was held, at that time was president of the Skowhegan Woman's Club. The meeting opened with a silent invocation, and a response was sung, the words being written by Mrs. Henrietta G. Rowe of Bangor, who was really the organizer of the Norumbega Club of Bangor, and at that time its president.



MRS. ETTA H. OSGOOD
1893-1894

Some of the subjects discussed were, "Helps and Hindrances in the Organized Work of Women," "A Half Century of

Science," "The Microscope, Its History and Development." One of the reported "features" was "A Science Hour."

The evening session was of great interest in anticipation as well as in realization. Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, president of the Massachusetts Federation, gave a most interesting address. Mrs. Laura E. Richards of Gardiner, daughter of Mrs. Howe, read from manuscript "Jim of Hellas." Mrs. Caroline D. Swan of Gardiner and Miss Julia Harris May of Auburn, read original poems. Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy spoke on the subject, "Woman as a Factor in the World's History."

At the closing session of this annual meeting, the president, Mrs. Osgood, presented a design for a badge to accompany the Federation colors of green and brown. This was an oxidized silver stick pin in the form of a pine tree. The significance was convincing and it was promptly accepted; even those not taking kindly to badges looked favorably upon this one. The Question Box was a helpful feature of this meeting.

The good-bye song was written by Mrs. Caroline Dana Howe. Thus ended the first annual meeting of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs, and it is worth our while to stop and consider for a moment a few of the women who helped to make this meeting a success, and to launch this Federation on its course.

Julia Ward Howe needs hardly a word, still one cannot mention the name without an inspiration of gratitude for that wonderful "Battle Hymn of the Republic," from her pen.

Laura E. Richards has been worthy of the mother, and her books make up a creditable and attractive list.

The collector of these reviews of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs remembers hearing the well-known Kate Vannah tell of the musical ability of Mrs. Howe, and the number of songs she had composed, how she had set to music many of the Mother Goose melodies, this being done for her own grandchildren, but so well done that it brought joy to all who heard them.

Mrs. Swan was a native of Gardiner and a teacher of note, always a student. At one time she was a teacher in St. Catherine's Hall School in Augusta, then well known. She was also connected with the Boston Society to Promote Study at Home. She was an artist and poet.

Miss Julia Harris May, known for her "Songs from the Woods of Maine" and other poems, was one of the well-known May family and for years was one of the shining lights of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Carolina Dana Howe was born, like the president of the Federation, Mrs. Osgood, in the historic town of Fryeburg, but Portland became her home in childhood. The first work of her pen was printed in the Portland Transcript, which was the medium for many a beginner in those years.

As early as 1880 a volume of her poems was published which was followed by others. Many of her poems have been set to music. Few women of her time were better known than Mrs. Howe.

Mrs. Henrietta G. Rowe of Bangor, of most charming personality, is remembered by all who knew her as the author of several volumes. Perhaps the one that brought her the widest recognition was "Re-Told Tales of the Hills and Shores of Maine." For this, her fame became almost national. Mrs. Rowe taught a group of Bangor women who later organized into what is now known as the Norumbega Club.

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The second directors' meeting was held in Brunswick in February, 1894, by invitation of the Shakespeare Club of which Mrs. F. C. Robinson was then president. The meeting was held in the church, and according to the newspaper reports, "a delicious luncheon was daintily served in the vestry, the tables being set with finest of china and embroidered linens." A committee was chosen to investigate the workings of the National Household Economics; another, to report progress of education in Maine, Mrs. Charles Woodman of Bangor, presenting the cause of the kindergarten. At this meeting it was voted to join the General Federation.

Mrs. A. E. Herrick of Bethel, gave a talk on "The Influence of the Club on the Home." Mrs. J. F. Towle of Fryeburg, president of the Sterling Club, told how the club was transforming the work of the drudging farmer's wife." It was this club that started the fashion of "Gentlemen's Night," Mrs. Towle explaining that the Sterling Club planned a social evening with the husbands as guests.

Mrs. F. H. Briggs, then of Auburn, now of Washington, was one of the speakers at the Brunswick meeting. She spoke "without notes" of the influence of the club.

There was a debt of \$100 against the Federation which was raised in less than ten minutes.

For some little time the Federation had conducted a column in the Portland Transcript in charge of Mrs. Frederick Jones of Deering and Mrs. Augustus Stevens. As these could no longer continue the work, Mrs. Caroline W. D. Rich of Lewiston assumed the editorship.

Mrs. H. P. Keyes of Farmington, gave an able paper on "The Relation of the State to the General Federation."

It was so conclusive in its arguments that the organization at once voted to join the General Federation.

After adjournment, a grandson of Senator William P. Frye invited the delegates to his room at one of the Fraternity houses of Bowdoin, where he and his room-mate and his mother, Mrs. Wallace H. White of Lewiston, received and entertained these women of the federated clubs for an hour.

One wonders if this young man had a vision that in the election, just thirty years after, the women as well as the men of Maine would help to return one of the White family to the Congress of the United States.

Eighteen clubs were represented at this directors' meeting and thirty-eight clubs were reported as federated.

It was announced that the annual meeting for 1894 would be held in Auburn, by the invitation of The Woman's Literary Union of Auburn and Lewiston.

I was there; were you?

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING AT LEWISTON

CHAPTER III

THE second annual meeting of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs was held Sept. 10-11-12, 1894, the Literary Union of Auburn and Lewiston being the entertaining clubs. This was the first annual meeting I had attended and it goes without saying that there has never been another quite like it. The president of the Union at that time was Mrs. F. H. Briggs—Alice Frye—and prominently associated with her was Mrs. Charles L. Cushman, as well as many others who should be mentioned, but so artistically was the affair managed that the memory stays of one enjoyable whole—attractive women, beautiful gowns, brilliancy of wit, fragrant flowers, charming music, and the men should not be forgotten for they were there adding "dignity" to the occasion, undoubtedly somewhat bewildered at this new move by the women but evidently charmed by all.

The record by Mrs. George C. Frye reads:

"Mrs. Seth M. Carter and her co-workers on the reception committee were much complimented." The reception was held in City Hall, Lewiston, which had not been built so very long. The guests of honor were Mrs. Lillian Streeter of Concord, N. H., the first president of the New Hampshire Women's Federation of Clubs, Mrs. Sarah Fairfield Hamilton of Saco, and Mrs. Sarah T. Robson of New York, who gave several readings during the reception. Mrs. Streeter never forgot this occasion, as whenever and wherever I met her so long as she lived she never failed to mention her first visit to the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs.

The first business session came on the morning of Oct. 11th in the Elm Street Universalist church. Mrs. Osgood presided and the invocation was written by Mrs. Anna J. Coyle of Portland, the State treasurer.

"We come to thee, Parent divine,
And lay our gifts upon thy shrine,
Our brightest, best and holiest thought,
From Thee, the fount of all good sought."

The secretary announced forty-two clubs now in membership. At the first session the reports of the clubs were given. Mrs. Frye recorded: "The club reports were concise and brief, with a few exceptions."

Two papers were read by the club women and some of the subjects thus brought before the women were: "The Club Woman and Her Surroundings," "Repose in Art," "Women and Science."

The evening session was devoted largely to education. After the address by Mrs. Streeter, Mrs. Charles Woodman of Bangor gave an encouraging account of the increase in the number of kindergartens established throughout the State, Mrs. Hamilton of Saco gave a short address recounting her experiences in this line as did Mrs. E. D. Burrington of Belfast.

Well do I remember the effort made by one who was not a member of a Federated club to have the membership in the Maine Federation individual as well as by clubs, that is, have the Constitution permit women without club membership to join as individuals. This was discussed but the vote was against the change. The wisdom of this decision has been proved in the years, but the desire of the women to join if their efforts to form clubs had been unsuccessful, shows the interest in the movement.

The time of service for the first officers elected had passed and the election at this second annual meeting resulted as follows: president, Mrs. H. L. Dowst, Bangor; vice-president, Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt, Augusta; secretary, Mrs. Kate Clark Estabrooke, Orono; treasurer, Miss Bertha L. Soule, Bath; auditor, Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy, Bangor.

In retiring from the office as the first president, Mrs. Etta H. Osgood expressed her gratitude to the women who had co-operated in making the work so successful in its beginnings. She had no doubt as to its future success. In passing it over to hands she deemed able to carry on the work, she resigned not one particle of her enthusiastic interest, only changed a little her department of work.

This is the first mention in the Federation work of Mrs. E. D. Burrington, who never lost her interest in it and attended as often as possible, but the work of her last years was for the Girls' Home established in her home city of Belfast, Maine. This Home that has housed so many needy girls and done such good work, was established through the arduous efforts of Mrs. Burrington and other Belfast men and women who were aided by prominent men and women of Maine. It is still doing a much needed service.

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Although an exceedingly cold morning, twenty-three clubs were represented at the mid-winter Augusta meeting. At this session the Reciprocity Bureau was established, Miss Inez Blanchard being selected to organize and carry on the work. The records say: "Recognizing that everybody thinks, and thinks about everything, that every club should strive to get beyond its own and that intellectual life in this organization is everywhere for reciprocity, that each and every club will furnish papers and also borrow from this Bureau, it is thus established."

Each member of the Maine Federation today—1924—should notice that this bureau was established at the mid-winter meeting, thus proving that business was transacted and departments established at the winter session then, if not today. It will be interesting to try to learn when the Constitution was changed to the present ruling.

Miss Mary Snow, superintendent of Bangor public schools, gave one of her inspiring addresses. Her subject was: "The Relation of the Women's Club to the Public Schools." "Neither mothers nor teachers were spared in this address," says a newspaper report. "Teachers are given too little appreciation and sympathy, in the work of training pupils. The mothers should better understand what makes up the instructions in the schools."

Two papers were given that were at once demanded for the Bureau of Reciprocity, "How to Use Public Libraries" and "An All-Around Woman."


The subject of another was "Literature as a Means of Moral Training," given by Miss Charlotte Sibley of Belfast. This was the first address given by her before the women's organization, although before this, Miss Sibley had made a name for herself as a speaker before the young people's societies connected with the different churches.

The first year book of the federated clubs was printed for the 1894 meeting. It contained the list of officers, the constitution and the list of clubs federated. As one reads it the thought comes that the number of clubs joining does not increase very rapidly, but it is evident that clubs withdrew or disbanded after a few years of existence, at the beginning of the club movement.

Augusta must have been—as it still is—a popular place of meeting for the Federation, for it was announced at the Lewiston-Auburn meeting that the annual for 1895 would be held in the Capital City.

BANGOR WOMAN THE LEADER

CHAPTER IV

HE annual meeting of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs, held in Augusta Oct. 9-10-11, 1895, was different from the preceding ones because it was entertained by The Current Events Club and the Unity Club, the last named including among its members both men and women. Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt was still the president of The Current Events and the message from the Unity Club was from its president, Judge Oliver G. Hall, but the bearer was Mrs. Emma Huntington Nason of Augusta. In her response Mrs. Dowst, the president of the Federation, said: "May all future mixed or unmixed clubs be blessed with such spirit as this one which has so cordially greeted us and which is not of us."

Mrs. Henrotin, president of the General Federation, was guest of honor, as was also Mrs. Florence Howe Hall, president of the New Jersey Federation. Every woman who attended this meeting remembers the favorable impression Mrs. Henrotin made, and the third of the Howe family to attend the Maine Federation was as entertaining a guest as the other members of the family.

The first Necrologist report was made at this meeting by Mrs. George C. Frye, who said: "A large number of our women, almost leaders, have been called to rest since 1894."

The national household economic question was still a matter of interest, and Mrs. Sarah Fairfield Hamilton of Saco, spoke most interestingly on this topic on which she was an acknowledged authority.

One of the papers read at this meeting that has remained in my mind as a gem, was by Mrs. Noah Burgess of Portland on the subject, "The Value of the Bible in Literary Study." Miss Louise Thompson of Bangor, gave a paper on Art. Mrs. Augustus Stevens, Mrs. Florence Howe Hall, Mrs. Laura E. Richards, as well as Mrs. Henrotin, spoke at the evening session. I remember the fact that Mrs. Henrotin spoke "more than a half hour without notes," occasioned considerable wonderment. But we must remember that was thirty years ago this October, 1924. Mrs. Stetson of Caribou and Mrs. C. B. Porter of Old Town, each read papers at the morning session. One of the most interesting discussions was on the advisability of the Federation endorsing a board of education "favored by a few of the leading educators of Maine."

Those who have attended many annual meetings will smile at the words of Mrs. Frye: "The evening session was not too long, as the previous and succeeding ones have been."

At the time of this meeting, the Educational Department was divided by counties, Mrs. Charles Woodman of Bangor representing Penobscot, Kennebec, Somerset, Waldo, Knox and Hancock counties; Mrs. Etta H. Osgood taking care of Cumberland, York, Sagadahoc, Lincoln and Washington; Mrs. O. M. Mason, superintendent of public schools of Bethel, having Androscoggin, Oxford, Franklin, Piscataquis and Aroostook.

Other departments were the Bureau of Information, chairman, Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy; and the Reciprocity Bureau, looked after by Miss Inez Blanchard of Portland.

Women formerly of Maine and living elsewhere in the first days of the Federation followed the efforts of the Maine women with marked interest; and Francis Laughton Mace, a native of Bangor, but spending many years, as well as her last days in California, sent a poem for the Augusta meeting which was read by Mrs. Hunt of Portland.

It seems to have been a custom for the first Federation meetings to have odes for the opening or closing written by women members of the organization. For the meeting at Augusta, the closing ode was written by Miss Ellen Hamlin Butler of Bangor, niece of Mrs. Hannibal Hamlin and sister to President Butler, at one time of Colby College.

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The Directors' meeting for February 12, 1896, was held in Orono, Mrs. Dowst presiding. The matter of endorsing the Board of Education aroused much discussion, but when one woman rose and announced that "there was evidence of wire-pulling in the movement," it was soon voted to "have the subject recommitted."

Mrs. Henrotin sent a letter asking that "the Federation of Clubs inaugurate a movement looking towards 1900 as the date for the Christian Powers to discuss an International Court of Arbitration." Discussion followed, and a resolution of endorsement was drawn and sent to Mrs. Henrotin.

Several women spoke, saying their clubs urged sending an appeal to Congress to use its power to influence European Powers to protect the Armenians.

One of the papers of this session was by Miss Eleanor Stevens of Gardiner, urging the protection of song birds.

It needs but a cursory glance to see how rapidly the subjects demanding the attention of the women were increasing and how ready the women were to discuss them. It also should be noted that the Federation was not ready to endorse or condemn without careful consideration.

Near the close of the meeting, Mrs. Estabrooke, for the women of Orono, presented a gavel to the Federation, the sec-

and such gift. There were three women's clubs in Orono at the time of the Directors' Meeting in 1896. Today there is but one, the Orono Woman's Club, but this does not indicate that the interest is less, only that the one today is much larger than all three then, and that the years have made this change desirable.

It will be found that Orono has done its part in furnishing women to do valuable work for the Federation from the very first of its existence to the present time.

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October 14, 15 and 16, 1896, were the dates of the fourth annual meeting of the Federation. It was held in Portland, opening as usual, with a reception.



MRS. BELLE G. DOWST
1895-1896



MARTHA W. FAIRFIELD
Daughter of Gov. Fairfield

There was a notable increase in the number of men present. It was a matter of regret that the president, Mrs. Dowst, was prevented by illness from attending. The vice-president, Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt, did not arrive until the next morning. There was an address of welcome by Mrs. Frank Clark, president of the Portland Union, and the president's response was read by the secretary, Mrs. Kate C. Estabrooke. Mrs. Helen C. Beedy presided.

The first business session was largely attended and the first matter for discussion was Household Economics. After the educational report, Miss Mary Snow conducted a Round Table, introducing the speakers in her characteristic witty fashion

which added much to the interest. The afternoon was largely devoted to club reports. The evening session had a lengthy program, including The Character of Mrs. Hemingway, by Miss Amy Homans; Poem, by Mrs. Caroline W. D. Rich; The Rural School Problem, by Mrs. Florence Collins Porter; School Room Decoration, by Miss Mary MacSkimmon; The Brownings Under Blue Italian Skies, by Miss Charlotte T. Sibley.

We smile as we read the criticism of Mrs. Frye, "Each person took much more time than was allotted her." Still, this over-feeding, mentally, did not prevent a large attendance at the morning session the next day. Mrs. Frye read her history, and the discussion as to the change in dues took much time.

The officers, having served two years, the election was the business of the closing session and the following were chosen: president, Mrs. Alice Frye Briggs, Auburn; vice-president, Mrs. Florence Collins Porter, Caribou; recording secretary, Mrs. Fred H. White, Lewiston; treasurer, Mrs. B. F. Eaton, Skowhegan; corresponding secretary, Miss Nellie E. Marston, Monmouth.

This is the only meeting where an assistant secretary seemed necessary. Mrs. Estabrooke had Mrs. C. B. Porter as a helper. Why, I cannot tell. But it did seem to be an exceedingly busy session. It was also distinguished for hospitality. I remember the house full to overflowing of guests, entertained by Mrs. Frye and enjoyment of discussion seemed never ending. There seemed to be an overflow of wisdom and wit. Each of us wondered how Mr. Frye could be so calm and refrain from expressing opinions. Evidently he kept in mind that it was "a woman's time."

Perhaps he, like another man I remember on that occasion, felt like predicting "it would not last long, this club business; the women will soon get tired."

I sometimes see this gentleman and hear him converse, and he has become "tired" of his political party, and is not as enthusiastic over some of the "lodges" as he once was.

Last fall when attending the Federation, I met him again and asked if he remembered his remark. Declaring he did not, he did confess that he was "surprised that the Federation had held such a large number of women enthusiastically interested so long." I did not offer to tell him the reason, although I could.

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It may be that my close contact with the women, who have worked for the best good of Maine, make me too eager to sing their praises, but it seems impossible for me to mention them without a word of appreciation. Helen Coffin Beedy was active in the forming of the organization and for more than ten years was a tower of strength in the Federation. She was a Maine woman, a teacher for years, a writer, author of "Mothers of

Maine," doing much to have the memory of Dorothea Dix commemorated and with many more achievements to her credit. The success of the early days of the Federation owed much to her.

Mrs. Emma Huntington Nason of Augusta, is first mentioned at this Augusta meeting. But she is still remembered as a poet and author of several books. One readily called to mind is "The Tower With Legends and Lyrics," published the very year that the Federation met in Augusta.


Mrs. Hamilton of Saco, was for years an active, interested and interesting member of the Federation, as was her sister, Miss Martha Fairfield of Saco, daughters of Governor Fairfield. Women of ability, they were interested in everything that meant progress or betterment. Those who did not have the pleasure of knowing these women must feel acquainted with the Fairfield family through the wonderful Letters of Governor Fairfield, as published by the Lewiston Journal.

Mrs. Caroline W. D. Rich of Lewiston, was one of the talented daughters of Maine. For several years she added to the interest of the Federation by giving the work of her pen. Miss Mary Snow was a pioneer woman educator in one sense, and made name and fame for herself in the national field, making the work easier for every woman who wished to be active as an educator. Miss Snow died in New York about a year ago.

Mrs. B. F. Eaton of Skowhegan, who was elected Treasurer at the Portland meeting, was one of those who helped to make the early days of the Federation a success. She was a constant attendant, and it is only a few years since she ceased to be an active participant in the business sessions. Her cheering smile was one of the joys of the social affairs. Mrs. Eaton is still a resident of Skowhegan, interested in all affairs of the day, but not able to attend the Federation meetings, but those who know of her work, miss it and her personality.

LEADERSHIP OF MRS. ALICE FRYE BRIGGS

CHAPTER V

O year book contains such a full account of any annual meeting as the one covering the sessions in Bangor, October 6-8, 1897. The Directors' meeting held in Augusta on February 11, 1897, considered matters that were still unsettled and must be brought before the annual in Bangor, and this added to the interest. It was the first time that the Queen City had entertained the women of the Federation, and nothing was left undone to make each phase of the affair a success.

These closing words of Mrs. Hannibal Hamlin in her welcoming address gave to all the rest added meaning:

“Divergent though our ways may be, we are united in one common end, the advancement of our State in culture, ethics and philanthropy, and all that makes for the broadening and bettering of humanity.”

This was the first annual meeting over which Mrs. Alice Frye Briggs of Auburn presided as president, and in her opening address she referred to the Augusta mid-winter meeting and matters considered there to be reconsidered, speaking particularly of the interest in the Educational department. She urged an educational meeting of the Women's Clubs in connection with the meeting of the State Teachers' Association. She asserted that “when women become affiliated with the Women's Clubs, home becomes dearer, the mother sings at her work, and husband and children drink of her happiness.” In closing she appealed for a Club Extension committee to organize clubs in the smaller places, “even the smallest.”

The guests of honor at this meeting were Mrs. May Alden Ward of Cambridge, Mass., president of the New England Woman's Press Association; Miss Lillian Munger of Radcliffe College, and Mrs. E. H. Hall, honorary president of the Bangor Athene Club, and chairman of the Civic Art committee of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union of Rochester, N. Y. Several Maine Club women who were members of the New England Press Association which Mrs. Ward represented, also were present. The name of each guest appeared on the program. Maine women also gave papers; Mrs. F. B. Clark on Portland School-Room Decorations; Miss Mary Ann Greely, Ellsworth, on “The Influence of the Beautiful.” Mrs. William P. Frye of Lewiston, wife of U. S. Senator Frye, read a poem.

The Educational committee's report was more spicy than usual, full of suggestions of work to be done, urging women to be active for the union of towns for the superintendence group system and an increase of Summer Schools. In closing, Miss



MRS. ALICE FRYE BRIGGS
1897-1898

Snow said: "You women must not underestimate your influence and the influence of the Women's Clubs."

Mrs. William H. Newell of Lewiston, who was serving as chairman of the committee on Information, reported it "an empty office," and advised it be discontinued. It was done, and Mrs. Newell was appointed chairman of the Reciprocity Bureau.

Changing the Constitution of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs may not be as hazardous or as momentous as changing the Constitution of the United States, but those at the Bangor meeting who listened to the discussion of this subject, might have been justified in so thinking. Notwithstanding the fact that Mrs. Etta H. Osgood had much to do with framing the original Constitution of the Federation and sponsored the change, the majority of the women did not seem to take kindly to having section 6 of article III changed to read: "Each club belonging to the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs shall be entitled to representation at the annual meeting by its president or her appointee and one delegate for each 100 members or majority fraction thereof."

Or Article VII to read: "Dues. Each club belonging to the Maine Federation shall pay its Treasurer annually, in advance, an amount equal to ten cents per member."

The committee proposing these changes consisted of Mrs. Osgood, Mrs. Clara B. Leavitt and Mrs. Belle G. Dowst, who further recommended that wherever the word State occurs in the Constitution, it be stricken out and the word "Maine" be inserted. These changes were much discussed, Mrs. Wing of Lewiston moving to amend the amendment, but this was lost as were several other motions. Mrs. Briggs, the president, finally called Mrs. Clark to the chair and then spoke on the subject under discussion. On Mrs. Briggs' suggestion, it was finally voted that all unfinished business be referred to the executive committee."

Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy introduced Mrs. Horace Nicolar, as the president of a newly federated club, the Wabanaki Club of Indian Island, the reservation of the Penobscot tribe. The forming of this club had been a matter for which Mrs. Beedy had worked hard, but it continued a member of the Federation only a short time and then passed out of existence, if, indeed, it ever really existed. Mrs. Nicolar, talking with me at the time, said it would be impossible to have an active club with her women. Their interests were not in that line. Mrs. Nicolar is one of the bright, energetic women of the tribe. Another member of the tribe, born Lucy Nicolar, cousin of Mrs. Horace Nicolar, has been employed by the Redpath Bureau giving entertainments under their management.

The Year Book with the report of the Bangor meeting also contains the report of the Credential committee showing just who represented each club. This also is the first time any mention is made of the Biennial delegates. Those chosen to attend the General Federation meeting in Denver in June, 1898, were Mrs. Clark of Portland, Mrs. Jennings of Farmington, Mrs. Stickney of Bangor, and Mrs. William P. Frye of Lewiston.

Much more might be told of this and the other meetings, but enough is selected to show how rapidly the work was progressing.

It was the custom to hold the Directors' meetings in Augusta the years the Maine Legislature was in session and to accept invitations from clubs for the other years, and on March 10th, 1898, the Directors' meeting was held in Fairfield. There were three hostess clubs., the Dial, the Clionea, and the Past and Present club. The movement for State Traveling Libraries originated with the Dial Club and was the especial work of the president of that Club, Miss Lucia Connor.

At the Directors' meeting in 1897 in Augusta, an effort was made to have the Library committee of the Legislature endorse such a move.

Later Mrs. Florence Collins Porter and Mrs. Pepper of Waterville presented this matter to said committee which made a favorable report on the bill, recommending an appropriation of \$1,500, but it failed to pass the Legislature. At the Fairfield meeting, Miss Connor, Mrs. Pepper and Mrs. Osgood were chosen a committee to prepare and present a bill to the Legislature of 1899 for the establishing of Traveling Libraries. It was also announced that the Federation owned two traveling libraries given by the George Eliot club of Portland. The plans made here and the committee appointed for the work, carried to a successful completion the matter of traveling libraries, and the Legislature of 1899 enacted the law. The forest conditions of Maine also were brought up for discussion at this meeting.

September 28-29-30, 1898, the Annual meeting was held in Brunswick, the second time the organization had met there, but the first annual meeting. Recently conversing with one who was there, I asked her to tell me what had been most impressed upon her mind at that meeting, and she replied: "There always seems to be an atmosphere of culture, perhaps radiating from Maine's oldest college, when we meet in Brunswick. Everything seems at its very best, hospitality is rich, the college grounds and buildings beautiful and impressive. We unconsciously think of Harriet Beecher Stowe and other women who have accomplished much, and altogether we get a real mental uplift. Besides, the Brunswick women are always attractively gowned, the men are scholarly and we have most charming memories." Another told me that the women of the Federation spoke more to the subject in hand. My informant spoke particularly of a paper by Miss Lucia Connor.

The Educational committee for the first time outlined a plan of work for the clubs to follow during the year. It urged them to co-operate with the State Superintendent of Schools in furthering the principles laid down in a pamphlet entitled "School Improvement League of Maine;" to work for better physical surroundings, for better books, for art in the school room, with special stress upon the encouragement of Nature study, and the maintenance of Kindergarten and manual training schools, and the forming of Mother clubs. Resolutions and

work done here helped to win the traveling library victory the next winter.

Mrs. Etta H. Osgood, Mrs. Sarah E. Ridlon, Gorham, and Mrs. F. C. Robinson, Brunswick, were appointed a committee to report to the Directors' meeting in Augusta in January, 1899, an amendment to the Constitution providing for a different method in the annual election of officers.

Perhaps this is why there seemed to be unusual interest in the election at Brunswick. I remember there were a large number of delegates when we assembled in the ante-room for the election. Even tense moments may have their amusing side, and as the work of the session proceeded and the time came for nominations, a woman arose and becoming a bit confused, nominated "Mrs. Aroostook"—naming the county instead of the name of her candidate. In a moment another woman from the same county rose and declined the nomination and named the woman the first speaker had planned to put in nomination. The first woman sensing something wrong, at once seconded the nomination as made by the woman who had been slated to do the seconding. It all passed off well, unnoticed by more than half the women present. Other names were mentioned, declined and at last the two really put in nomination for president were Miss Lucia Connor and Mrs. Florence Collins Porter, Mrs. Porter winning by one vote. This was the first time a vice-president had been elected to the highest office. In accepting the election, Mrs. Porter said: "I did not expect the honor, but in the weakness of the flesh, I accept." Those elected with her were: vice-president, Miss Lucia Connor; recording secretary, Mrs. Grace H. Thompson, Bangor; treasurer, Mrs. A. E. Herrick, Bethel; and Mrs. Porter named Mrs. C. C. Grimes of Caribou, corresponding secretary. The committee chairmen, appointed later were: Mrs. William H. Newell of Lewiston, Reciprocity; Miss Anna Sawtelle, Waterville, new Educational committee; Miss Lucia Connor, Traveling Libraries. The Brunswick meeting was the last election of officers under the original Constitution.

The hospitality at Brunswick has been referred to, but many a home was opened to groups of women and the enjoyment was thus enhanced. Mrs. Byron Stevens was one of those who had a "house full," Mrs. Florence C. Porter, Mrs. Fred H. White of Lewiston, Mrs. B. F. Eaton of Skowhegan and several others being her house guests.

There were two clubs in Brunswick at this time, the Saturday club, with Mrs. Byron Stevens, president, and the Mustard Seed club, with Mrs. Charles Fish, president. The Saturday club ceased to be a federated club in 1903, and in 1912 or near that date, the Mustard Seed club dropped out of the Federation.

MRS. FLORENCE COLLINS PORTER'S ADMINISTRATION

CHAPTER VI

THE 1899 Directors' meeting in Augusta was a busy one. The changes in the Constitution were to be discussed. The traveling library matter was to be taken before the Legislature; while no one doubted it would be carried to a successful issue, careful plans must be laid. The matter of the Maine forests was interesting the women more and more. During the summer a meeting of the American Institute of Instruction had been held, at which the president of the Federation, Mrs. Florence Collins Porter, had spoken on "The Relation of the Women's Clubs to the Schools." Mrs. Porter was at the time superintendent of public schools in her home town of Caribou in Aroostook County, and the club women were anxious to hear about the Bar Harbor session.



MRS. KATE C. ESTABROOKE
of Orono

During the summer, the Maine and New Hampshire Federations of Women's Clubs had united in a woman's day at Fryeburg, and two of the members of the Maine Federation had read papers, Miss Lucia Connor Fairfield and Mrs. Byron Stevens of Brunswick. Thus it is easy to understand how many interests centered in the one day Augusta session, but results were satisfactory.

Figures are seldom very enjoyable reading, still every successful man likes to recount the privations of his youth and how much he did with a little money. Thus to note the small beginnings of the Federation may interest a few, at least. Mrs. Anna J. Coyle was the first treasurer, and for 1892 she reported \$56 collected from club dues, \$40 from lectures, \$5 other sources, \$101 for the year, and after the expenditures had been deducted, \$2.63 was left to begin 1893. That year the collections brought this to \$76.51 and the expenditures took it all; 1894 collected \$107.10 with expenses \$100.42. Miss Bertha L. Soule, the treasurer elected in 1894, began with a balance on hand of \$6.68, and when she turned the books over to Mrs. B. F.

Eaton of Skowhegan, who succeeded her, there was a balance in the treasury of \$159.72, and when Mrs. Eaton passed the office on to her successor, Mrs. A. E. Herrick of Bethel, the balance was \$143.32.

The beautiful city of Waterville was the meeting place of the first annual Federation meeting over which Mrs. Florence Collins Porter presided as president, October 10-12, 1899. The whole number of clubs reported in membership was one hundred and one, and this meant a membership of 4,250 women. The guests of honor were Mrs. Mary Dame Hall, New York City, and Mrs. Ellen H. Richards, Instructor in Sanitary Chemistry in The Institute of Technology, Boston.

At this meeting the changes in the Constitution were completed so that Section 4 to Article III read:

At each annual meeting a committee of five shall be nominated from the floor to present a list of officers and members of standing committees for election at the succeeding annual meeting. This nominating committee shall notify their nominees and in case of any refusals shall supply the places. They shall send a copy of the list of the nominees to the secretary of each federated club not later than March 25.

In case of vacancies occurring after the list is sent out, these shall be filled by the nominating committee, notice of same being appended to the call for the annual meeting.

These officers and committees shall be elected annually by printed ballot prepared by the nominating committee, and shall hold office until their successors are duly elected. A majority vote shall elect.

The president shall have the power to select the corresponding secretary.

Section 8 of Article III had this added: The treasurer's books shall be closed two weeks previous to the annual meeting. All clubs failing to pay dues at the end of the year, after due notice, shall be dropped from the list of clubs printed in the Year-Book.

At the Waterville meeting Miss Lucia Connor of Fairfield announced that her "committee had accomplished its work," the Legislature of 1899 having passed a law establishing the State Traveling Libraries. In accordance with the provisions of said law, the Governor had appointed as library commissioners, George T. Little, Librarian of Bowdoin College; A. J. Roberts, professor at Colby College; Lyman G. Jordan, professor at Bates College; and Mrs. Kate C. Estabrooke of Orono, representing the four Congressional districts in Maine. The State Librarian was to be an ex-officio member. In a circular letter sent out by Prof. Roberts, the Women's Clubs were asked to co-operate in making the law effective. It was also stated that

any town desiring a traveling library and able to pay the fee, should apply to the State librarian; if not able to pay, application should be made to Mrs. Estabrooke. The women at the Federation voted to co-operate with the commission, as requested by Miss Connor.

Another matter that received the enthusiastic endorsement of the organization in session was presented by a special committee made up of Mrs. Mary E. Marsh of Waterville, Miss Irene H. Noyes of Portland and Mrs. Elizabeth Tuck of Bangor.

Since our Federation seeks to develop culture and refinement in every way, and is willing to employ all wise means to this end, be it resolved: That we express our appreciation of the Maine Festival Chorus and that we recommend to our Clubs to do everything possible to extend its usefulness and insure its success. That to this end we suggest to all clubs, first, that they give special attention to the study of music in social club meetings; second, that they encourage the teaching of music in the public schools, because it is through this agency that a cultivated taste for good music is maintained so that the future of our chorus will be assured; third, that the clubs appoint a standing committee whose duty it shall be to foster all influence which shall develop and increase a study of music in general and increase specific support of the Festival in particular.

One loves to recount such instances as this, showing how the Federation has always co-operated in every movement that has been for the progress of the people of Maine. Noting this and remembering how active the women of the Federation have been to secure music instruction in the schools, one is led to wonder that no record has been printed of the musical programs at the Federation meetings, for these have always been of a high order, always the best talent in the cities where the meetings are held. Mrs. Frye lamented this fact in the history she wrote of the first four or five years of the Federation but the suggestion was not acted upon.

At Waterville was chosen the first nominating committee: Mrs. E. W. Hall, Waterville; Mrs. Nicholas Fessenden, Fort Fairfield; Mrs. Annie F. Simmons, Rockland, and Mrs. Sarah Fairfield Hamilton, Saco.

A committee was also appointed "on an exhibit at the Paris Exhibition." Delegates were also chosen for the Biennial to be held in Milwaukee the following June. At the time of this Federation meeting, the president of the Waterville Woman's Club was Mrs. Mary S. Hall; secretary, Mrs. Florence S. Butler; treasurer, Mrs. Georgia Abbott, and the club numbered one hundred women. It was organized in 1893. These women entertained right royally. Colby College added its part.

In every way this equalled any previous meeting. Twelve new clubs were added but eight had withdrawn, including one to which I had belonged, and through which I had first become a member of the Federation, in the city of my girlhood home. I remember a conversation between a group of us club women when one advanced the idea that if a club withdrew for financial reasons, there should be some way of tiding it over the crucial period, and if a club withdrew for lack of interest, some enthusiastic club women should be delegated to rekindle this club's interest so as to retain its membership in the Federation. I think this might have counted for much if the idea had been put into action.

The Mid-Winter meeting of 1900 was held in Westbrook which then had two federated clubs with a membership combined of one hundred active, earnest women. Each of these clubs included at that time in its course of study Current Events but at that date only eighteen other clubs of the ninety-three in membership had this as a part of the work. The officers of the Westbrook Ammonconglin were: president, Mrs. Isabel T. Ray; secretary, Miss Elizabeth Griggs; treasurer, Mrs. Harriet E. Sarr. The officers of the Current Events Club were: Mrs. Frederick W. Freeman, president; Mrs. J. L. Horr, treasurer; Mrs. Ernest E. Bewer, secretary. There was some discussion as to new departments. If the women ever felt any hesitation about making their wants known to the Legislature, that time had passed with the success of the traveling libraries and several school matters that had received the endorsement of the law makers, and no one hesitated to give much praise to Miss Lucia Connor of Fairfield, for this success.

In 1901 the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs was entertained in Rockland, the first and only time the organization has thus visited this attractive city. A right cordial welcome was extended by the three federated clubs of Rockland. The oldest club was the Shakespeare, organized in 1889, and numbering, at that time, forty members. Mrs. Aldana Spear was president. The largest of the three clubs at that time was the Methebesec, numbering then nearly one hundred. Mrs. Annie F. Simmons was president. The third hostess club was the Twilight Literary Club with twenty-five members. At the Rockland meeting, the educational committee first reported sending out printed matter with favorable results. It was here that Mrs. William H. Newell of Lewiston gave her last report as chairman of the Reciprocity Bureau, showing that sixty-one clubs had taken papers from the bureau, the papers most in demand being on Shakespearian subjects, followed in turn by history, literature, education and kindergarten. Mrs. Newell also announced that one hundred and ninety-eight papers were available.

The president, Mrs. Porter, reported the establishing of a Club Woman's Magazine which asked for the support of the

club women of Maine. In her remarks she said, "While it contains reports for each State, it must stand or fall on its own merit; make itself of interest if it would receive the support of the women making up the different State Federations."

Among the deaths reported at this session was that of Mrs. Belle G. Dowst, the second president, who had been in failing health during her term of office and unable to attend some of the meetings. Appropriate remarks were made and regrets expressed and all respect paid to Mrs. Dowst for her services rendered and to her memory.

In the list of expenses of the Rockland meeting is "lecture by Walter Sargent, including expenses, \$25.25," and this is the only report I have found thus far of any money paid to speakers. Whether they were paid by the general organization or by private contributions from the Maine women, I do not know.

No meeting had been more enjoyable and perhaps none more profitable than the Rockland meeting. It was the last time Mrs. Porter served as president. She soon removed to California where she at once became prominent in club life, and for several years has been active and prominent in politics, being the first woman in the United States to be a presidential elector, and among the first to be a delegate to a national political convention. It was this same Mrs. Florence Collins Porter, who made the first speech to second the nomination of Calvin Coolidge, as a candidate for President of the United States at the Cleveland Convention of 1924. A letter from Mrs. Porter written Dec. 14, 1924, says she is busy helping the Republican women of California to form a permanent organization.

At the Rockland meeting new officers were elected, from the nominations made by the first Nominating Committee.

EARLY FEDERATION SONGS
THE SECOND BIENNIAL

CHAPTER VII.

BEFORE leaving the administration of Mrs. Florence Collins Porter and her Executive Board, I would like to say a little more about the work of the Maine Federation and the State traveling libraries, and impress upon my readers the full amount of the credit for this work that belongs to the women of the Federation, under the direct lead of Miss Lucia Connor of Fairfield and the Dial Club of that place. It will be remembered that delegates from the Federation went before the Legislative committee on libraries in 1897, without results, but when the women appeared before the Legislature in 1899 the sentiment had so changed that the plea of Mrs. Porter and other able women resulted in the law being passed without opposition. The act provided that a fee of ten cents per volume should be charged before the traveling libraries were sent out. Miss Connor, foreseeing that this might prevent those who most needed the books from participation in the benefits of these libraries, stated the matter to the Federation assembled with the result that women of different clubs pledged enough so that by applying to Mrs. Kate C. Estabrooke of the commission the fee would be paid and the books forwarded. It should be kept in mind that Mrs. Estabrooke represented the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs on the Board of Library Commissioners. The work of the women is most admirably told by a letter addressed to the Federation by the State Librarian at the time, Hon. L. D. Carver, as follows:

To the President of the Maine Federation of
Women's Clubs,
Dear Madam:

The traveling library movement is proving eminently successful in this State. The first library of fifty volumes was sent out September 20, 1899. Since that date, applications for libraries have constantly been on file at this office in excess of the supply. We have purchased forty libraries—all that our appropriations would warrant. We have sent libraries to forty-nine different places. These libraries are performing missionary work in exciting an interest for good reading. I think the traveling libraries have come to stay. ****

These libraries ought to receive the support of every intelligent man and woman in the State. The

credit for their introduction into the State and their success here are entirely due to the untiring efforts and liberal contributions in money of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs.

This letter and more about the work of the Women's Clubs was printed in a little circular for the benefit of the women, or the people of Maine, or some other state. In these days when women and their work are being recognized it should not be forgotten that the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs was a pioneer in this traveling library work in Maine.

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In many of the Year Books of the Federation of late date, and some of the individual Club programs, is printed the Federation Song, "Pines of Maine," by Elizabeth Powers Merrill of Skowhegan. It seems appropriate also to call to mind that the first Federation Song was written by Olive E. Dana and printed on the programs of the annual meeting held in Auburn in 1894. It was sung to the air of "Beulah Land," and was as follows:

We see afar, with eager eyes,
Fair heights of glad attainment rise,
in radiant vistas, beckoning on
Where nobler lore and life are won.

CHORUS

And hand in hand, yes, hand in hand,
With blending thoughts and hopes we stand;
We will together onward go,
Life's richest gain is garnered so—
Dear, beckoning heights that sunlit stand,
We journey toward you, hand in hand.

We think of vanished presences,
Of those whose task well-ended is,
Sweet souls, whose hope and love and faith
Our aspirations answereth—

CHORUS

Yet hand in hand, still hand in hand,
In fellowship that doth withstand
Even sorrow's touch, we hasten on,
The best we seek for, they have won.
We cannot lag, nor be dismayed,
Their memory is our accolade.

We go to read, with clearer sight,
What time hath written, or may write;
In truer brotherhood to live,
With freer hand its pledge to give.

CHORUS

So hand in hand we onward press—
 God's love hath blessed us and will bless—
 The light that beckons is from Him,
 It marks a path that else were dim,
 Ah—far the goal, our footsteps slow,
 Yet gladly, hand in hand, we go.

On the programs for the Annual meeting in Portland in 1896, was printed this "Federation Ode," by Carolina Dana Howe:

What is our place in the work of today?
 We're moving on, moving on,
 Bearing our message of cheer on the way,
 We're moving on, moving on,
 Sorrow and longing are fierce in their quest,
 Intellect languishes, often unblest,
 Seek we for Love then, to bide as our guest,
 We're moving on, moving on.

Kind words are jewels, but count not the cost—
 We're moving on, moving on,
 Sympathies tender can never be lost,
 We're moving on, moving on,
 Ask we no chanting of organ or psalm,
 Sweeter the peace of an infinite calm,
 Love with its healing, and knowledge its balm,
 We're moving on, moving on.

Strong in our impulse our union has wrought,
 We're moving on, moving on,
 Building a Temple of loftier thought,
 We're moving on, moving on.
 Truth for its pillars, with Hope's open door,
 Love for its altar, and Faith to implore,
 These, with God's sunlight, can earth give us more?
 We're moving on, moving on.

While writing of the poetical ability of the early members of the Federation it may be appropriate to mention the welcoming address delivered by Mrs. Percia Vinal White at the mid-winter meeting at Orono. We recall that it brought forth much praise from the newspapers. It has poetic beauty as well as warmth of welcome. It was a literary gem. Mrs. White is still a well-known member of the Orono Woman's Club. We quote the opening of her address, as follows:

"A wizard of the Merrimack,
So old ancestral legends say,
Could call green leaf and blossom back
To frosted stem and spray.

"The dry logs of the cottage wall
Beneath his touch, put out their leaves,
The clay bound swallow at his call,
Played round the icy eaves.

"The settler saw his oaken flail
Take bud and bloom before his eyes,
From frozen pools he saw the pale
Sweet, summer lillies rise.

"The beechen platter sprouted wild,
The pipkin wore its old-time green,
The cradle o'er the sleeping child
Became a leafy screen.

"I would that a power somewhat like the old, old wizard's might be mine—***** In the midst of the fine white snows of winter, we delight in your coming to us here in Orono."

When we reach the time of the writing of the Federation Song by Mrs. Merrill, that will be printed in these chronicles. These early songs are reproduced that they may be preserved.

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It should be kept in mind that the General Federation of Women's Clubs was formed by the membership of individual clubs and not alone by the membership of Federated clubs. Recently a woman inquired how it was that the Maine Federation was the first State Federation organized and still was not formed until after the General Federation. Mrs. George C. Frye, Mrs. Etta Osgood of Portland and other Maine women attended a meeting of the General Federation which undoubtedly convinced them that the Women's Clubs in Maine should be organized into a Federation of Clubs and forthwith they started the movement which resulted in Maine having the first State Federation. It is little wonder that the Maine organization has always felt a nearness to the General Federation.

The second Biennial was held in Philadelphia, May 9, 10 and 11, 1894. Both Mr. and Mrs. Frye of Portland attended, as did Miss Inez Blanchard, Mrs. J. B. Coyle, Mrs. Etta H. Osgood, Miss Edith McAlpine, Mrs. E. H. Hill and Mrs. F. H. Briggs of Maine, and perhaps other Maine women. It has been my good fortune to read letters which some of these women wrote in regard to this Biennial, as well as what some men had to say about this somewhat unusual event. A Boston gentleman who went to see some of the Massachusetts dele-

gates depart for the session and thus saw the Maine delegation, wrote to Maine friends, "Each looked alert and every one looked as though grave matters were on hand."

The call for the meeting sent out by Mrs. Osgood to the Maine women went into detail as to entertainment, expenses, etc., and the invitations sent by the Philadelphia New Century club were not only attractive but explicit, telling to whom to apply for any and all information, giving the names of those on the different committees as well as details of the entertainment.

Judging from some of the experiences of the visiting women as told in letters written home at the time, matters did not run as smoothly as was expected. The expenses were much more, for instance.

One Maine woman wrote:

Nobody knows about rooms at the price quoted in the statements sent out. The women are sputtering and it's most time for the reception. There were one hundred and five women on the train bound for this meeting, and one man in the car said to the conductor, "What have I got into, anyway?" When the conductor told him it was a convention of women, he replied, "Well, I'll get out and go into the smoking-car," and away he went. Only eight men are on the train of six cars, but one man did remark, "Anyway, they are a mighty fine looking set of women."

Another of the Maine delegates wrote the next morning after arrival:

After a good night's sleep we feel better, yet many of the women are still sputtering. Some of them declare they will write this up for the home papers. After the reception the first evening, one woman wrote to her father: "The women were gowned to the Queen's taste. The president of the club was one blaze of diamonds. The president of the ***** was all point lace. Trains were short. Really some of the gowns were the extreme of art, but everywhere, also, were the disciples of dress, reform, roaming about in dresses short in the waist and looking as if they were in their bed-gowns. But what puzzled me is where all the gray-haired women came from."

Another speaks of the efforts Mr. and Mrs. Frye were making to have the Maine people enjoy themselves. Another says: "The convention women look 'fat, fair and forty,' and all seem to have a general air of prosperity, but don't you men think I'm not enjoying myself, for I am. It is somewhat strange the off-hand way in which the Westerners introduce themselves."

Lots of husbands are here and seem to be enjoying themselves.”

Some of the details of the different meetings are told—“The convention is crowded—not a word can be heard.” Another writes, “I’ve always had lots of contempt for the woman who attended conventions with nothing to do; that is my position, you know, and, ‘I’m of the same opinion still.’”

Still another tells of Mrs. Shattuck, the author of *The Woman’s Manual of Parliamentary Law*, being called upon for information as to whether or not a motion to lay on the table was in order, Mrs. Shattuck replied that it was, and at once several women jumped to their feet and were making every effort to obtain recognition when Mrs. Shattuck smilingly remarked, in a tone loud enough to be heard in all parts of the room, “I might add, too, that a motion to lay upon the table is not debatable,” thus preventing what was expected to be a long debate. It was at this second Biennial that the pin with the rising sun pictured, typical of women’s nineteenth century progress, with the motto, “Unity in Diversity,” was adopted.

Many of us have owned and worn these pins. Many, too, of the Federation today never saw them. It seems to me it would be wise for the women who still have these pins to wear them.

I have noticed that Mrs. Lizzie Marble and Miss Gertrude Weston of Skowhegan, were prominent in the meeting of the Second Annual meeting of the Maine Federation in Skowhegan in 1894 and these women are still among the young women who regularly attend the meetings of the Maine organization.

Could they bring forward the Federation pin?

MRS. ANNA SARGENT HUNT'S ADMINISTRATION

CHAPTER VIII

THE first nominating committee of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs sent out the following list of officers: President—Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt, (Mrs. C. C.), Augusta.

Vice-President—Mrs. Emma Dow Armstrong, (Mrs. G. D.), Lewiston.

Recording secretary—Miss Lottie E. Lawry, Rockland.

Treasurer—Miss Inez A. Blanchard, Portland.

These were elected at Rockland and Mrs. Hunt at once appointed Mrs. Frank R. Partridge of Augusta, corresponding secretary.

The change in the Constitution made it the rule for the nominating committee to name the standing committees and the list chosen by them and elected in Rockland, follows: Education committee, Mrs. F. B. Clark, Portland, chairman; Mrs. Byron Stevens, Brunswick; Mrs. T. J. Brown, Portland; Mrs. B. H. Winslow, Saco. This committee sub-divided itself, Mrs. Clark looking after traveling libraries; Mrs. Stevens, savings banks for schools and vacation schools; Mrs. Brown, manual training and cooking in the schools; Mrs. Winslow, care of schoolrooms and sanitation.

The other departments were: Reciprocity with Mrs. A. R. Small of Oakland in charge, Mrs. Easterbrooke still being the Federation member of the library commission.

The General Federation secretary elected was Mrs. E. W. Hall, Waterville, and the State parliamentarian, Mrs. Etta H. Osgood, Portland.

By the change in the Constitution, a new nominating committee was nominated from the floor, and those chosen were Mrs. C. R. Bagley, Portland; Mrs. F. H. White, Lewiston; Mrs. E. R. Horton, Dexter; Mrs. W. C. Spaulding, Caribou; Mrs. C. W. Keyes, Farmington.

It was the early custom for the officers to be re-elected for a second term, and later the Constitution was amended, making two years the term of office without re-election.

The first meeting under the directing hand of these officers, was the ninth Mid-Winter meeting held in Augusta at the State House. Nicely printed folders announced the program. In her call, the president, Mrs. Hunt, was most explicit. She said: "Since this is, strictly speaking, a business session, and the club presidents with the executive board of the Federation constitute a board of directors, it is very desirable

that each club president attend. Members of clubs are always welcome.

"The board of directors, members of standing committees and heads of departments, will be guests at luncheon of Mrs. John F. Hill at the executive mansion."

The program has as one of the first matters of business for consideration, the admission of new clubs. Business is listed for several different hours of the session. The closing is the report of the Educational committee followed by a discussion in which Hon. W. W. Stetson, then the State Superintendent of Schools, was one of the speakers. It should be noticed what a prominent place this matter of education has in the first years of the Federation, and how well the interest has been maintained through the years.

The entertaining of the visitors by the wife of Governor Hill, recalls the fact that at the very first mid-winter meeting of the Federation held in Augusta, Governor Cleaves was the Chief Executive and he received the women with much cordiality in his private office, and when the following fall, the annual meeting was held in the Capital City, the Governor with the officers of the Federation received the guests at the reception held in the State House. Again when the Federation met in Augusta in 1897, Governor Powers was the highest official of the State and he extended courtesies, and at the mid-winter session in Augusta in 1899 the guest of honor was Mrs. Llewellyn Powers, wife of the Governor. Then we come to the meeting of 1901, when Mrs. Hill is extending courtesies. Thus we might continue to the present time. The Maine Federation of Women's Clubs has been recognized in a most gracious way by the Chief Executives and it is a pleasure to record that the Amendment to the Constitution giving the women the right of suffrage, was not necessary in Maine, at least, to make the work of the women appreciated.

One of the matters brought before the meeting in the winter of 1901, was a subject not before recorded as having been considered by the women, and this was The Consumers' League. No speaker was assigned, and as I remember it, Mrs. Hunt presented the matter and it was followed by a discussion.

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The meeting in Biddeford, October 16-17 and 18, 1901, was the first annual session over which Mrs. Hunt presided. The Biddeford women "did themselves proud" in their preparations and entertainment. The programs were attractive and well printed, with brown covers.

The opening reception was held in the National Hall, Biddeford. The guests of honor were Mrs. May Alden Ward, the president of the Massachusetts Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. Mary C. C. Bradford, vice-president of the Colorado Federation, and Prof. Henry Leland Chapman of Bowdoin Col-

lege, who came to lecture on the second evening. The Biddeford women on the reception committee numbered twenty, and these as well as the visitors, made the affair not only attractive with the handsome gowns, but enjoyable, even to the gentlemen who favored the occasion with their presence.

The next morning saw the business of the organization in full swing, the meetings being held at the Second Congregational Church. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Helen D. Lord, president of the Thursday Club. The response was by the vice-president of the State organization, Mrs. Armstrong. The subject upon which Mrs. Bradford, the Colorado visitor, spoke was "The Elective System in Our Public Schools." Miss Cora Belle Bickford at that time was a prominent club woman of Biddeford, and had also made her mark in the State, being interested in many different lines of endeavor, which she continued active as long as she lived. On this occasion she spoke on "The Education That Educates," and this opened a symposium and several women representing different sections of the State spoke upon different lines of Education.

The Educational report given by the chairman, Mrs. Clark, was full of suggestions, reporting that Westbrook had made a success of the School Savings Banks and that Portland was trying them in two schools. The interest of the Educational committee in manual training could not be mistaken. Towns were named which had proved its worth. While there were only three departments in the Federation, these were so sub-divided that many women spoke always interestingly, showing they "knew whereof they spoke." Mrs. H. G. Rowe of Bangor, spoke on "Forestry—Practical" and Miss Louise H. Coburn of Skowhegan on "Forestry—Ornamental." Mrs. W. H. Newell of Lewiston had for her subject, "Club Women and Civic Improvement," thus pioneering for new lines of work for the women. None could doubt that the "proper place for women's interest" was at all overlooked, for Miss Alice Frost Lord of the Social and Literary Guild of Lewiston, spoke on "Arts and Crafts." "Rug and Loom Work" was discussed by Mrs. E. J. Thompson of the Conklin Class, Portland.

The lecture by Professor Chapman was on Robert Burns. Who ever heard Professor Chapman without feeling a thrill from the charm of the lecturer, it mattered little what the subject might be. We grieve that he is no longer with us to give these mental uplifts.

On the evening of his lecture in Biddeford, most appropriately all the music was "in tune" with the subject of the lecture. "Bonnie Doone" was sung by an accomplished quartet, "My Nannie's Awa'" by Miss Winnifred Pillsbury, and at the close the quartet sang "Flow Gently, Sweet Afton."

One of the most pleasing features of this interesting and diversified three days' program was the singing by the school

children under the direction of Miss Bessie Clark. They gave three or four selections and as far as my memory serves me or I am able to find any record, this is the first time the children of the public schools had taken such a prominent part in the program of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs.

It is to be regretted that the early records are very meager as to musical features of the Federation Programs. At the first annual meeting in Skowhegan, Miss Lena C. Hill presided at the organ, as did Miss Agnes B. Safford; Miss Sadie Ward sang, and each of these was a member of the Sorosis Club. The Sorosis quartet also rendered "The Beauty of the Lilies."

At the Second Annual meeting in Elm Street Church, Auburn, there was a duet by the Misses Goss and Campbell. "There's a Green Hill Far Away" was rendered by Miss Edith Dingley, daughter of Congressman Dingley, Miss Danforth sang "Crossing the Bar." In the evening, Mrs. Scholfield presided at the organ, Mrs. Sleeper sang, Miss Nellie Bartlett played a violin solo and there was music by the Cary Quartet.

For the Augusta meeting all I am able to learn was that "Music was interspersed." At the Fourth Annual in Portland, a quartet with the following members, Mrs. Evelyn Day, Miss Henrietta D. Rice, F. I. Day and F. H. Pierce, sang several selections, Miss Minnie E. Plummer acting as accompanist. Duets were sung by Mrs. Day and Miss Rice. At one of the mid-winter meetings held in Augusta, a solo was sung by Miss Georgia M. Clark of Augusta.

At the Annual in Biddeford, besides the singing by the school children, Mrs. Anna Phillips Ricker was at the organ. There were piano selections by Miss Mary Sawyer and Miss Grace Hayford. The following made up a quartet that rendered selections: Miss Winnefred Pillsbury, Mrs. Alfreda Chadbourne, Charles Chadbourne and Fred Lord. Other singers were Miss Elizabeth Mildon and Miss Grace Hayford. This brings the singing to the date of October, 1901. It is easy to see the best of each place where the sessions were held was available, and so it has continued. A resolution for teaching of music in the public schools has been sustained by the Federation for several years.

Many individual clubs have financed musical instructions in the schools of their towns, and but for this financial help as well as the moral support of the clubs, this instruction might not have been possible.

At this annual meeting in Biddeford, the president announced 101 clubs in membership which made an individual membership of 4,559 women. At this meeting, 119 presidents and delegates were present. Five new clubs were admitted: the Barton Reading Club, Norway; Berwick Woman's Club, South Berwick; Our Neighborhood Club, Old Town; and The Ramblers Club, Livermore Falls. Of these clubs all but the last are still

members of the Federation and reporting good work accomplished.

I have wondered if the fact that the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs endorsed the study of local history as part of their first educational work in 1898 had anything to do with the fact that the State Superintendent of Schools issued in 1901, three years later, a circular advocating such study for the young people of the public schools of Maine. I would not claim too much for the work of the women, but I would like to establish the fact that they were progressive, that they did not wait

to find what was the popular line of thought or work before expressing their views or advocating certain measures.

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The next mid-winter meeting was held in Dexter, the Woman's Club of that place being host, on January 31, 1902. It was an important meeting.

At the Biddeford meeting in October a Finance committee had been appointed, Miss Lucia Connor of Fairfield, Mrs. George C. Frye of Portland, Mrs. H. W. Oakes of Auburn, Mrs. W. C. Spaulding of Caribou, and Mrs. G. C. Parker of Winthrop, to make a report at the mid-winter meeting following. This was done after it had been unanimously voted to pay the expenses of the State president to the annual and mid-winter meetings of the General Federation.



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At the Dexter meeting, this committee reported as follows:

"In pursuance of the permission granted the Finance committee at the annual meeting, it presents at this meeting a plan to defray these expenses as follows:

"The annual tax shall be two dollars for all clubs having a membership of twenty or less. For all clubs having a membership over twenty, the annual tax shall be ten cents per capita.

"Every club may be represented at the annual meeting by its president and one delegate.

"Every club having fifty members or a majority fraction thereof, shall be represented by a delegate for

each fifty members or majority fraction thereof.

“Only the officers of the Federation and presidents of clubs or their appointees shall be eligible to entertainment at the annual meeting.”

Either at this meeting or at that held in Augusta the previous year, it was urged that “Something be done for the feeble-minded in Maine.” It also was voted at the Dexter meeting that “all club reports should be limited to those clubs never before reporting.”

Plans were also made in a measure for the tenth anniversary of the organization of the Federation at the fall meeting to be held in Lewiston.

Mrs. G. C. Parker of Winthrop, who was a member of the Finance Committee, was named at the Dexter meeting as an alternate to Mrs. Etta H. Osgood to attend the Biennial in Los Angeles in May, 1902, and as Mrs. Osgood was ill, it fell to Mrs. Parker to go as a delegate.

Writing of the Biennial, Mrs. Parker said: “It was a wonderful experience for me, meeting the women I did. I, too, count it a great privilege to have attended the Maine Federation meetings for twenty years and the mid-winter meetings held in Augusta as well as those in Fairfield and Dexter, thus meeting some of the brightest women of the State. My first Federation was in Skowhegan in 1893.”

Mrs. Parker has been a semi-invalid for several years at her home in Winthrop where she follows with much interest the activities of the women of Maine. Mrs. Parker was active in club work so long as her health permitted. The earlier members of the Federation recall her with pleasure.

THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED AT LEWISTON

CHAPTER IX

IN the call for the Tenth Annual Meeting of "Our Federation," Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt, the president, wrote: "It is with most pleasurable anticipations of meeting you and the representatives of your clubs at the Tenth Annual, that I announce the place of meeting as Pine Street Congregational Church, Lewiston, and the date October 8, 9, 10, 1902."

The programs were attractive in light green, with gilt lettering and a cut of the church on the cover which also had:

"Welcome, the crimson forest seems to say,
The scarlet leaf lifts its welcoming—
Women of Maine, we welcome you today,
The brightest of October blossoming."

JULIA HARRIS MAY.

The host, the Woman's Literary Union of Androscoggin County on the Tenth Anniversary of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs.

The reception on Wednesday evening at the Parlors of the Pine Street church, started the social side of the affair. The honored guests included Mrs. T. S. Dennison, president; Mrs. Sarah Gerald Blodgett, president of the New Hampshire Federation; Mrs. Helen Williston Smith, president of the Vermont Federation; Mrs. May Alden Ward, president of the Massachusetts Federation; Mrs. Mary M. Abbott, president of the Connecticut Federation; Mrs. Alice M. Johnson, president of the Rhode Island Federation, and Mrs. Laura E. Richards of Gardiner, Maine's famous author.

The reception was brilliant and enjoyable; the decorations of ferns, hydrangeas, palms, and autumn leaves, artistic and effective; Mrs. Jacob Roak Little being chairman of the decorations committee. Among the gentlemen present as announced in the Lewiston Journal report of the affair, were Justice Emery of the Supreme Court; President George C. Chase of Bates College; H. W. Oakes, Esq., Tascus Atwood, Esq., Col. A. B. Nealey and George D. Armstrong, among others. The receiving line was divided into groups. At the left stood Mrs. Archie Lee Talbot, president of the Woman's Literary Union; Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt, president of the Maine Federation; Mrs. Dennison, General Federation president; Mrs. Ward of Massa-

chusetts; Mrs. Armstrong, vice-president of Maine Federation; Mrs. Ella Jordan Mason, secretary; Mrs. Neal and Miss Bradbury. A little to the right stood Mrs. T. H. Rich, Mrs. Etta H. Osgood, Mrs. Alice Frye Briggs, Miss Julia Harris May and Mrs. Lizzie Jewett-Butler.

The gowns, according to the Journal report, were most elaborate, those especially described being of "cream brocaded satin, black grenadine, black silk with transparent yoke and diamonds, black lace over silk, sage green satin with garniture of duchess lace, pink panne velvet, black silk net over black silk with a brilliant touch of scarlet at the corsage, black crepe de chine, rich black silk with French point lace and rubies, black silk and diamonds." Only one woman is reported as wearing "elbow sleeves." This bit of the styles of twenty-three years ago is interesting.

The ushers were in charge of Mrs. Spencer Fuller of Lewiston. Payne and Plummer furnished the music for the evening. It would be fine to give the list of young ladies who assisted when the ices were served, but knowing how awful it is to be reminded that you took part in anything twenty-five years ago, we refrain.

The business began in good earnest on Thursday morning. Perhaps as this was the Tenth Anniversaary the entire program better be given. It was as follows:

Piano duet—Overture

Mrs. Minnie Litchfield and Miss Starbird

Invocation Rev. Percival F. Marston, Pastor Pine Street Congregational Church

Appointment of committees

Address of Welcome, Mrs. Nina V. A. Talbot, president Androscoggin County Woman's Literary Union

Response for Executive Board and State Federation

Mrs. Ella Jordan Mason

Vocal solo

Mrs. Arthur L. Clark

President's Address

Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt

Reports of new clubs—Nine reported

Report of Committee on Credentials

Report of Corresponding Secretary

Mrs. Mary C. Neal

Minutes Mid-Winter meeting

Mrs. Ella Jordan Mason

Treasurer's report

Miss Alice M. Bradbury

Reciprocity Bureau

Mrs. Medora Clark Small

Library Commission

Mrs. Estabrooke

General Federation Secretary

Mrs. Mary S. Hall

Piano solo

Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson Ludden

Biennial reports—"The Business Side"

Mrs. C. A. Bagley, Portland

"The Social Side"

Mrs. Mary S. Hall

At the mid-day luncheon in the church parlors, two hundred were seated at the tables, a committee from the entertaining Union assisting in serving. From one to two o'clock the visiting ladies from out of town were escorted about the cities by the courtesy of the officials of the Lewiston, Brunswick and Bath line, by trolley rides.

At two o'clock the session was resumed, opening with an organ prelude by F. T. Wingate. Then followed: Memorial services; vocal solo, Miss Carrie E. Miller; report of Necrologist, Mrs. Christine A. Stephens, Norway Lake Woman's club; prayer, Rev. Caroline E. Angell, Norway; vocal solo, Mrs. Louise Marie Bitter.

The program for the tenth birthday exercises, with Mrs. George C. Frye presiding, included: The Federation Idea, Mrs. Frye; The Preliminary Meeting and a Tribute to Charlotte Emerson Brown, Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy; The First Decade, Mrs. Etta H. Osgood; The Present, Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt; The Future, Mrs. Emma Dow Armstrong; Recognition The First Executive Board and ex-Presidents; Song, America.

Only two members of the Executive Board were present, but one of those absent sent greetings by letter. Mrs. Osgood and Mrs. Briggs were the only ex-presidents at the tenth anniversary, Mrs. Porter having removed to California and Mrs. Dowst being deceased.

Five-minute speeches followed the formal program and it was a veritable love feast, opening with Charter Clubs. Mrs. Frances A. Bradbury of Dexter responded to "What the Federation Means to the Individual." Well could Mrs. Bradbury tell this, for she was one of the members—charter, I think—of the Dexter Club which was flourishing before the Maine Federation was born. "What the Federation means to the Club," was the topic discussed by Kate Furbush of Brunswick; to the Home, Ione Hay, Auburn Art and Literature Club; to the Church, Mrs. Caroline W. D. Rich; to the Schools, Nellie Leavitt, Skowhegan Woman's Club; to the University, Mrs. Annie Hamlin, Orono; to the Town, Rev. Miss Angell; to the City, Mrs. Rosetta C. White, Mt. David Shakespeare Club, Lewiston; to the State, Mrs. Small, Oakland; to Philanthropy, Mrs. Woodman, Bangor Athene Club; to Business, Mary E. W. Davis, Winthrop Literary Club; to the Professions, Mrs. Harriet P. Keyes, Farmington Every Monday Club; to Economic Life, Mrs. Patten, Skowhegan Sorosis; to Civic Reform, Mrs. Mason, Bethel Columbian Club; to Social Life, Miss Olive E. Dana, Augusta Current Events Club; to the General Federation, Ellen C. Jones, Portland Literary Union.

The evening session was summed up in the newspaper as "a magnificent audience and superior program." It included an organ prelude, F. T. Wingate; vocal solo, Miss Florence Dingley; address, Woman's Clubs as Social Factors, Mrs. Dennison,

General Federation President; "What the Federation Means to Massachusetts," Mrs. Ward, president of Massachusetts Federation; Lotus Quartet, "Sunset," A. R. Prince, F. J. Whitcher, D. W. Rowe and W. P. Atwood; poem, original, Mrs. Emma Huntington Nason, Augusta; readings, Mrs. Laura E. Richards, Gardiner; Alpha Quartet, "Coming Through the Rye," Mrs. Bertha K. Miller, Mrs. Florence C. Nevens, Miss Lucy Mitchell Lane, Mrs. Minnie Goss Litchfield.

Friday morning's program was: piano solo by Miss Effie H. Heath; prayer by Rev. Fred M. Preble; vocal solo, Mrs. Martha L. Coombs; report of the Education Committee, Mrs. Lizzie Jewett Butler; The Club Woman's Best Work, Mrs. Grace H. Thompson, Bangor; Cooking in the Schools, Mrs. C. A. Bagley, Portland; How the Clubs May Help the Schools, Miss L. Annie Hunter, Machias; What a Club can do for Civic Improvement, Mrs. F. E. Boothby, Portland; report of Forestry committee, Miss Louise H. Coburn, Skowhegan.

The discussion was opened by Miss Gulielma P. Sanborn, Augusta.

Then came the election of officers. There was an afternoon session, as well, with the following program: Reading, Balcony Scene, Romeo and Juliet, Mrs. Minnie L. Gove. Report of committees. Unfinished Business. Minutes. Singing "Till we meet again." Adjournment.

To me this is the longest program for an annual but as it was the tenth anniversary it meant much to the women who pioneered. The President's address urged the women to work for civic improvement, better forestry conditions, civil service reform, for the feeble-minded, a sanatorium for the tuberculosis sufferers. "The women of Maine realize that in doing nothing for others is the undoing of ourselves," was the closing message.

In speaking of the connection with the Women's Clubs and the church, Mrs. Rich said: "Pastors will bear me out that more women attend church today than ever before, and it is not surprising how many of our club women are church women. We cannot hope to escape criticism, but it will be greatly reduced if we keep our ideals clearly in mind."

In speaking of what the clubs meant to the city, Rev. Miss Angell said: "Most assuredly the Federation is a tower of strength to the city."

Of the club and the professions, Mrs. Keyes of Farmington said: "The wise clergyman, the progressive lawyer, the up-to-date physician and the enthusiastic teacher are glad for the more tangible work of the Federation and individual clubs in establishing local and traveling libraries, providing lecture courses, bringing about better sanitary and civic conditions in home and school and town."

Perhaps nothing better was said than the word of Olive E. Dana, on the Federation and Social life. In part we quote: "The Federation has enlarged and brightened the lives of many women and to many more it has become a potent means of enriching the lives about them. This influence has flowed into countless gracious uses. Its social influence is one of its greatest uses."

A valuable paper of the Lewiston meeting given by one of Maine's own women was by Mrs. Grace H. Thompson of Bangor, on "The Club Women's Best Work." She said it was recognized that the Federation was helping to supply the needs of each community blessed with women's clubs, still there were some demands that could be thus put before the people: "Wanted—for every home in the land, an all-round mother who shall be able skilfully to manage the different departments of home life, and wanted, also, the all-round father. Wanted—a man who, beside earning his share of the living, will expect to do as much as the mother does towards making the home a lovely place in which to live; who will take an intelligent interest in the education of the children and by example and word, foster spiritual life in the child."

In the report of the Educational Committee given by Mrs. Lizzie Jewett-Butler, it was stated that this committee had learned that of the Federation members in Maine, thirty-four had attained some prominence in literature, thirty-five gained a reputation as artists, four as artistic photographers, three have achieved excellence as landscape gardeners, one was a book-binder, twelve gained fame in artistic needle work, and this report was far from complete.

Mrs. Bagley of Portland told of the good work being taught in the schools of her city in the line of cooking, thanks to the help given by the Women's Literary Union. Girls were taught the care of the kitchen utensils, heat production, control of fires, use of different kinds of food. "We are working to develop in the girls by spoon and towel, the same habits of neatness, accuracy and ability, which the boys obtain through hammer and saw in manual training."

Mrs. Boothby of Portland gave attention to Civic Improvement which included the work of the Public Health committee.

What the women from out the State brought:

Mrs. Dennison said: "All over the land women are sinking personal schemes and developing the true spirit of fellowship, working for all measures that tend to the betterment of humanity, for the passage of laws governing child labor, improving sanitary conditions, in both home and town, aiding the consumers' league, teaching household economics and landscape gardening. She dwelt on the need of change in the child labor methods. Eloquently she asserted: "These days are the seed pods of destiny. Whenever a purpose has been evolved, a day

has also dawned for its achievement. We women have only claimed a chance to do. In the absence of college training, the club has given this, talking down the braggart, and drawing out



MRS. ELLA JORDAN MASON,
Biddeford.

the modest. In the absence of special training for the home the clubs have bettered the conditions of many a family. If any danger lurks it is not in the organization or society, but in the individual who overdoes it." Mrs. Dennison closed with the legend by Olive Schreiner of the man who spent his life cutting his way, step by step, in climbing the precipice, dying as he reached the top. Looking back, his last words were: "By the steps I have cut, they shall climb."

Mrs. Ward of Massachusetts said that formerly the boundaries of a woman's life were "a husband on the north, her children on the east, her servants on the south, and her diseases on the west." Club life had changed all that. The views of women had not only changed but they had changed others. She illustrated with the

story of the girl who thought life was to help others, and the boy asked if this were so, what the others were for? "Now even the boys know about helping others."

A FEDERATION POET—STAND TAKEN ON FORESTRY

CHAPTER X

THE report of the observance of the Tenth Birthday of The Maine Federation of Women's Clubs would not be complete without mention of the poem by Mrs. Emma Huntington Nason of Augusta, who was not only an author and a poet, but a charming wife and mother, and a strong aid to the organization of which I write, through her membership in the Augusta club. At the time Mrs. Nason wrote this poem neither the General Federation of Women's clubs nor the Maine organization had taken up any work for the Indians nor had clubs made any special study of their interests, but today the General organization as well as that of Maine, and undoubtedly other states have especial committees for Indian Welfare, so that to give the introduction in brief, as Mrs. Nason gave it at Lewiston and her poem, is surely timely as well as historical in its fullest meaning.

"It is interesting," said Mrs. Nason, "to remember that even before the white man stepped upon our shores there were many poets in Maine. The very name of the country was suggestive of the poetic imagination. It was called 'the Land of Morning,' and the 'Country of the Dawn,' and its people were the gentle Abenaki men. In those olden days, when the camp fires blazed along the shores of the Androscoggin, the Kennebec and the Penobscot rivers, every Indian village had its poet and story-teller who chanted in rhythmic measures the songs and legends which their sires had handed down to them as they believed, from the beginning of the world. The songs usually began with this expression 'Of the olden time' and ended 'All this have we heard from the



MISS LOUISE H. COBURN,
Skowhegan.

old people who are now dead and gone.' It is one of these old Indian legend-poems which I bring to you today—a genuine Indian legend to which I give only a setting of modern rhyme. It is called 'The Legend of the Heart of Ice.' What this weird story meant to the primitive daughters of the forest, I do not know, but its spiritual significance cannot fail to be apparent to the women of today."

THE HEART OF ICE

At her wigwam door, in the forest lone,
 Sat an Indian wife at the ruddy dawn;
 The first chill winds from the north had blown,
 Her chieftain far to the chase had gone.

But the glow of the sunlight filled the glade,
 As her baby love in his cradle hung
 From the birch-tree bough, and swayed and swayed,
 To the crooning song the mother sung.

"I will gather wood for the winter's cold,
 And nuts from the branches brown," she said,
 And she stretched her arms to the beeches old,
 And laughed till the lithe brown squirrels fled.

"Give me your mosses, O giant pine,"
 She sang in glee—then her heart grew chill;
 The boughs bent down with an awful sigh;
 And a wild shriek rang through the forest still.

For out of the north the Chenoo came,
 The awful demon with glaring eyes,
 With a heart of ice, unwarmed by flame,
 And a wolfish hunger, that never dies.

With a fearful crash, from the mountain side,
 The rocks rolled down to the river's bed:
 The tall pine snapped 'neath the demon's stride,
 The slender birch tree bent its head.

"Be still, my babe, for our death is near—"
 The mother cried in her sweet despair;
 But her brave face showed no sign of fear
 As the cruel monster held her there.

And she smiled up into the Chenoo's eyes
 With a glance undimmed by thought of wrong,
 And said, like a woman in glad surprise,
 "My father, where hast thou been so long?"

“What wild beast fierce or demon dire
Has left thee naked and starved and cold?
Behold thy seat by the warm lodge fire—
Thy bed of boughs 'neath the blanket's fold.”

Amazed and mute, at her greeting sweet,
The Chenoo entered the wood-wife's door;
She brought forth food, and bade him eat;
She spread his mat on the pine-strewn floor.

But the Chenoo was dumb—he could not speak—
No word of love had he ever known;
Horror and hatred, from strong and weak,
With vengeance and blood were his alone.

For three long days the Chenoo stared
At the birchen walls and made no sound,
For three long nights the fire-light flared,
And the Chenoo's shadow marked the ground.

“Thou art cold, my father—” the wood-wife sighed;
“Come close to the warm hearth fire and sit—”
“My heart is of ice,” the demon cried;
“Nor sun, nor fire, can soften it.”

“Thou art weary, father, lie down and sleep,
Like a chieftain safe with his kith and kin.”
“There is no sleep—no dream-land deep,
Till dies the demon of ice within.”

The fierce Kewahgu' pursue my soul;
They whirl and spin on the northwinds drear;
They come with hail and thunder's roll;
The fierce Kewahgu' today are here.”

Then a battle such—as the legends say—
No mortal hath known shook sky and shore
Till the dread foe fell, and the Chenoo lay
A victor, safe, at the wigwam door.

They bore him away in a white canoe,
O'er winding rivers for many a mile
O'er the rapids swift, and the lakelets blue,
To the sunlit shores of a distance isle.

And the glare died out of his eyeballs wild,
The scars were healed on his rugged breast;
His voice grew gentle; a little child
Might lead the Chenoo home to rest.

The winter passed and the spring-time came;
The snow-tents vanished from glade and hill;
The tender maples were all aflame;
The loosened waters ran at will.

And the demon spirit was laid at rest,
Cast out by her who loved so much;
And the heart of ice in the Chenoo's breast
Grew soft at a woman's tender touch.

Forgotten were snow and hail and storm;
And—marvel of marvels—liquid tear
From the Chenoo's eyes fell soft and warm;
And then they knew that the end was near.

For a rapture sat on the face of the dead;
And the heart of the Chenoo burst its bands
With the tear—the first he had ever shed—
And his soul slipped out to the spirit lands.

In the ancient time was the story told,
When camp-fires blazed o'er stream and glen;
When the rhythmic songs of the days of old
Were sung by the Ancient Abenaki Men.

And the gentle Indian wives drew near
And the story passed from sire to son,
And the dusk-eyed maidens smiled to hear
Of the magic deed by a woman done.

What meaning to them had the mystic flight
Of the poet's song in this ancient land?
Did they read the lesson of love aright
Or dream of a mission high and grand?

What meaning to us—through the ages long
When a thousand demons seek redress?
Have the forces of nature grown more strong?
Is the measure of a woman's kindness less?

Is the ice-bound horror of olden days
A myth from our daily life apart?
Ah—mightier yet than the firelight's blaze
Is the warmth that melts a human heart.

We wait the day of our holiest dream;
And the glory of womanhood draweth near
When a gentle touch with a love supreme
From the soul of evil brings a tear.

Do we, who read this poem today, wonder that it was then called, "one of the choicest numbers of the whole program."

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Another pleasing record I find is that Miss Florence Dingley of Auburn, received an ovation in her musical selections and many compliments were given to the Lotus and Alpha Quartets. Another record says that Miss Louise H. Coburn of Skowhegan, gave her concise report, valuable for its data and many points of interest on Forestry. This is, I believe, the first report from a regular department of Forestry in the Federation, and this report was followed by a discussion led by Miss Gulielma P. Sanborn of Augusta, in which she made the statement that "the country at large has its eyes focused on Maine for years to come as the source of supply for timber, and if we may believe the best judges, there is timber enough in Maine to last years if judiciously used." She appealed to the women to use their influence to increase organized effort on the part of the Legislature to protect our forests. She also urged each club to become an Improvement society to make the roadside and cities and towns look better each spring—perhaps Miss Sanborn antedated the "Clean-up week" idea.

This discussion, added to the work done by this committee and the report given by Miss Coburn, proved so effective that the vote was carried to send the following letter to each member of the Legislature to meet at Augusta the following winter:

The Maine Federation of Women's Clubs respectfully presents to the Legislature of the State of Maine the following memorial—

As a body of women devoted to the best interests of our State, and anxious for its advancement in righteousness and beauty, intelligence and material prosperity, we are led to give earnest thought to the subject of Forestry. We recognize that in the New Forestry we have a great national movement, in which the State of Maine is at present behind the van. It seems to us that there are few subjects of such vital importance upon which so general ignorance prevails, and that the beginning of progress must be knowledge. The methods of foreign countries and of other states are said to be more or less unsuited to conditions in Maine. We need, therefore, scientific and exhaustive study of the conditions and possibilities of Maine forestry, and the evolution of principles and methods adapted to our own state.

The forests of Maine are an imperial inheritance from the past. Upon them depend giant industries that make the life of towns and cities. Upon them depend for support, directly or indirectly, a large part of the population of the state. Upon their permanence

depend the regular flow of great rivers, and the fertility of broad acres. To enjoy their beauty, and be refreshed by their health-laden breezes, a summer army, larger every year, invades the state, bringing to it a new source of profit. We cannot but be convinced that the prosperity of Maine would pass with the passing of the forests, and that with their conservation and the increase in value which may be expected from an enlightened forestry, would come to the state increased prosperity and new development. It seems to us, therefore, as women interested in the future of Maine, that there is no department outside the public schools, upon which at the present time a portion of the public money may be more wisely spent.

Moved by these considerations, and by an abiding love for the old Pine Tree State, we beg to offer for your careful attention the following petition:

We ask that you grant a sufficient appropriation to the Department of Forestry so that a trained forester can be employed, who shall give his entire time to the study of Maine Forestry and the spread of practical information in regard to it.

We also ask that you make appropriation for a department of Forestry in the University of Maine.

EMMA DOW ARMSTRONG,
President.

EUNICE NICHOLS FRYE,
ELLA JORDAN MASON,
LIZZIE JEWETT-BUTLER,
ALICE MARY BRADBURY,
Officers.

LOUISE H. COBURN,
GULIELMA PENN SANBORN,
ANNA SARGENT HUNT,
EDITH F. WOODMAN,
GEORGIE A. GLOVER,
Forestry Committee.

The result of these efforts was an appropriation for a Forestry department at the University of Maine. Miss Coburn was chairman of this committee for four years. The efficient work under her lead was most pleasing to all those interested in the best interests of Maine. The work of this committee was not alone with the Legislature. I have in my possession a neat little folder and on the outside is printed "List of References for the study of Forestry," suggested by the Forestry Committee. Inside is given a list of references under the headings of Forestry and Ornamental Forestry. Another folder sent out by this committee was a letter from L. D. Carver, at that time State Librarian, on the subject of Forestry and the

need of wisdom and work, on and for this subject. Printed letters were also sent to each federated club president urging a study of forestry.

Recently in conversation with the able chairman of this first Forestry committee of our organization, Miss Louise Helen Coburn of Skowhegan, I found she was present at the first annual meeting of federated clubs held in Skowhegan in 1893. Miss Coburn is a graduate of Colby College, a member of the board of trustees, the first woman to serve on the board, a poet, historian and botanist. Perhaps her best known poem is "Kennebec." She has written much of historical value. One of the best botanists of this section, she has written much on local flora. The work Miss Coburn did on the Forestry committee is not the only work done for the federated clubs. She has been a member of the Legislative committee where her work was telling and was chairman of the committee which made the last revision of the Constitution. At present Miss Coburn is at work on a history of her native town, Skowhegan. She rarely misses a Federation meeting and her advice is often sought by the workers in the State organization as well as in her home clubs, of which she is an active member.

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By a motion of Mrs. Emma Dow Armstrong of Lewiston, it was voted "that the chairman of all standing committees shall become members of the board of directors."

For the new clubs Mrs. Kendall of Portland, reported for the Gorham Dames, Mrs. Grimes of Caribou for Entre Nous club; Mrs. Small for Our Neighborhood club, Oldtown; Mrs. G. C. Cooper of Patten, for the 20th Century club; Mrs. Goodspeed for the Tyngtown club of Wilton; Mrs. Oakes for the Ramblers of Livermore Falls; Mrs. Jenks for the South Berwick Woman's club.

The response to the address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. Ella Jordan Mason, who was then of Biddeford. It was universally declared that "it was one of the best the Federation had ever heard," or as some expressed it, "the response did the whole Federation honor." It will be remembered that Miss Lawry of Rockland resigned as recording secretary at the close of one year's service. I believe she was to leave the State, and at Biddeford, Mrs. Ella Jordan Mason was elected to fill her place and had served one year at the time of the Lewiston meeting and another year in the same office when time-limit necessitated her retirement. Mrs. Mason served as chairman of the Educational and the Legislative committees, assisting also in other departments, until leaving Biddeford to take up the duties of matron of Kappa Sigma Fraternity House at the University of Maine where she still is. Since coming to Orono she has been president of the Orono Woman's club, but we shall meet Mrs. Mason again as these sketches continue.

It was also recorded that one of the women in attendance at the tenth annual was the mother of the Federation president, Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt, Mrs. Sargent of Augusta, who was eighty-four years young, as alert, mentally, as ever, and the women of the organization were pleased to do her honor. Her interest in the meetings was as keen as that of any present.

Over 500 women attended many of the sessions, but there were only 144 voters. Portland Woman's Literary Union that had never sent but two delegates before, by the change in the Constitution sent fourteen to the Lewiston meeting.

Early after the organization of the Federation, the Mount Holyoke alumnae association joined the Federation, but the last Year-Book reporting this club in the membership was that of 1903-1904. With the number from Maine women who must be alumnae of Mount Holyoke, we should still have such a club in membership. If any former student of Mount Holyoke reads this, will she please see what can be done? It was of course largely through the influence of the Federation president, Mrs. Osgood, that the Mount Holyoke club joined the Federation, but is there not another graduate as loyal to her college and the State Federation?

Another record of this anniversary meeting was the reading by Mrs. Laura E. Richards of Gardiner, from two of her most entertaining stories.

The election of officers at this tenth annual meeting resulted as follows: Mrs. Emma Dow Armstrong, Lewiston, president; Mrs. George C. Frye, Portland, vice-president; Mrs. Ella Jordan Mason, Biddeford, recording secretary. Mrs. Armstrong appointed Mrs. Lizzie Jewett-Butler corresponding secretary, and Miss Alice M. Bradbury, Dexter, treasurer. Mrs. L. Annie Hunter, Machias, was named for chairman of the Educational committee, the other members being Mrs. Helen Frye White, Lewiston; Mrs. Nellie A. Morse, Bangor; Mrs. Lizzie D. Hall, Dover, and Miss Clara F. Albee of Skowhegan. Miss Gertrude S. Weston, Skowhegan, was made chairman of the Reciprocity Bureau.

The nominating committee making these selections included Mrs. Abbie A. Peaslee, Auburn; Mrs. Helen D. Ford, Mrs. Lavina J. Spaulding and Miss R. Olive Winslow.

Mrs. Woodbury Pulsifer, Mrs. W. H. Newell, Mrs. W. H. White, Mrs. E. F. Conant, Mrs. H. W. Oakes, Mrs. W. O. Foss, Mrs. W. W. Stetson and Mrs. George Martin made up the entertainment committee.

In this Lewiston meeting, badges played a conspicuous part. There was a badge committee consisting of Miss Carrie Bradford and Mrs. E. M. Mabury. All that I have found of the Lewiston meeting badge was a brown ribbon with gold lettering, M. F. W. C., Lewiston, Oct. 8-9-10, 1902, Delegate.

In Biddeford, too, they had a badge committee, Mrs. Susan F. T. Youland and Mrs. Nellie Jeffrey. And there were brown badges with gold lettering for delegates; green, with gold letters for presidents; yellow, with Thursday club in dark letters, evidently for the members of the entertaining club in Biddeford. I have also in my possession a white badge with the gold letters "treasurer" and a gold fringe. I am not able to say where this was used, but think in Biddeford. Perhaps some person remembers.

To me it is enjoyable to keep in mind the fact that the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs were so early advocating measures that have since materialized. It would be particularly gratifying to the members of years of activity in the organization as well as those who have joined more recently, to keep some of these facts and dates in mind. It must be the ideas were about right, else they would not have been adopted by the law-makers of the State or by the school authorities. At any rate, we can feel confident that our organization was progressive.

Perhaps before we leave the administration of Mrs. Hunt, we should say that both Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Etta H. Osgood attended the second session of the New England conference in Malden, Mass., in April, 1901. At this meeting Mrs. Hunt told what the Maine organization was doing. At this session the question of "color" first brought up in the Federation, it being stated that the Middlesex club had voted to withdraw from the General Federation on this issue. It was stated that "Massachusetts then paid one-fourth of the expenses of the General Federation, and that the withdrawal of the Middlesex club would mean much." This is to show that even the organizations of women do not find it exceedingly smooth sailing, even when there are no men to jar the placidity.

NOTABLE LIST OF CLUB MEMBERS AND ANNIVERSARY ECHOES.

CHAPTER XI

BEFORE leaving the administration of Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt, it should be stated that in 1902 the Bureau of Reciprocity issued a Lecture Directory, Medora C. Small, Oakland, Maine, chairman. It was an attractive pamphlet with green cover and gilt lettering. It announced that it was designed to assist presidents and program committees of the clubs belonging to the Maine Federation in making out their calendars. One copy was mailed free to the president of each club in Maine. Extra copies sold for 10 cents. It will be interesting to note the speakers, who are listed alphabetically. Nearly all offered several lecture subjects:

J. William Black, Ph.D., Professor of History and Political Economy, Colby College; Frank Chase, Ph.D., Instructor in English Literature, Bates College; Miss Emily Cornish, A.M., Interpretative Reader and Lecturer; Algernon S. Dyer, Bowdoin College; Holman F. Day, author; Horace M. Estabrooke, M.S., Professor of English, University of Maine; William T. Foster, A.B., Instructor in English, Bates College; George T. Files, Ph.D., professor at Bowdoin College; Mrs. Minnie L. Gove, Dramatic Reader; K. P. Harrington, M.A. University of Maine; J. H. Huddilston, Ph.D., University of Maine; E. F. Hitchens, Waterville; C. C. Hutchins, A.M., Bowdoin College; W. F. Kendrick; Arthur N. Leonard, Ph.D., Bates College; Orlando F. Lewis, Ph.D., University of Maine; George T. Little, Librarian at Bowdoin; Leslie A. Lee, Ph.D. Bowdoin; Miss Fanny E. Lord, Westbrook; Wilmot B. Mitchell, A.B., Bowdoin College; Miss Julia H. May, Auburn; Miss Mary Selden McCobb, Portland; Mrs. Etta H. Osgood; Mrs. Emma Huntington Nason, Augusta; Rev. F. M. Preble, Auburn; A. J. Roberts, Colby College; W. W. Stetson; C. E. Stetson, Colby College; Miss Agnes M. Safford, Dramatic Recital; Mary Frances Stetson, Interpretative Recital; C. W. A. Veditz; E. E. Woodruff, A.M., Bowdoin College; Miss Olive Winslow, Dexter, Talk on Music.

Perhaps out of respect to Mr. Arthur G. Staples and his Just Talks it should be told that in this list of lecturers, nothing is said about "entertaining" the speakers, so it is presumable that the agonies of "being entertained" were still in force, but then Mr. Staples had not at that date issued his warning. The reader will at once realize that "time in its course" has greatly lessened the number of these speakers who would be available today.

There is no denying that 1902 was an eventful, profitable and satisfactory year for the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs. Besides the observance of the Tenth Anniversary many progressive steps were taken.

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In a paper on Civic work, delivered by Mrs. F. E. Boothby of Portland, in Lewiston, the first reference was made to the work for play-grounds. She urged the women of each club to take up this work. She gave them great encouragement from the report of what had been done in this line in Portland and at that time her husband was mayor of the Forest City. I trust the women of the Federation will note this, for there are cities and towns of fair size and with active Women's Clubs which have not yet play-ground directors and Mrs. Boothby and the Federation through her, was urging active work for this twenty-three years ago. Sometimes one is led by little things like this to wonder if "the world do move."

It will be recalled that at Biddeford it was voted to pay the expenses of the president to the Biennial. Mrs. Hunt was the first to enjoy that privilege and in the report of Miss Alice M. Bradbury of Dexter, who was then the treasurer, is this statement: "Received from Clubs and Individuals \$172.60" and "paid for Mrs. Hunt's biennial expenses \$162.96."

At Lewiston it was voted to enlarge the committee of the Bureau of Reciprocity, Miss Gertrude Weston of Skowhegan being the chairman.

One unusual and pleasing statement was made that each of the Charter Clubs of the Federation was represented at the Tenth Anniversary.

The Nominating Committee selected at the Lewiston meeting to serve for the next year were Mrs. F. L. Odlin, Lewiston, Mrs. T. J. Brown, Portland, Mrs. C. H. Grimes, Caribou, Mrs. O. M. Mason, Bethel, Mrs. Nicholas Fessenden, Fort Fairfield.

In summing up the meeting after it was over, one of the women active in its success, wrote at the time: "Now we are all home, we may the more easily sum up the accomplishments of the great gathering, in which representative women from Caribou to Kittery, met in council. Pleasing as it is to greet old friends and meet new ones, it is after all the underlying spirit that makes the Federation of the clubs the tremendous power it is." Another said: "Though not primarily benevolent or reformatory, the influence of the organization has been to promote a higher public life and a better social order." Another wrote: "It was clearly brought out that 'utility in diversity' and a true altruistic spirit pervaded the clubs."

Another woman wrote for her local newspaper: "The program offered much that was good, much that was helpful, and all agreed that there was enough of it. No time was wasted, and every session was crammed to its limit with suggestions and ideas and short talks and asides and betweens, as a

woman's convention is apt to be. The remarkably business-like way things were kept moving was a great compliment and credit to the president."

This same writer said that "the hit of the convention was made by Mrs. N. D. Gordon of the Readfield Mother's club. She was herself just the type of a mother all like to honor and love, with the lovely, motherly face which wins at once. She said her especial qualification for speaking for this club—her club—was that she was the mother of nine children, and then she naively remarked that she guessed when there were more Mother's clubs and fewer literary clubs there would be more children. Of course she brought down the house."

"The weather for the Lewiston meeting in October was perfect. One who attended nearly all the sessions where men were welcome said Maine need not be afraid to have her women compared with the charming and able women who came to this meeting from other states. He added that this was not uncomplimentary of the visitors, he was only congratulating himself and other husbands, fathers and brothers of the quality of their own women. It is always a satisfaction to get a little praise and if the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs had not had overmuch and had felt it was slow in coming, surely the Tenth Anniversary brought it from all sides.

Even in such an enjoyable gathering as that at Lewiston there must be a little shadow and this was cast because Mrs. Caroline Dana Howe was not able to attend, but she sent a poem for the anniversary which was read by Mrs. George C. Frye.

It will be noticed that one of the newly chosen nominating committee was Mrs. Nicholas Fessenden of Fort Fairfield, who early espoused the cause of the Women's clubs, and today is still an active and valued member of the Philomathian club of her home town. Only a year ago she was its secretary. All her life Mrs. Fessenden has stood for what was right and up-building and is still active in the same good work.

It was my delightful privilege to be present in Caribou in the Summer of 1924, at the Aroostook county club woman's annual outing. It was a charming occasion, everything,—speeches, dinner, music and hospitality in harmony. For me it was a renewing of old acquaintances, and there was our good friend Mrs. Fessenden. She is the mother of the able Rev. Dr. Fessenden, one of the most distinguished Methodist clergymen in the United States. He it was who delivered the Baccalaureate sermon at the commencement of 1924 at the University of Maine. He has written a charming poem to his mother that would make any mother rejoice. Here is a splendid illustration of the enjoyment in being a member of the Maine Federation of Women's clubs, for I'll guarantee that many who read this will be glad of this word of information of their friend Mrs. Fessenden.

SECOND DECADE OF THE MAINE FEDERATION

CHAPTER XII

THIS chapter opens the second decade of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs. The first meeting called by the Executive Board with Mrs. George D. Armstrong of Lewiston, president, was the Mid-Winter meeting in Augusta, January 28, 1903, in the Judiciary Room at the State House. Matters discussed were civic improvement, as work for the federated clubs, arts and crafts, and forestry. Those who spoke in favor of a committee for Civic Improvement were Mrs. F. H. Houghton, Mrs. Etta H. Osgood, Mrs. George C. Frye of Portland, and Mrs. B. L. Eaton of Skowhegan. Miss Alice Frost Lord of Lewiston spoke on the Relation of Civic Improvement to Public Schools. On motion of Mrs. Frye it was voted to have a committee on Civic Improvement. The discussion on Arts and Crafts resulted in a vote that the Executive Board appoint a committee for that work.

Miss Louise H. Coburn of Skowhegan, Federation chairman of Forestry, introduced as the first speaker Prof. R. L. Marston of Yale College Forestry Department, who was followed by President Fellows and Prof. Munson of the University of Maine. The report of the treasurer showed a balance of \$141.20. The sum of \$399.80 had been received from club dues.

By invitation of the Literary Union of Portland, the annual meeting was held in that city on October 7, 8, and 9, 1903. The brilliant opening reception was held at the Lafayette Hotel. Mrs. Mary I. Wood, president of the New Hampshire Federation of Women's clubs, was the guest of honor. Mrs. F. M. Houghton was president of the Portland Literary Union. The chairman of the entertainment committee was Mrs. H. W. Bryant; of the reception committee, Miss Inez A. Blanchard. A sprinkling of gentlemen was noted. It is recorded that "Black gowns of every material, style and finish" were generally worn, and "almost everyone removed her hat."

Miss Katoola Loveitt, the young singer who made such a success in Portland, Mrs. Charles Roberts, Mrs. Charles Day, president of the Maine Suffrage Association, Mrs. J. S. Heald, Mrs. J. W. Brackett, Mrs. C. E. Tobie and Miss Mabel Safford



MRS. ARMSTRONG,
1903-1904.

were among those specially mentioned as among the reception guests.

In the receiving line were the officers of the Federation, the president of the Literary Union, and the guest of honor, Mrs. Wood. In the red parlor was the second line, heads of departments and young matrons of Portland.

On the program for the meeting were cuts of Plymouth church and of the home of Longfellow with this quotation from Longfellow:

“We may build more splendid habitations.
Fill our rooms with paintings and with sculptures,
But we cannot buy with gold the old associations.”

Over the main entrance to the church were the words “Maine State Federation, Welcome.” Mrs. H. L. Jones was chairman of the badge committee, and Mrs. G. B. Bagley of credentials. Club presidents wore green badges and the members, brown. The chancel was banked with dahlias, carnations, asters and greenery and on the speaker's desk were American beauty roses.

The body of the church was for club presidents and delegates. The sun did not shine and the rain did fall, but judging from the large attendance nobody seemed to mind the weather. Rev. Lewis Malvern, pastor of the church, asked divine blessing. Miss Grace Farrington sang “Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind.” Supt. O. M. Lord of the Portland schools spoke of the debt Portland owed the Woman's Literary Union, and told what this organization had done to beautify school rooms and make happier conditions.

The welcome was given by Mrs. F. M. Houghton, reminding all of the birth of the Federation in Portland, which city for the third time welcomed the State organization. The response was by Mrs. Mary S. Hall, General Federation secretary.

The event of the morning was the address by the president, a literary treat. She compared the banding together of the original sixteen clubs of the Federation to the Knights of King Arthur's Round Table. Eleven clubs had been added since the tenth annual meeting, making a total of one hundred and fourteen. The work was broadening. Through Federation membership the women, she said, must become a potent factor in raising the ideals of citizenship, education and everything that elevates. “Club life that exists only for itself and its members, has weakness at its core.”

Mrs. Armstrong urged that the girls be given as careful preparation for life as the boys were receiving. She recommended a Domestic Science course in the schools to balance the manual training. She touched also upon the need of lessening illiteracy.

Mrs. Kate Clark Eastabrooke reported for the traveling library commission, the circulation greater, and subscribers more prompt. There are now one hundred libraries numbering fifty thousand books in circulation. The Travelers Club of Portland, she said, had presented a library on art topics during the club year.

At noon, luncheon was served in the church vestry, and an exhibition was shown of the Arts and Crafts department.

The afternoon session was devoted to the Educational department. Miss L. Annie Hunter, chairman, said: "Have a clear idea of what you expect to attain by education, form a sane plan of procedure, then as a State organization with a stated purpose, work out your own salvation. It is not enough to be good and united, you must be good for something." Miss Dora H. Moulton spoke on the subject, "A grain of wheat," her points being illustrated by ten little kindergarten pupils. Other speakers were Mrs. Etta H. Osgood, Hon. W. W. Stetson, State Superintendent of Schools of Maine.

The evening session drew a capacity audience. The Lotus male quartet of Auburn opened the program, responding generously to encores. The personnel of this club was Flavel R. Jordan, Willis P. Atwood, Frederick J. Witcher and Albert R. Prince.

Mrs. Lizzie Jewett-Butler gave the report of the year's work for Civic Improvement. She felt it was particularly fitting that the first report on this subject should be given in the Forest City, "where from the Mayor down, such an interest is taken in this work." This report included endorsements for the Domestic Science work and Play-Ground Director. Mrs. Butler brought out the conviction on the part of her committee that the work with the children could not begin too young.


Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt, spoke on forestry for that committee, reporting that this work, while still in its infancy, was attracting attention everywhere with Maine in the list of the progressive states. Other speakers on this subject were Mrs. W. H. Glover and Mrs. G. P. Sanborn. The last speaker of the evening was Mrs. Emma J. C. Rand of Lewiston, her subject being, "The Great Awakening and the Influence of the Women's Clubs." Her talk was almost international in its scope.

It is pleasing to report this meeting, and show that those who preceded us in the work of this Federation deemed that the subjects for which they had asked the different clubs to work during the year, were of enough importance for an evening meeting, and that enough had been done by these departments to make a fine program, interspersed with good music. Have we "drifted from our moorings?" Or is it enough to say, "Conditions have changed"?

Re-reading Mrs. Rand's address, we note that in 1903 she called attention to the great need of better work along Americanization lines, which is one of the vital questions of today.

THE QUESTION BOX AN INTERESTING FEATURE OF PORTLAND MEETING

CHAPTER XIII.

 ONE of the interesting features of the eleventh annual meeting in Portland, was the Question Box hour. One of the discussions was on the question, "Are fairy stories good for children?" The debate was very animated. Miss Inez S. Blanchard and Miss Alice Lord of Westbrook, favored the fairy tale even for those of larger growth. An inquiring mother asked, "If we wish our children to be truthful, what can we say if, after reading a fairy story, they assert it is all a lie, asking us if it is not?"

The discussion was not ended when the Federation adjourned; the women were interested and there was a wide difference of opinion, but the idea that the fairy story should be regarded much like poetry and perhaps thus serve a two-fold purpose, seemed to prevail. Now twenty-two years after this discussion I am led to ask if this question can be settled? Will there not always be those who never see the poetic side of anything?

The second question asked in the Question Box hour was why the corresponding secretary of the Federation was not paid a salary, and the third question was still more personal, perhaps, for it read: "Ought there to be a training school for women's voices before they are allowed to speak in a meeting of this kind?" meaning the Eleventh Annual meeting of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs. I have found no record as to how this was discussed or decided. Does any one know?

Reporting on the president's address, Mrs. Flagg asked that each club adopt the suggestion made by the president and have one afternoon in the club year given to domestic science study. Miss Fanny E. Lord of Bangor, was the Resolutions chairman, and among the resolutions adopted was one "asking that peace in matters of State, Nation and International affairs be settled by arbitration."

Mrs. Tandberg of Gardiner, gave an interesting address on "Women in the Professions," closing with the words "Woman's function, like charity, begins at home and then, like charity, goes everywhere."

Mrs. Edward J. Mayo of Dover-Foxcroft, read a fine paper on lace making and embroidery, which was printed in full in the Lewiston Journal. Then followed a paper on basketry by Miss Mabel Elwell.

Mrs. T. J. Brown spoke on the "Value of Manual Training." Many of the visiting women had seen the training school under the lead of Mrs. Brown who had been a teacher and then a member of the School Board.

At noon, Mrs. George C. Frye hospitably entertained the Executive Board and heads of departments and the presidents of visiting clubs or their appointees at luncheon.

At the business session, the president, Mrs. Armstrong, and vice-president, Mrs. Frye, were re-elected. Mrs. Camilla C. H. Grimes was chosen recording secretary. Mrs. Annie E. Mower of South Berwick, was elected treasurer.

Mrs. Frye spoke of the work for the Dorothea Dix Park and how interested Mrs. Beedy was in this work, and asked the support of the women of the Federated clubs.

It was much regretted that Miss Anna Hunter of Machias, resigned as chairman of the Education department.

One of the suggestions made at this Federation more privately than publicly was that the recording secretary serve a longer term, because of the worth of experience in the work.

Miss Inez Blanchard of Portland, chairman of the reception committee, was until her death a faithful, able and efficient worker for the Maine Federation of Women's clubs. Clippings and pictures preserved by her have aided wonderfully in the preparation of these sketches, proving again how little we know who will reap the reward of our faithful efforts.

One of the Portland papers referring to Mrs. Grimes, who was elected recording secretary, said of her: "Finely educated, refined, of charming personality, she is sure to win a place for herself in the annals of the second decade of the Maine Federation of Women's clubs."

On the second day of the annual meeting, a group of those who graduated from the Portland cooking school the previous year, served to the Executive Board of the Federation a tempting seven-course dinner, at the Walker Manual Training building. Pupils of the public schools made the menu cards which were exceedingly artistic.

Another pleasing feature of this meeting was the introduction of the guest of honor, Mrs. Mary I. Wood, president of the New Hampshire Federation, who spoke briefly but interestingly. Mrs. Alice Frye Briggs of Auburn, a former president, was given an enthusiastic greeting.

In the Arts and Crafts display was many notable pieces, perhaps none more interesting than heirlooms from the Kellogg family. Among these was the christening robe made by Mrs. Kellogg, wife of Parson Kellogg in 1790, and worn by Joseph McLellan Kellogg in 1796, and by Elijah Kellogg in 1813. The robe was embroidered, and a little cap was part of the outfit. There was also a quilted petticoat, and bead bags, this exhibi-

tion being shown by Mrs. Sophia Kellogg Bedlow of Portland. An old-fashioned bed spread made in 1843 was shown by Mrs. G. S. Boston of Biddeford. Exhibitions of Mexican work, burnt wood, hand-painted china, laces made in Ireland, a Coat-of-Arms, and many other things interested the women.



MRS. E. A. DEGARMO,
Chairman of Americanization.

The Portland women enjoyed telling their visitors how much Dr. Dalton, pastor of the church where the Federation meetings were held, had helped in the women's club movement by his lectures in literature.

One of the speakers, Mrs. Tandberg of Gardiner, well known in Portland, her former home, as Ella M. S. Marble, has had a life of unusual interest. Going west, she sent letters of interest to different Maine papers. Then she went to Washington, D. C., where her son and daughter were educated. In conversation, she said: "When they became self-supporting, I felt I had the right to gratify my ambition to study medicine," which she did, graduating with honor. She also said she met a fair-haired minister and "spoiled a good doctor to make a poor minister's wife," though this her Gardiner friends emphatically deny. "She is neither a poor

minister's wife nor the poor wife of a minister," they assert with spirit. She represented the Twentieth Century club of Gardiner at the Federation. Reference to the Year-Book of 1924-25 leads one to ask, "Where is the Gardiner Twentieth Century club?"

We are always interested in women's apparel, hats, gowns and coats. I would like to have the hats worn by the women of the Federation meeting in 1903, compared with those of today. It leaves no doubt that we are growing young, for no women of 1925 are old enough to wear as old looking hats—or were they bonnets?—as even the young women wore in 1903. The gowns were more pleasing. For instance, at the reception, at this Eleventh annual, the president is described as wearing a gown of beautiful lavender brocade, with small ostrich prompons of the same color in her hair."

Plymouth church was an ideal place for the meetings. The members of the Ladies' Aid of this church were the caterers

at the luncheons served the visiting women by the Woman's Literary Union. Mrs. J. J. Pooler was president, and Mrs. Thomas Jordan, vice-president of the social committee, and they had a score of able assistants.

One feature of this annual meeting that was particularly interesting to me was the time taken in discussion of the departments making up work of the Federation. There was no paid speaker, and still all agreed that every session was most interesting, many new matters discussed and each discussion keenly interesting.

During the session, greetings were received from the Federations of North Dakota, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Michigan, Massachusetts, North Carolina, New York, Ohio, Missouri, Iowa, Oregon, Georgia and Tennessee. Eighty clubs were represented by seventy-five presidents or appointees, and sixty-two delegates. Eight new clubs were admitted.

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The Mid-Winter meeting for 1904 was held on February fourteenth of that year in Fairfield, at the Baptist church, Mrs. Armstrong presiding. Mrs. Mayo, president of the Dial club, gave the address of welcome, Mrs. Armstrong giving the response, closing with these words: "Let us arise and build the City Beautiful, each one against his own house." Nearly every member on the Executive Board was present and one hundred and eleven clubs were represented. Two new clubs were admitted, one from Gardiner and one from Lewiston. It was announced that there were one hundred and fifteen clubs with a membership of four thousand one hundred and twenty-one women in the Maine Federation.

Mrs. Armstrong, Miss Nellie Marston, Monmouth; Mrs. George C. Frye, Mrs. J. A. Palmer, and Mrs. Etta H. Osgood, Portland; Mrs. J. D. Lord, Biddeford; Mrs. A. W. Butler, Mechanic Falls; Mrs. E. M. S. Tandberg, Gardiner, were chosen delegates to the Biennial to meet at St. Louis, May seventeenth to twenty-fifth.

Mrs. De Garmo of Portland, asked for an endorsement of the work of the National Conference of Charities and Corrections to meet in Portland in May, which was given. On motion of Mrs. Osgood, a committee of three was appointed to prepare an amendment covering the appointment of standing committees.

Mrs. Charles F. Flagg read a paper in regard to the Educational work. The Question Box was in charge of Mrs. George C. Frye who announced that many of the questions asked pertained to the subject discussed by Mrs. Flagg, namely: How can we interest a town that says it needs no improvements? Which is the more important, the literary and scientific work of the clubs or the consideration of school and other town im-

provements? What courses of study prove of most interest— Bay View courses or those prepared by club members? Is the club movement advancing the social and economic conditions today? What is the most important work of the clubs? When shall we do something that will endure rather than work for show? What about libraries for art and music? What about the Consumer's League? Does the Federation favor School Savings Banks? What about the unseating of Senator Smoot? What about the sex superiority of Women?

A parliamentary drill was conducted by Mrs. Etta H. Osgood. A paper was given on civil service reform. Professor Lewis of the University of Maine spoke on Social Betterment.

At an evening session, music was furnished by Miss Gwendoline Wilson, vocalist, and Miss Christine Totman, pianist. Mrs. Emma Huntington Nason of Augusta, spoke on the subject, "The Women Beloved by Goethe."

This was the first session at which Mrs. Grimes served as secretary and her reports were interesting.

BAR HARBOR MEETING WITH GENERAL FEDERATION
PRESIDENT AS GUEST

CHAPTER XIV

BAR HARBOR on Sept. 21st, 1904, welcomed the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs, and it was a business gathering, first, last and all the time. The session began with a conference of the Executive Board, Mrs. Armstrong, president.

The first business was the admission of four new clubs: The Hartland Outlook, twenty-two members, Mrs. Annie Lancey, secretary; Houlton Woman's club, twenty-five members, Miss Jennie G. McKay, secretary; Jonesboro Wednesday club, six members, Mrs. Clara West, secretary; Current Events club of Vassalboro, Eugenie Webster, secretary.

Mrs. Yates of Houlton was chosen as delegate to the Peace Congress. Mrs. Armstrong reported on the St. Louis biennial.

The question of an official organ for the Maine Federation was brought up and it was voted to report on this at the mid-winter meeting.

Mrs. Armstrong said she had four matters for the consideration of the women: First, shall a Civil Service committee be added; second, shall past presidents of the Federation constitute an Advisory Board; third, how can we best secure women on our School Board; fourth, how can an apathetic community be aroused to labor for the general good.

The second suggestion met approval and it was voted to insert in this call for the mid-winter meeting the necessary amendment to the constitution providing for an advisory board consisting of ten ex-presidents. An appeal also was to be presented urging the appointment of women on State Boards of public institutions where women or girls are confined. The answer given to the question how to wake up an apathetic community was "Agitate, agitate, agitate."

Some suggested that "if franchise were given women there would be marked improvement, for it would lead to intelligent discussion at home." There was also discussion as to simplifying the entertainment of the Federation. Whether or not there should be a Domestic Science committee was discussed. All the questions unsolved were left to "The Educational committee" as by motion.

The opening reception was held at Y. M. C. A. building. The decorations were such as few places besides Bar Harbor could have; the music fine, and the Bar Harbor club women

and other residents and the Executive Board of the Federation and other club women were at their best. Dame Fashion did her part. Culture, intelligence, the sweetness of womanhood and manliness of the gentlemen made the picture complete, the enjoyment perfect. Just another Federation reception, tells the story.

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The real Federation business opened on the next morning, Mrs. Armstrong presiding. A piano selection by Maurice C. Rumsey was followed by prayer by Rev. Angus McDonald; welcome from the Bar Harbor Club Women by Mrs. Albion F. Jordan, president of the Bar Harbor Woman's club; welcome to Bar Harbor, L. B. Deasey, Esq., now Justice Deasey; response by Mrs. Camilla C. H. Grimes.

The clubs just admitted were represented by officers of each and reports given by them.

The President in her address emphasized the fact that the power and energy of the individual clubs are what makes up the grand total. "I urge every woman to have a vital interest, not alone in culture for herself, but in helpfulness for others. We must increase our responsibilities, as well as strengthen our forces."

The speaker of the afternoon was Superintendent of Schools for Auburn, Payson Smith (now State Commissioner of Education for Massachusetts). He asked the co-operation of the Federation in bringing the American Institute of Instruction to Maine the following summer.

Mrs. Edna P. Flagg of Portland as chairman of the Educational committee, asked for discussion of the following questions: "Is it possible to secure training in handicraft for girls in the public schools," discussed by Mrs. Celia Valentine Berry; "Is artistic public advertising possible," discussed by Mrs. Tandberg and Mrs. Armstrong; "In what way are the housekeepers responsible, indirectly, for the adulterations put upon the market," discussed by Mrs. Flagg and Mrs. Osgood; "How can we arouse public sentiment in different matters in towns or cities where there are large un-American populations," discussed by Mrs. Wm. H. Newell of Lewiston and Mrs. Sarah Hamilton of Saco; "What can we do to increase the industries in Maine," discussed by Mrs. Thompson of Portland; "What can we women do to secure a State Factory Inspector."

Mrs. F. W. Johnson gave a paper on "The Civic Duties of Club Women." Mrs. Grimes gave a reading on "How to Cook Husbands." Mrs. Sarah Hamilton of Saco spoke on "Vacation Schools."

The evening session included music by Miss Bailey and the Bar Harbor Choral Society and address by Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker, the General Federation president, who claimed to be a Maine woman. Mrs. Decker chose for her subject "Is the Federation Worth While?" and if any doubted its worth before

hearing Mrs. Decker, she did not after this masterly address. Miss Nellie K. Jones of Kalamazoo, Mich., spoke from the subject "A Rational Regime for Future Home Makers."

At this Bar Harbor session, it was voted to have a Legislative committee to see that the "defacing advertisements" were lessened.

Mrs. F. A. Bradbury, Dexter, necrologist, reported thirty-three deaths during the year, including many who had been the founders of their clubs, some who had labored in the Federation from its inception, especial reference being made to Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy, a member of the Farmington Monday club, because of her work for the Dorothea Dix memorial, her sketches of the "Mothers of Maine" and and her life-long service in the cause of education.

At this meeting, new officers were elected, and the nominating committee, composed of Mrs. Charles F. Flagg, chairman, Mrs. M. R. Murchie, Calais, Miss Helen S. Pratt, Fairfield, Mrs. Charles Ely, Livermore Falls, Mrs. Caro E. Flint, Dover, reported this list of officers:



MRS. SARAH L. EATON
Skowhegan

Mrs. George C. Frye, Portland, president; Mrs. Moses Burpee, Houlton, vice-president; Mrs. Rose C. Johnson, Gorham, recording secretary; Mrs. I. B. Mower, Waterville, treasurer.

The committees appointed were:

RECIPROCITY, Mrs. Frederick Jones, Portland, chairman, Mrs. C. A. Stephens, Norway Lake, Mrs. Charles L. Batchelder, Saco.

ARTS AND CRAFTS, Mrs. E. J. Thompson, Portland, chairman, Miss Mabel Elwell, Portland, Mrs. B. F. Hamilton, Saco.

FORESTRY, Mrs. E. P. Viles, Skowhegan, chairman, Mrs. Lydia M. Merrill, Orono, Mrs. J. A. Thompson, Bangor, Mrs. Celia Valentine Berry, Westbrook, Mrs. H. D. Wood, Norridgewock.

EDUCATION, Mrs. Charles F. Flagg, Portland, Mrs. Ella Jordan Mason, Biddeford, Helen S. Pratt, Fairfield, Mrs. Charles Ely, Livermore Falls, Mrs. Caro Flint, Dover.

LIBRARY COMMISSION, Mrs. Estabrooke and Mrs. Butler.
 NOMINATING COMMITTEE for 1905, Mrs. Houghton, Portland, Mrs. B. F. Eaton, Skowhegan, Mrs. E. S. Paul, Fort Fairfield, Mrs. J. S. Snow, Bangor and Mrs. Helen B. Attwood, Auburn.

LEGISLATIVE, Mrs. F. W. Johnson, Waterville, Mrs. Flagg, Mrs. Estabrooke, Mrs. Frank Johnson, Gorham, Mrs. Viles, Skowhegan, Mrs. W. H. Newell, Lewiston.

STATE PARLIAMENTARIAN, Mrs. Etta H. Osgood.

STATE EDITOR CLUB WOMEN, Miss Edith H. McAlpine.

At this meeting the letter acknowledging the application from the Maine Federation to the General Federation to be received into membership was read by Mrs. Armstrong. The women of the federated clubs presented to Mrs. Etta H. Osgood a testimonial of their esteem.

After the new officers were introduced, Mrs. Frye appointed Miss Edith H. McAlpine of Portland, corresponding secretary. The following special committees were appointed: on Revision of Constitution, Mrs. G. L. Peaslee, Auburn, Miss Elizabeth U. Yates, Houlton; on Library Appropriation, Dr. Jennie Fuller, Hartland, Mrs. H. E. Jordan, Bar Harbor, Mrs. Grace H. Thompson, Bangor; on Official Organ, Mrs. Emma W. Moseley, Portland, Mrs. Harriet Keyes, Farmington, Miss Alice Frost Lord, Lewiston, Mrs. Rebecca O. Young, South Berwick, Mrs. Caroline A. Hayden, Augusta; on place of entertainment, Miss Amanda Wilson, Bangor, Mrs. Fannie L. Crosby, Dexter, Mrs. George C. Wing, Auburn.

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It may not be amiss right here to make a few observations. Thus far, I have been unable to find the letter or copy of the letter, which Mrs. Armstrong read at the Bar Harbor meeting from the General Federation in reply to the Maine organization's application for membership. All such official papers should be preserved and kept together in some safe place. Again, read carefully the list of questions discussed and see if all has been done in the lines mentioned or should we still consider these issues.

Still again—are there any “apathetic communities in Maine” today? If so, what is our duty?

Still again—are we of today doing all possible to make suffrage for women accomplish what these women—who did not have it—expected it to accomplish? Surely, as we read over these reviews of our Federation meetings, there is food for thought and perhaps enough ammunition to arouse us to greater activity. This is written with no desire to be “preachy” but the crucial World War experiences which ended, in a measure, six years ago, did surely interrupt our work so that it is hardly surprising, if we have not yet quite “caught up.” At

any rate it is not amiss to dwell a bit upon the past, especially of our own organization.

Just today I talked with a woman who was at this Bar Harbor meeting and I asked her to visualize that gathering for the benefit of you readers, and she replied, "Many of the Club Women were visiting Bar Harbor for the first time. The tourists were less in evidence, but the Bar Harbor club and the club women of Maine stay in my mind as equal for whatever arose." Then she added, "I do not fail to notice the discussion as to the advisability of 'artistic public advertising,' which I take to mean what we now recognize as the destroying of the bill-boards and the signs along the roads. The discussion of how to increase Maine industries is identical with the present movement to 'boom Maine.'" In closing her review of this meeting of the women in 1904, my friend said, "I believe the good the women did then is only beginning to be realized and that is another proof that we were pioneers."

This was the last meeting under the able directing hand of Mrs. Armstrong as president. She was born in Washington, New Hampshire. The family later moved to Massachusetts, where the student life of Mrs. Armstrong was spent, and where she later became a teacher. Most of the married life of Mrs. Armstrong was spent in Lewiston.

Mrs. Armstrong now resides with her daughter, Mrs. J. Dawson Sinkinson (Helen Armstrong), in California.



MRS. FLORENCE COLLINS PORTER
1899-1900.

MRS. GEORGE C. FRYE, "MOTHER OF THE FEDERATION," ASSUMES PRESIDENCY

CHAPTER XV

THE first meeting over which Mrs. Eunice C. Frye of Portland presided as president, was the mid-winter session on January 26, 1905 at the State Capitol at Augusta. Because of a severe storm, the attendance was smaller than usual.

Three clubs applied for membership, one from Portland and one from Harrison and the other from South Paris.

Mrs. Emma W. Moseley reported for the committee on "an official organ," announcing a strong sentiment in favor of such a publication in Maine, but she advised the acceptance of the offer of Mrs. Mary I. Wood of the New Hampshire Women's club organ, to co-operate in publishing a magazine to be the organ of the New Hampshire and Maine Federation of Women's clubs.

Reports were given at this meeting of the work of the committees on Arts and Crafts, Reciprocity, Forestry and on Legislative work. Papers were given by Miss Fanny E. Lord of Westbrook, on the Study of History, Miss Julia Harris May of Auburn, on the Study of Art, Mrs. Carolyn Johnson of Waterville, on Club Calendars. A valuable paper was read by Mrs. Harriet Keyes, making clear the need of a committee on Literature in the Federation as well as committees on Music and Art.

Mrs. Edna P. Flagg, under the title of Education, dwelt on the child labor question and urged the need of a woman factory inspector. This matter had been brought before the Federation previously for discussion and she said the committee to whom the question had been referred had decided to present the name of Mrs. Ella Jordan Mason to the Governor, and ask her appointment to this position.



MRS. HARRIET P. KEYES
of Farmington

The afternoon was devoted to an address by Miss Jessie H. Beale, secretary of the Massachusetts Consumers' League, who spoke on the League's work which she claimed brought her into close touch with the child labor question.

Professor Hartshorn of Bates College spoke on the Library Commission. Passing of resolutions closed this mid-winter session.

On the program was a paper by Mrs. Purington of Farmington, whose husband was principal of Farmington Normal school for many years, and she herself had been a teacher of marked success. Well does the writer remember the splendid work of Mrs. Purington, whose every word was freighted with sound common sense, with experience and good judgment.

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MEETING AT HOULTON IN 1905

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Maine Federation of Women's clubs held in Houlton on September 13, 1905, was somewhat unusual in several ways. It was the first time the organization had met in the "Garden of Maine" which many of the delegates were visiting for the first time. Again the "mother of the Federation," Mrs. Eunice C. Frye, presided as president, for the first time at an annual gathering. The treasurer, Mrs. I. B. Mower of Waterville, announced that at the end of the club year 1904-05, the balance of the treasury was \$224.51.

Worth noting, also, was the printing of the president's address in the "Northern." How many of the club women who read these lines, ever saw a copy of the "Northern?"

Mrs. Frye in her annual address, explained that in March, the Maine Federation had joined the New Hampshire club women in the publication of this joint official organ, "The Northern" as recommended by Mrs. Emma W. Moseley of the committee on a Club organ. The Editor of the "Northern" was Mary I. Wood of Portsmouth, N. H., who was prevented from attending the Houlton meeting by the serious illness of her mother.

The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Amanda C. Wilkins, a pleasing speaker, who said in part:

"It would require a far more eloquent tongue than mine to express fittingly the warmth of the welcome which Houlton women extend to this organization.* * * In this season, our boasted potato fields are shorn of their beauty. * * * From experience we feel you may have come to us expecting to find nature at her wildest, to have meetings held in a primitive church or a tent, pitched beneath the 'murmuring pines.' If this be so, you are doomed to disappointment. * * * We welcome you to our homes, because we know that, as

club women, you have great interest in the home. We welcome you to our town, because we are glad of what you have done for civic improvement and for better citizenship. Above all, we welcome you because we are all members together of an organization which has done more than almost any other force to break down social barriers, to level class distinctions, to sweep away false prejudices and conventionalities. Together we are members of that sisterhood of women who stand with their brother men, shoulder to shoulder, against selfishness, vice and ignorance, believing no longer that 'woman is the lesser man.' ”

The response for the Federation was by Mrs. Rose C. Johnson of Gorham, who said in part:

“All our lives we have heard of the wonderful productions of your soil, of your rapid development, of your prosperity, of your progressiveness, your energy and push. What can I say? Let us not flatter ourselves by what we have accomplished, but push on. Let us show our appreciation by doing all we can to make this meeting the best of all.”

Three new clubs were admitted, the Thursday club of East Winthrop, the Acorn club of Portland, the Woman's club of Newcastle and Damariscotta.

In her address, Mrs. Frye reminded the women of the splendid achievements of the organization over which she presided. These had stimulated others to greater achievements and larger attainments. She acknowledged a peculiar tenderness for the women of eastern Maine, appreciating better than ever the effort they had made to journey to the more western towns and cities to attend the Federation meeting. “While this organization has met the demands of the times,” she said, “adding standing committees to carry on the educational work, we are not divorced from the more strictly literary progress which characterized the beginnings. What we have been, we are; what we have done, we are doing, only more. * * * We mean to continue to work for the home, in the home. * * * Thirteen years of persistent work has established a fame we certainly have a right to claim. My inability to carry on the work another year in office as president is not your loss but mine, but it does not mean that I shall not continue an interest in and to assist in the labors of this Federation as a loyal member should.”

It was expected that Mrs. Frye would serve another year as president, but she declined the honor. She never lost her interest in the Federation, and while she lived, continued to give valuable assistance.

It was at this thirteenth annual meeting in Houlton, that the proposition to have a college scholarship for girls was pre-

sented, this to be sponsored by the Federation. The suggestion came from Mrs. Charles F. Flagg of Portland, the proposition being that the girls thus helped should bind themselves to teach in the rural schools of Maine. This brought out a spirited discussion. It seemed to be the opinion of many, that girls prepared in the Normal schools were better fitted for work in the rural schools than the college girls. The suggestion as made by Mrs. Flagg was to give the money outright. Many women favored making it a loan rather than a gift. This matter was referred to the Educational committee.

Mrs. Wood of Norridgewock, read a paper advocating the observance of Arbor Day. Mrs. G. W. Hutchins of Waterville, read a paper on the "Mission of the Arts and Crafts Movement to the Average Woman." Mrs. Ezra H. White of Lewiston, gave a paper on "The Work of the Arts and Crafts." Mrs. Ella Jordan Mason of Biddeford, discussed "Child Labor Legislation."

Miss Mary E. Merrill of Bangor, and Miss Catherine Tinker of New Hampshire, each spoke under the arrangements of Miss Amanda M. Wilson of Bangor, who was in charge of the educational work of the organization.

The evening reception was most enjoyable, many women of Aroostook county being present and thus new acquaintances were made, many continuing through the years. The music for the reception was of a high order.

The literary feast of this annual session was the lecture by William DeWitt Hyde, D.D., LL.D., president of Bowdoin College, his subject being, "The Worth of the Womanly Ideal." The records I have say: "President Hyde did not expect that we all would agree with him, and we did not, but we all appreciated the force of his logic, the beauty of his diction, and the clearness and energy of the presentation of his ideas."

Mrs. Joseph Strout of Portland, credential chairman, reported fifty clubs, forty-five represented by presidents; fourteen by presidents and delegates; five officers present, ten members of committee.

The report of the chairman of the nominating committee, Mrs. Attwood of Auburn, was as follows: President, Mrs. Moses Burpee, Houlton; vice-president, Mrs. E. L. Marsh, Waterville; recording secretary, Mrs. F. P. Johnson, Gorham; treasurer, Mrs. D. G. Wood, Norridgewock.

EDUCATIONAL committee: Mrs. M. L. T. White, Presque Isle, chairman; Miss Helen S. Pratt, Fairfield; Mrs. Charles Ely, Livermore Falls; Mrs. Nicholas Fessenden, Fort Fairfield; Mrs. Caro E. Flint, Dover.

RECIPROCITY BUREAU: Mrs. C. E. Roberts, Portland, chairman; Mrs. C. A. Stephens, Norway Lake; Mrs. C. L. Batchelder, Saco.

ARTS AND CRAFTS committee: Mrs. E. H. White, Lewiston; Mrs. G. W. Hutchins, Waterville; Mrs. Will Simpson, Fairfield.

FORESTRY committee: chairman, Mrs. E. P. Viles, Skowhegan; Mrs. Lydia M. Merrill, Orono; Mrs. Celia Valentine Berry, Westbrook; Mrs. J. A. Thompson, Bangor; Mrs. Elizabeth K. Hobbs, South Berwick.

LEGISLATIVE committee: Mrs. Ella Jordan Mason, chairman, Biddeford; Mrs. H. M. Estabrooke, Orono; Mrs. F. P. Johnson, Gorham; Mrs. D. N. Mortland, Rockland; Mrs. E. P. Viles, Skowhegan; Mrs. M. L. T. White, Presque Isle; Mrs. William H. Neweil, Lewiston.

LITERATURE AND ART committee: chairman, Miss M. A. Wilson, Bangor; Mrs. Harriet Keyes, Farmington; Mrs. Mary Hall, Waterville; Mrs. Deborah N. Morton, Portland; Miss Fanny E. Lord, Westbrook; Mrs. Thirza A. Smith, Mechanic Falls; Dr. Jennie Fuller, Hartland; Miss Julia H. May, Auburn; Miss Jessica Lewis, Camden; Mrs. Helen Knowlton, Rockland; Mrs. Noah Burgess, Portland.

At the Houlton meeting it was voted to insert in the by-laws the following: "Officers and guests of the Federation and chairman of committees shall be eligible to entertainment."

At this meeting, Mrs. George C. Frye presented to the Federation, the die for the monogram used for several years, on the cover of the Year-Books.

Mrs. Burpee announced that Mrs. George E. Wilkins would be the corresponding secretary.

The music for the Houlton sessions was pronounced of unusual merit and included orchestra, and selections by the Nevin quartette, solos by Miss Mae Sincook, Miss Charlotte M. Kinney and Miss Ethel Larrabee.

The resolutions were of unusual importance. The chairman of this committee was Mrs. Harriet Keyes of Farmington, and the other members were Mrs. Nicholas Fessenden and Mrs. Oscar Wish. Briefly summarized, the resolutions urged the formation of clubs in small places and rural settlements with county, district unions. Literature and art must retain their place in the programs. For the promotion of the highest usefulness of women, the study of parliamentary law was urged. Again the need of a woman factory inspector was stressed, the Federation asserting that it would not cease in its efforts to obtain this result.

If you read over this condensed review, you will notice it has to do entirely with the work of the Federation; it is not branching out to tell others what they should do, but is, so to speak, attending to its own business.

Another event of importance to the club women to be listed in the year of 1905, was the Club Conference held in Portland

in connection with the meetings of the American Institute of Instruction, July 10th to 13th, 1905. The women attending were not only from Maine and other New England states, but from New York, Indiana, Maryland, Minnesota and Pennsylvania as well.

The Federation had headquarters and members of the Portland Literary Union looked after the comforts of the visitors. Mrs. George C. Frye, after the custom of the years, kept open house, giving a reception one day to the club women. Mrs. Frye was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Moses Burpee of Houlton, then vice-president of the Maine Federation, but after the September meeting in Houlton, its president. Among those present were Mrs. Charles F. Flagg, Miss Edith McAlpine of Maine; Mrs. W. S. Lions, president of Rhode Island Federation; Miss Susan Clark, president of the Vermont Federation; Miss Dora Stone Pinneo and Miss Mary Abbott of the Connecticut Federation; Mrs. Frederick Schoff of Philadelphia, president of the National Congress of Mothers; Miss Sarah Dyer Bern, assistant superintendent of schools of Providence, R. I.; and Mrs. W. O. Vallette of Indiana. Mrs. Frye gave an informal luncheon to the club women attending the Institute of Instruction. Whenever these club women met, it was the work of women that was always discussed. Ideas were exchanged so that when the three days sessions were over, much information and inspiration had been gained.

THE NORTHERN WAS THE FEDERATION'S FIRST OFFICIAL ORGAN

CHAPTER XVI

THE Northern, of which the first copy was issued in March, 1905, as the official organ of the Maine and New Hampshire Women's Clubs, under the direction of Mrs. Mary I. Wood, editor, is before me. It was loaned to me by Mrs. Moses Burpee of Houlton, then vice-president, who has a complete file of the magazine, which was short lived. In the first number we find this announcement by the editor:

"We believe that by joining hands with the Maine Federation, we shall be the recipients of much that will be of great benefit to ourselves. The Maine Federation is the oldest of the State Federations, filled to the brim with active, alert club women. The Club atmosphere in the Pine Tree State is second to none in New England, and a loyalty that rivals the best."

This issue has an article by Mrs. Frye and a report of the annual Maine Federation meeting. The April number has a fine likeness of Mrs. Frye, and a column of "Items from the President,"—in which it is noted that the school children of Portland are given five cents a dozen to destroy the dangerous caterpillars to prevent the increase of brown-tail moths,—April 1905. It also recounts many social functions to end the club year, one being "A luncheon by the Androscoggin county Woman's Literary Union at Lisbon Villa, a beautiful new Casino at Lisbon Falls," two hundred being seated at tables, Mrs. Odlin, the president, presiding.

Another event was a luncheon at Riverton by the Portland Woman's Literary Union, including "A recital given by Mrs. Emma W. Moseley," "an interesting and clever newspaper correspondent." This same Mrs. Moseley is the able Publicity chairman for 1923-1925. Mrs. Moseley early became active in the Federation, working always for its best interests, and has always so continued. Being so well known to the women of the federated clubs today, this is not the time for an especial "write-up."

"Miss Louise Coburn of Skowhegan has been appointed Park commissioner of her town, with Mrs. Eaton, one of the pioneers of civic work and Mrs. Weston, members of the board," reads another item in the Northern.

The vice president, Mrs. Burpee, has a letter, giving short sketches of the forming of some of the earlier clubs.

There is also an account of an exhibit of Arts and Crafts by the Waterville Woman's Club. The rest of the space is taken by a review of the article by Mrs. Purington as delivered at the mid-winter meeting. The opening sentence should be quoted:—"A lady of the wise Auburn Art Club, said to me, 'I make it a rule to sit down after breakfast and read a little. My thoughts are thus turned into pleasant channels and I am better fitted for the work of the day.'" Mrs. Purington continued: "This is wisdom and I will adopt it."

Mrs. Edna P. Flagg has a most interesting article on Education in the second issue of the Northern.

The items from the President announce that the Dexter Woman's Club has celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary in a royal manner,—1905. It is also urged that "Arbor Day be observed; that more attention be given school room decorations; that manual training course in the public schools be supported; that the women should work for pure food laws; that they should better understand the Merit System and that the women should not allow politics to obstruct the wheels of Education and reform."

Announcement was made of the Shakespeare Game as devised by the Shakespeare Club of Camden in an effort to fasten the wise sayings of Shakespeare where they belonged.

"Does College Pay," is the subject of an article by Mrs. Flagg in her Educational series, in the July issue.

The August number has a fine picture of Mrs. Moses Burpee of Houlton.

The November and December issues for 1905, have articles on literature by Mrs. Fanny E. Lord, and for the first time we find "The Collect for Club Women" in print.

Since that time it has been repeated wherever club women have gathered.

It belongs in this record of the Maine Federation and is appropriate at this time. We quote it as follows:

Keep us, O God, from pettiness, let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.

Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking.

May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face, without self-pity and without prejudice.

May we be never hasty in judgment and always generous.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straight forward and unafraid.

Let us take time for all things; make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.

Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences; that in the big things of life we are as one.

And may we strive to touch and to know the great common heart of us all; and, O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind.

When this was first brought to the attention of the Maine women, we got the impression it had been adopted by the General Federation. I think it was first given real publicity through a magazine column directed by Mrs. Mary I. Wood. However this may be, it has become the universal form of opening club sessions, and is considered one of the inspirations of club life.

The first issue of the *Northern* for 1906 had an article by Mrs. Ella Jordan Mason of Biddeford on Child Labor Conditions. She prefaced this by stating that "many clubs are working on this line in keeping with suggestion of the General Federation," mentioning the Thursday club of Biddeford, and the Women's Educational and Industrial Union of Saco. These clubs also were looking into the pure food laws of Maine and she quoted C. D. Woods, at that time at the head of the Experiment Station of the University of Maine, as stating that "the food laws of Maine are strong, the need being to educate the consumer."

In an early issue of the *Northern* for 1906 are articles showing that a difference of opinion had arisen as to the work of the Federation, some clubs taking issue with Child Labor restrictions. The articles written by Mrs. Frye and others show the readiness of federated club members to "defend the faith that is in them." In no uncertain terms did some declare that the "extension of the club movement from the literary field to the realm of practical matters, is a growth." There are—says the writer in the *Northern*, four hundred and eighty-nine women's clubs with a membership of two hundred and seventy-one thousand, eight hundred and thirty-nine women who believe in this progressiveness and besides, literature is not being neglected.

The last year of the *Northern*, the Federated Women's Clubs of Vermont united with New Hampshire and Maine in this publication, the subscriptions to club women being as low as twenty-five cents a year, and each number had either reports of Federation meetings or of clubs meeting articles by women belonging to each State Federation. The last issue was February 1907, completing two volumes. Those who were still subscribers to the *Northern* were transferred to the Federation Bulletin. The last number of the *Northern* had two articles by Mrs. Etta H. Osgood, the first president of the Maine Federation, on "The Beginnings of State Federation," and the report of the Federation meeting by Mrs. Stanley Plummer.

The interest in the *Northern* is not wholly in what it printed about the Maine organization but the news of other states and the General Federation. Much about the last is so fittingly sug-

gestive for the work today of the clubs that it is hard not to quote, but these chapters have to do with the Maine Federation only, so we give this outline that every woman in Maine clubs may know of this venture in magazine printing participated in by the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs.

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Already we have printed a list of lecturers as arranged by the Reciprocity Bureau of the federated clubs, in 1904. What reveals also to me the real work of the women better even than that is a list of the papers as written almost entirely by the women members of the different federated clubs in almost every part of Maine. This was printed in a neat little booklet, white, with dark lettering on the fly leaf:

MAINE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
MANUSCRIPTS TO BE LOANED
AND
LECTURE DIRECTORY
OF THE
RECIPROCITY BUREAU

On the next page was printed:

“To the Federated Clubs of Maine:

We submit the third catalog of the Reciprocity Bureau, with the hope that it will be helpful to the club women of the State, and the request that they will avail themselves of the privileges thus offered them. Papers may be obtained by payment of postage, upon application to the chairman of this committee. Clubs desiring lectures will please apply directly to the speakers.

Papers of unusual excellence prepared by club members will always be gladly received by the committee, and clubs are earnestly requested to forward copies of Year-Books and Study Outlines of the Reciprocity Bureau for the assistance of other clubs. One copy of this catalog is mailed to each club.

(Signed) GERTRUDE S. WESTON,
SARAH J. MORTON,
ELIZABETH EATON.

I am going to give the titles of some of these papers as supplied by the different federated clubs of Maine because it shows just what the Federation was doing after it had been organized twelve years and because while “comparisons may be odious,” they are sometimes stimulating, in fact almost life giving, at least lead to action.

We quote from the list at random, as follows:

The Mound Builders	Fannie H. Dickey, Lewiston
In Colonial Days	Mrs. A. M. Beede, Lewiston and Auburn
Historic Homes of Washington	Josephine M. Dunn, Lewiston
The State Constitution as Distinct from the United States Constitution	Mrs. Belle A. Small, Skowhegan
The Story of the Flag	Echo Club, Portland
The Shell Mounds of Damariscotta	Miss A. L. McDonald, Portland
A Sketch of Maine	Mrs. Joseph McKachnie, Pittsfield
The State of Maine	Mrs. J. M. S. Hunter, Farmington
The Palaces of Rome	Mrs. Hattie P. Keyes, Farmington
Excavations of Pompeii	Mrs. C. F. Phair, Presque Isle
Richard Cœur de Lion in History and Romances	Sara Frances Potter, Lisbon Falls
Condition of Europe in the Age of Elizabeth	Mrs. A. R. Savage, Auburn
The English Sovereigns	Mrs. Nellie E. Spencer, Orono
Progress of England, Travel and Explorations	Mrs. Lila L. Wellman, Lewiston
The Bank of England	Mrs. G. C. Wing, Auburn
The Irish Question	Mrs. Philena P. Moore, Waterville
The Reformation and Its Results	Mrs. Angie Markley, Skowhegan
Oberammergau, the Passion Play	Mrs. Clara A. F. Getchell, Caribou
The Crusades	Mrs. M. E. Farrington

Then comes the list under the heading, Sociology and Education:

A Club Woman's Duty in the Home	Josephine M. Dunn, Lewiston
An Appeal to the Twentieth Century Conscience	Mrs. H. B. P. Stevens, Portland
Changes in Journalism	Mrs. Elvira Howe Bigelow, Portland
General Industrial Conditions Affecting Women and Children	Mrs. Zenas Thompson, Portland
Heredity or Environment, Which?	Mrs. Celia Valentine Berry, Westbrook
How Deaf Mutes are Educated	Miss Fanny E. Lord, Westbrook
How Does the Industrial World Affect Women?	Mrs. M. C. Peabody, Deering
How the Club May Help the School	Mrs. L. Annie Hunter, Machias
Missions as a Factor in Social Economics	Mrs. W. H. Thomas, Lewiston
Physical Culture	Mary E. Kelley, Biddeford
Public Education in Germany	Mrs. Hatie A. Danforth, Skowhegan

The list under Art includes:

Art as an Educator, and Its Influence on the Daily Life	Mrs. G. D. Armstrong, Lewiston
Art Schools in the United States	Miss Gertrude Gutmann, Lewiston
Art in the Monasteries	Mrs. Myra M. Beedy, Lewiston
Early Mosaics and Frescoes	Mrs. Lila L. Wellman, Lewiston
The Saints in Art	Mrs. H. B. Woods, Caribou
Frescoes of the Sistine Chapel	Ellen Garcelon Ham, Lewiston
The Works of Raphael	Mrs. Augusta J. Emerson, Lewiston
Raphael's Frescoes in the Vatican	Mrs. Wellman, Lewiston
Raphael Sanzio, His Madonna Frescoes	Katherine F. Scott, Dexter
Raphael and His Madonnas	Nellie Morse, Bangor
Victoria Colonna and the Loves of the Artists	Helen S. Armstrong, Lewiston
Influence of Italian Painting on Flemish, Dutch and German Schools	Charlotte A. Lee, Lewiston
Illustrated	Mrs. Nahum Morrill, Auburn
Characteristics of the Dutch School of Art	Mrs. E. R. Chadbourn, Lewiston
Modern Dutch Art	

Under Music are listed:

Cultivation of Music	Mrs. L. W. Edwards, Westbrook
Italian Music and Composers	Miss Miller, Lewiston
The Oratorio	Miss Ellen Moseley, Lewiston
Georg Friedrich Handel	Mrs. L. E. Graves, Presque Isle

Under Arts and Crafts, Forestry, the following:

The Development of Creative Art	Lizzie T. Hussey, Skowhegan
The Goldsmith's Art in Italy in the 15th Century	Mrs. Agnes M. Sawyer, Dexter
Applied Art in Japan	Miss Bradbury, Machias
The Revival of Arts and Crafts	Mrs. Sarah C. Thompson, Portland
Art in Industry	Miss Mabel Elwell, Portland
A Southern Art Industry	Mrs. Lucia Russell Fellows, Orono
Forestry	Mrs. Celia Valentine Berry, Westbrook

Under Miscellaneous, we find:

Ancient Coins and Other Means of Barter	Miss Elizabeth H. Peables, Auburn
A Trip to Sebago	Miss A. L. McDonald, Portland
Bells	Mrs. Elizabeth F. Robinson
Foreign Travel	Mrs. Edward Plummer, Lisbon Falls
Our Transplanted Pine Trees, or Maine Clubs and Maine People in Other States.	Miss McDonald
The Scenic Wonders of Germany	Mrs. Flora E. Mason, Mechanic, Falls

Then comes a group under the heading, Literature:

Lowell as a Poet of Nature	Mary L. French, Auburn
Sarah Orne Jewett and Laura E. Richards	Bernidene J. Butler, Mechanic Falls
Maine Writers	Miss Annie L. Beard, Madison
The Life of Shakespeare	Mrs. E. R. Chadbourne, Lewiston
Shakespeare's Country	Elizabeth Blake Ham
Shakespeare's Heroines	Mrs. F. H. White, Literary Union, Lewiston and Auburn
Merchant of Venice, Mrs. W. W. Stetson, Literary Union, Lewiston and Auburn	
Merry Wives of Windsor	Mrs. Mary S. Blodgett, Bucksport
Milton	Mrs. Nellie E. Spencer, Orono
Walter Savage Landor,—John Ruskin	Annie Prescott, Auburn
Ruskin, the Socialist, Political Economist	Mrs. Kate W. Eldridge, Dexter
Dante Gabriel Rossetti	Miss Rose Neally, Lewiston
The German Element in English Literature	Mrs. W. W. Stetson, Auburn
Frau Goethe, 1731-1808	Mrs. Mary S. Hall, Waterville
Early French Writers, Illustrated	Mrs. Sarah L. Dorticos, Portland
Literary Movement of Italy	Mrs. A. R. Savage, Auburn
Italian Literature	Mrs. Margaret B. Stevens, Presque Isle

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While the list of the subjects of the papers written by the Maine club women may make dull reading to some, it strikes me that the big majority of either men or women who read these historical sketches, do so because of interest in the women who wrote or the organization which they represent, or the evolution of either the women or the clubs, so that it will be less dry than would seem to the person who glances and skips and fails to read.

It is of immense interest to me, for many reasons, because it reveals the matters that were of vital interest to the women in those years, and it answers a question one woman writer put out in a magazine article only a few months ago, "Have Women's Clubs Outlived Their Usefulness?" A group of women interested in subjects as revealed in the papers published by the Bureau of Reciprocity have not become wholly inactive themselves or their influence has not ceased in sufficient measure for the organization to have outlived in any measure "its usefulness."

The writer quoted, said she remembered how her mother prepared a paper on some subject when she, the writer, was a child and she held the paper for her mother to commit the words to memory, while she, the mother—was frying doughnuts. To me that was the best argument for the effective work of the Women's Clubs, for it showed the woman did not neglect to cook what her family wanted for food, neither did she neglect to improve her mind while she did this work some call drudgery.

To each who reads the list of papers above quoted, let me suggest that you think of the many household duties the women who wrote them performed every day. It will convince you of the interest these women took in serious club work.

HOW THE CLUB WOMEN WERE HELPING ALONG LEGISLATIVE LINES

CHAPTER XVII



HE mid-winter session for 1906 was held in Waterville on January 24-25, the first time we find a record of a two days' Directors' meeting. Fine weather and the hospitality of the women made the meeting memorable.



MRS. MOSES BURPEE
1905-1906

Mrs. Caroline Burpee of Houlton, president, presided. Rev. E. L. Marsh offered prayer, and Mrs. E. L. Marsh, wife of the clergyman, and president of the entertaining club, gave the address of welcome, to which Mrs. Burpee responded. The roll call of clubs was an interesting feature, but one minute being allowed to each, and it was lived up to, fifty clubs reporting. The Study Club of Rockland and the Fortnightly Club of Bath, were admitted to membership.

Reporting for the Legislative committee, Mrs. Ella Jordan Mason, of Biddeford, dwelt upon the gravity of the situation in adulterated foods, urging more stringent laws. It was not the fault with the laws of Maine, she said, but other states were permitted to send adulterated food here. She advocated an interstate law which would correct this. She dwelt also on the immigration laws which she said were a handicap to the enactment of better Child Labor laws.

Mrs. George F. French of Portland, called the attention of the women to the need of assistance for the Industrial Home for the Blind. This matter, she said, would come before the following Legislature and the women should be ready to help carry it to a successful completion.

Miss Ardelle Tozier, at that time connected with the Normal school in Presque Isle, read a valuable paper on the rural school question.

Mrs. Myrtle L. T. White, chairman of the Educational committee, then called upon women from different sections of Maine, to report as to conditions in the rural schools in their respective communities.

The question was then brought up for discussion as to the advisability of the Federation loaning funds to girls desirous of attending Normal schools. Mr. Purington, principal of the Farmington Normal school, was present and accepted the invitation to make remarks, which were pointed and enlightening.

After the afternoon session, supper was served in the vestry of the Baptist church. Pretty decorations, hospitality, good food, and attractive tables made this an enjoyable part of the program.

The evening session was in the auditorium of the church, Mrs. Burpee presiding, the first speaker being Mayor Horace Purinton of Waterville.

Mrs. Laura E. Richards of Gardiner, made a plea for the "State Institution for the Feeble Minded." It was most appropriate that Mrs. Richards should speak on this subject, for she is the daughter of Mrs. Julia Ward Howe and the philanthropist, Dr. Samuel G. Howe. Mrs. Richards quoted from the addresses her father had made in former years when he was urging the establishment of such institutions. Mrs. Burpee then placed the meeting in charge of the chairman of the Forestry committee, Mrs. E. P. Viles of Skowhegan, who introduced as the speaker on the the subject of Forestry, Professor G. E. Tower of the University of Maine.

The Thursday morning session was resumed at the Congregational church, the first business brought forward by the president, Mrs. Burpee, being the election of delegates to the biennial to be held in St. Paul. Nine delegates were elected.

A most stirring address on Civil Service Reform was delivered by Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt, who pleaded that the women to whom the world had ever looked as the home-maker, and the home-keeper, become the regenerator and keeper of the nation. In closing, she urged the addition of a civil service reform committee to the Maine Federation. This called out a spirited discussion, and it was voted to place the matter in the hands of the Legislative committee.

An unusual feature of this meeting was the fact that each ex-president of the Maine organization was present as well as each department chairman.

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The fourteenth annual session of the Federation was held in Bangor as guest of the Athene, Norumbega, Nineteenth Century and Home Culture clubs, on October 17, 18, 1906. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Henrietta G. Rowe, one of the pioneer women in club work. She referred to her presence in Portland at the birth of the organization. "From pine-

crowned hills of Aroostook to the blue waters of Casco Bay, east, west, north and south, from city, town and hamlet, came the women of this brave old State, united club women."

Mayor Pierce being absent, the welcome from the city was given by Rev. David N. Beach of the Bangor Theological Seminary. He said:

"We welcome you because of what Bangor is. We welcome you because of what our women have done. We welcome you because we everlastingly believe in you."

Mrs. Edward L. Marsh of Waterville, vice-president, in responding, said:

"As one trusted with the responsibility of representing five thousand women, how can I be silent concerning our importance. We are covenanted together to represent American womanhood, the womanhood that loves the welfare of her native land, the safety and purity of her home. We have agreed to do all in our power to maintain the supremacy of the American home with its freedom, its culture and its grace. We strive to maintain a home spirit on a playground that will accommodate fifty children instead of five; home industries taught not to one child but to five hundred. Thus housework becomes a science. The American woman of this century must learn to administer, as well as to serve. We believe American civilization will bear the impress of the love and the service of women. To this end have we come to Bangor."

The address of Mrs. Burpee, the Federation president, dealt with the broadened work of the federated clubs. The passing of the pure food bill was a matter of congratulation, and other encouraging indications were mentioned, showing the effective work of the women in new fields.

The reports of the different departments were up to the standard, but perhaps the one that showed the greatest effort with results apparant was that by Mrs. Ella Jordan Mason, Legislative chairman.

The work done by this committee was pioneer work for the Child Labor law, as we now have it in the State of Maine, and for pure food. Mrs. French was one of the speakers, and thus was Mrs. Mason sustained in this work which has led to good results. It was at this meeting, a State Board of Charities and Corrections was advocated.

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The mid-winter meeting was held on January 23, 1907, in Augusta, in the chapel of the Congregational church, Mrs. Burpee presiding, with the usual amount of business, department reports and discussions. The speaker of the occasion was Payson Smith, then superintendent of Auburn schools. He

told of the lack of school supervisors, stating that in Maine—1907, less than twenty persons were giving their entire time to the supervision of schools.

A person interested in both the State of Maine and the Federation of Women's clubs finds it difficult not to comment on the work of these women for the best good of Maine. One not interested might smile and comment that "the women thought the welfare of the world rested on their shoulders."

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The Fifteenth Annual was also held in Augusta on October 17, 1907, Mrs. Burpee presiding. The words of welcome were by John Clair Minot for the city of Augusta, and by members of the entertaining club, the response being made by Mrs. Stanley Plummer. The address of Mrs. Burpee on this occasion called out many words of praise. While each address given by her had been inspiring, this seemed to arouse the women to "more devout thanks for the love and helpfulness, which the Federation has received from her during her administration."

The Corinna Woman's club and the Twentieth Century of Rockland, were the new clubs admitted. Each department report at this meeting was interesting and instructive, reflecting the work of the Federation. Women members of the different clubs were the speakers. Mrs. Addie L. Harvey gave a paper on "What Women's Clubs Have Done and Can Do for Libraries." Miss Julia Harris May spoke on "American Art." The out of the State women speakers were Mrs. Lorin Webster, wife of Rev. Lorin Webster of Holderness School, Holderness, New Hampshire, who represented the New Hampshire Federation of which she was president; Miss Estelle H. Merrill of Cambridge, Mass., speaking of the Biennial to be held in Boston, June 1908, and then giving an interesting paper on "The Literary Study of the Bible."

On motion of Miss Lucia Connor, it was voted that the Maine Federation become a member of the National Society of Charities and Corrections, Mrs. Ella Jordan Mason to represent the organization at the society's meeting. The officers elected at this meeting at which seventy-five clubs were represented, the chairman of the nominating committee being Miss Lucia Conner, were: President, Mrs. Fred H. White, Lewiston; vice-president, Mrs. C. F. Flagg, Portland; recording secretary, Mrs. Stanley Plummer, Dexter; treasurer, Mrs. F. M. Houghton.

The music for this meeting was furnished by Mrs. Frank L. Dutton, Mrs. C. S. York, Mr. Edward Phillips of Boston, Mr. George R. Goodridge, Mrs. M. E. Sawtelle, Mrs. G. D. Brickett.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF MRS. FRED H. WHITE OF LEWISTON

CHAPTER XVIII

THE first meeting that enjoyed Mrs. Fred H. White of Lewiston, as presiding officer, through her election to the presidency, was the mid-winter meeting held in Lewiston, January 22, 1908, at the Pine Street Congregational church.



MRS. FRED H. WHITE
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The feature of the first session was an address by John Appleton of Bangor. The chairman of Forestry, Miss Elizabeth K. Hobbs, urged the Maine Federation of Women's clubs to support a movement for the preservation of the region of Mt. Katahdin. On motion of Mrs. Emma D. Armstrong of Lewiston, it was voted "that the Women's Clubs give support to a movement to make Mt. Katahdin and the adjoining region a State Forest Reserve."

An address was given on civil service reform, by Miss Marian C. Nichols, assistant secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Massachusetts Civil Service Reform.

Delegates and alternates to the biennial in Boston, nominated from the floor, were elected as follows: Delegates, Mrs. F. H. White, Mrs. Moses Burpee, Mrs. A. A. Kendall, Mrs. Edward W. Hall, Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt, Mrs. Medora Small, and Mrs. George C. Frye; the alternates, Mrs. Lizzie Jewett Butler, Mrs. E. A. Allen, Mrs. F. A. Packard, Mrs. B. F. Eaton, Mrs. Nicholas Fessenden and Mrs. George F. French.

It was voted that a Civics Committee be created. Miss Edith McAlpine gave an address on "The Study and Cure of Tuber-

culosis." Mrs. French spoke of the good results of play grounds. The educational session was in charge of Mrs. F. L. Odlin of Lewiston, who introduced the chairman of the Massachusetts Industrial Education Commission, as the speaker of the afternoon. He impressed upon all the great need of industrial education.

The sum of twenty-five dollars was voted from the treasury of the Federation for the Scholarship Fund for the education of Maine girls on condition that they teach in the rural schools of Maine after graduation.

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The annual meeting was held October 20, 1908, in the Pine Street Methodist Church, Portland, opening in the evening with music by the Schubert orchestra. Following the welcoming address and response, President Roberts of Colby College, gave an address on William Dean Howells.

It was announced at the first business session that six new clubs had been received into membership at the morning meeting of the Directors, Woman's Literary club of Northeast Harbor, Webhannet club of Kennebunk, West Farmington Literary club, Musical Union of Lewiston and Auburn, Searchlight club of Rumford, and Woman's club of Yarmouth. Mrs. F. L. Powers of Madison reported for Reciprocity as chairman. An address by Miss Elizabeth F. Merrill on "Art When the World Was Young," was enjoyed. The luncheon was in the church vestry.

The afternoon session took up such subjects as an appropriation for the traveling libraries, the State Board of Charities and Corrections, health work and legislation as suggested by Mrs. E. W. Hall, chairman of that committee. A discussion on labor conditions in Maine was led by Mrs. C. F. Flagg; an address on Prison Work in Maine, was given by Mrs. John Howard Hill, and a "twenty minute talk on tuberculosis" was contributed by S. H. Weeks, M.D.

The evening session opened with music and the report of the chairman of the Arts and Crafts committee, introducing Professor H. Langford Warren of Harvard University, who spoke on The Artistic Handicrafts of the Middle Ages, and the Modern Arts and Crafts Movement.

The next morning following, club reports and a discussion as to the advisability of admitting to the Federation clubs which included men in their membership proved interesting. The Maine Federation of Women's clubs enjoyed greeting the young ladies who had been helped by the scholarship fund. Each spoke briefly of her work.

Mrs. Babson of the California Federation brought greetings from that State, and an address on Playgrounds was given by Mrs. Elizabeth Rafter of Washington, D. C. One of the Maine women read a paper sent by Mrs. Cummings of Alabama, on

Organic Training. The address of Mrs. White, the president, reminded the members that the work of the organization was carried on by its different department committees, the chairman of each being the most responsible for its success. No club is expected to be interested in ALL the lines of work, but it is expected that each will be interested in as many as it can work for EFFECTIVELY. She also advanced the idea that District Presidents might be advisable in Maine, as they had proved successful in many other states. Mothers' clubs were also suggested. It seemed to Mrs. White that very generally the women were asking not "What can the Federation do for me?" but "What can I do for the Federation?" Mrs. Stanley Plummer retired as recording secretary at this meeting, Miss Elizabeth K. Hobbs taking up this work.

Just now—in 1925—experts tell us that the success of Forestry is "sticking to the job," and the women evidently have felt that way on many of the subjects, as the Federation in 1925 is working along many lines which interested them fifteen or twenty years ago.

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The seventeenth mid-winter session of the Maine Federation was called to order by Mrs. F. H. White on January 20, 1909, in the Agricultural room of the State House, Augusta. Forty-six clubs were represented. Reports were given by the different department chairmen, Mrs. George F. French for Civics; Mrs. E. W. Heath for Reciprocity; Mrs. Irene Stratton, Arts and Crafts; Education, Miss Hannah Page. Mrs. Ella Jordan Mason of the Legislative committee dwelt on the child labor and pure food laws.

The President spoke on the question of Club Supervisors, and it was voted that the President with her Executive divide the Federation into Districts and appoint chairmen in accordance with this plan.

The addresses of this mid-winter session were given by Mrs. F. A. Leitsch of Skowhegan, and by Mrs. F. R. Warren of Bath, who spoke on Medical Inspection in the Public Schools. The afternoon session had reports from Mrs. J. W. Thompson, chairman of the Forestry Committee, and by Mrs. Frederick P. Abbott of Saco, of the Art and Literature department, and an address by Miss McAlpine of the Health department. The results of the sessions are perhaps best told by the resolutions passed: "That the Maine Federation of Women's clubs endorse the Maine Food and Drug law, and request the Legislature of 1909, to provide more adequate funds for its enforcement."

Another resolution read in substance: "Commending the new and intelligent attitude of the citizens of our State toward a constructive policy relative to reforestation, lumbering methods and conservation of our magnificent forests, and be-

lieving that the creation of the State Forest Reserve will increase the power of that policy, it is the sentiment of the Maine Federation of Women's clubs that as much land as seems practicable to the Legislature shall be purchased in the region of Mt. Katahdin for the preservation of this beauty spot for purposes for recreation and for the working out of forestry problems."

On the 15th of the following September, in the Baptist church, in the city of Waterville, the president, Mrs. F. H. White, called the Seventeenth annual session to order. It followed the lines of previous federation meetings except for the reports of the newly appointed district presidents.

In the Year-Books for 1909, I find this in regard to these divisions: "For purposes of club extension, and to facilitate acquaintance, the clubs of the Federation are divided according to counties under a district chairman as follows: Sagadahoc, Mrs. F. R. Warren, chairman; Piscataquis, Mrs. Elmer Cole, Foxcroft, chairman; Waldo, Mrs. Edward Sibley, Belfast, chairman; Hancock, no chairman reported; Franklin, Mrs. H. P. White, chairman, Farmington; no chairman for Washington county; Knox county, Mrs. J. Frank Rich, Rockland, chairman; Lincoln county, no chairman; York, Miss Elizabeth K. Hobbs, North Berwick, chairman; Oxford, Mrs. C. A. Stephens, Norway Lake; Kennebec, chairman, Mrs. N. E. Small, Oakland; Somerset, Miss Hannah Page, Skowhegan; Aroostook, Mrs. Moses Burpee, Houlton, and Mrs. W. B. Hall of Caribou; Penobscot, Mrs. W. F. Atwood, Bangor, chairman; Androscoggin, chairman, Mrs. R. A. Parker, Auburn; Cumberland, Mrs. C. F. Roberts, Portland." Each chairman reported at the session in Waterville.

The program included a wonderful tribute to Sarah Orne Jewett by Mrs. Frederick P. Abbott of Saco, to this day a vivid memory to those who heard it, remembered for its fine appreciation of the gifted author and its own literary merit. Other noteworthy features were an address on Civil Service Reform by Miss Georgia Bacon, President Massachusetts Federation; an address by Asa G. Randall, director of the Commonwealth Colony of Art and Industry, Boothbay Harbor; an inspiring lecture on the Fellowship of Common Life, by Professor Charles Zueblin, Boston. The music all through these meetings was unusually fine, including an organ solo, Mr. Cecil M. Daggett; vocal solo, Mrs. Henry P. Page. The work of Don and Marjory Morrison was much praised.

The reception on the first evening was held in Foss Hall. The department reports were of an exceedingly high order. It looks cold and reads without enthusiasm to tell just who reported thus—but what more can be done in this brief record?

Anyone who has ever heard Mrs. George F. French speak, will bear me out that something should be told in these records of her work as chairman of the Civics committee. Her interest

has not waned through the years, as only this winter she was as full of the subject as ever before. Keep in mind, please, that Mrs. French was the Federation's first chairman of Civics. She had to teach many of us women, as well as the public outside the federated clubs. She began by assuring us that "the civic awakening of the women would bring happiness and larger prosperity to the State of Maine." In almost her first report Mrs. French assailed the advertising bill boards. Good Roads was one of the first subjects the Civics committee tackled, Lucy T. Ames having it in charge.

In the meeting of which we have just written such women as Mrs. Elizabeth Powers Merrill of Skowhegan, Mrs. F. L. Powers of Madison and Mrs. Mary S. Heath of Waterville took part. Some of these women, like Mrs. Powers, are still doing valiant work. Others, like Mrs. Heath, have turned their activities to other lines, while a large number with the gifted and able Mrs. Elizabeth Powers Merrill, have passed on.

These federated club gatherings were not all so loaded with responsibility that there was no joy in them. To many women it was and still is the vacation of the year. It meant and still means recreation as well as responsibility. As we look back, we can laugh as well as ponder.

Since writing the above, a letter has come to me from an ex-President of the Maine Federation in which she writes, "I have just come from a little gathering where I met Mrs.*** and Mrs.***and we have discussed together the Federation and its pleasures; we dwelt very little upon its problems."

The annual meeting in 1909 was the time for the election of officers and resulted as follows: President, Mrs. C. F. Flagg, Portland; vice-president, Mrs. Stanley Plummer, Dexter; recording secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth K. Hobbs, North Berwick; corresponding secretary, Miss Laura E. Foster, Cumberland Mills; treasurer, Mrs. S. C. C. Ward, Augusta; auditor, Mrs. C. W. Stearns, Portland. The committees held over another year.

The Necrology report was given by Mrs. Lydia Brown of Old Town. In turning the duties of president over to another, Mrs. White said that she had found much enjoyment in carrying on the work of the office, and in the helpfulness of the women. This, I believe, expresses the feelings of every woman who has in any way tried to help in the work of the Federation. I believe, too, that many women would say that the friendships they had made in the club work and the fellowship it had taught, would be well worth all it has cost individually or collectively, for, believe me, it has brought as much enjoyment as inspiration.

MRS. CHARLES F. FLAGG OF PORTLAND, A STRONG LEADER

CHAPTER XIX

THE Island City of Old Town welcomed the mid-winter session of the Federation on January 13, 1910, by invitation of the Neeburban Club, the second Old Town Club to be federated and at that time larger in membership and younger in years, than the only other federated club of Old Town.

In assuming the Federation leadership, Mrs. Edna P. Flagg had the respect and admiration of the members almost to a woman. Why? She did not have to pretend interest in the work of the women of Maine, many of them older than herself. From the time she first came among us in the Federation, she had been interested, she had worked, she had played fair. Preceded by able and gracious women, none had a larger following than Mrs. Flagg.

The entertaining of the mid-winter meeting was quite an event to the members of the Neeburban club and it was greatly enjoyed by them, and has been a delightful memory and subject for conversation all through the years.

The fact that it was the first meeting over which Mrs. Flagg presided as president, added to the enjoyment of those who had been associated with her most closely in Federation work.

The delegates elected at this meeting to the Biennial of the General Federation to be held in Cincinnati the following May, were Mrs. C. F. Flagg, Portland; Mrs. G. W. E. Barrows, Bangor; Mrs. Stanley Plummer, Dexter; Mrs. F. H. White, Lewiston; Mrs. W. F. Atwood, Bangor; Mrs. Frederick P. Abbott, Saco; Mrs. Elizabeth K. Hobbs, Mrs. C. B. Porter, Old Town. The alternates were Mrs. Lydia Brown, Old Town; Mrs. Sibley, Belfast; Miss A. M. Wilson, Bangor; Mrs. George C. Frye, Portland; Mrs. Grimes, Caribou; Mrs. Fred Hall, Bangor; Mrs. Moses Burpee, Houlton; Mrs. G. H. Hamlin, Orono.



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On suggestion of the president, Mrs. Flagg, a Department of Domestic Science was created. An exhibition of Copley prints was in charge of Mrs. F. P. Abbott, the loan coming by the courtesy of Curtis and Cameron Co. of Boston.

An address on "Literature in the Schools" was delivered by G. E. Fellows, at that time president of the University of Maine. Mrs. Fellows, wife of President Fellows, also addressed the women on "Art in the Municipality." Miss Bertha Quimby gave an address on "How the Standard of Arts and Crafts Could Be Raised."

The Round Table discussions were in charge of Mrs. Stanley Plummer. Miss Laura Comstock of the University of Maine, was one of the speakers.

An invitation sent by the Sorosis club and the Town Improvement society of Skowhegan, and the Skowhegan Women's club to hold the annual meeting in Skowhegan in October, was accepted.

The first Year-Book to have the program of the Annual Meeting printed in it was that of 1908, and that custom was continued in each Year-Book until 1916. To me, not to print the program seems a great omission. Of course "there are always two sides to any story," and the other side of this may be the expense of the Year-Books.

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The eighteenth annual Federation meeting opened at Skowhegan, September 19, 1910, with the reception at the home of Mrs. Edith G. Shepherd. How well we remember it. The house was charming for such an affair; cordiality was on every hand; and blossoms and music were sweet and cheering. We recall that the traveling cases with all the "fine clothes" of several of the women had gone astray, and saddest of all, our president, Mrs. Edna P. Flagg, was one of the unfortunates. At that time the "shirt waist" was the proper style for travel, but was far from attractive for evening wear, but Mrs. Flagg, if she "flinched," did it privately and Queen Victoria even could never have risen to the occasion better. In line with those so properly and becomingly gowned, Mrs. Flagg stood, gracious, sweet, agreeable, bright and apparently oblivious to her clothes. This apparent misfortune only served to make the enjoyment keener, and enlivened more weighty matters.

Bethany Baptist church was the place of meeting for the business sessions. Rev. George Merriam offered the opening prayer. "The Pines of Maine" was sung for the first time at a Federation meeting, by Mrs. Carrie Steward, the words being written by Mrs. Elizabeth Powers Merrill of Skowhegan, then exceedingly active in the Federation. At once this song was adopted as the Federation song, and it is still used at the gatherings of the organization and by many individual clubs. It has never sounded as sweet to me as it did at this first

singing by Mrs. Steward. I think it aroused in every woman present, a keener appreciation of Maine. We reprint the song here:

PINES OF MAINE

(Tune—"Some Day the Silver Cord Will Break")

O pines of Maine, dear pines of Maine,
With thy proud heads uplifted high,
Telling thy tales of days long dead
To all the woods, and streams and sky.
Proud pines upon Maine's thousand hills,
Whose perfume scents the restless air,
Whose voices soothe our sleep at night,
Sweet as a softly murmured prayer.

Thou art high-born, O pines of Maine,
All nature helped to give thee birth,
Thy father was the sun and wind,
Thy mother, the dark soil of earth.
Then toss thy dark-plumed heads on high,
From northern hill unto the sea,
And mingle with thy songs of old
The songs of wondrous days to be.

The Indian lover sang his song
Under thy shining roofs of green,
And watched upon the river near
The crimson sunset's glow and sheen.
Here dark-hued mother held her child
Close to her throbbing, happy breast,
And crooned the songs of her wild race,
Hushing her dusky babe to rest.

O stately, green-robed pines of Maine!
O sunlit lake of shining waves!
O happy homes upon our hills!
O cherished spots of loved ones' graves!
Though we should wander far away,
And know life's deepest joy and pain,
We trust that sometime we shall sleep
Beneath the dear old pines of Maine.

ELIZABETH POWERS MERRILL.

Mrs. Merrill also gave the address of welcome. Of charming personality, gifted in expression and careful in choice of words, it was always a delight to hear Mrs. Merrill speak on any subject, and when the words were a welcome to this Federation she loved so well, she was at her best. Mrs. Stanley Plummer gave the response and it rang true.

The speaker of the afternoon was Rev. Henry Blanchard of Portland; his topic, "The Child Labor Question."



MRS. ELIZABETH P. MERRILL
Skowhegan

At the evening session, held in the Skowhegan Municipal Building, Professor Charles Zueblin of Boston, spoke on "Mark Twain." The music for the evening was by Mr. J. Abbott Kendall, Mrs. Agnes Stewart, and Mr. Floyd Gonya. At this meeting, a revision of the Constitution was discussed. After the report of the committee on Arts and Crafts, an address illustrated by handicraft, was given by Ebin Comins.

Miss Hannah Page in closing her work as chairman of Educational department, made the following suggestions which were discussed: Reduction of the committee from six to three; more effective work for the Scholarship fund; longer term of office than for other committees; members to be elected rather than appointed.

The report of the nominating committee named the same president and vice-president, but other officers were changed as follows: Mrs. W. B. Pierce of Bangor, recording secretary; Mrs. E. W. Heath, Waterville, treasurer. The committees named were:

ARTS AND CRAFTS, Mrs. Harry Quimby, Saco, chairman; Mrs. F. M. Ray, Westbrook; Mrs. W. W. Dunn, Yarmouth; Mrs. A. F. Jordan, Bar Harbor; Mrs. Bertha Thompson, Portland.

CIVIC, Mrs. G. B. Attwood, Auburn, chairman; Mrs. Clement, Belfast; Mrs. Moulton, Lewiston; Mrs. W. E. Brewster, Dexter; Mrs. J. H. Knowles, Northeast Harbor; Mrs. W. F. Atwood, Bangor; Mrs. W. A. Murchie, Calais; Mrs. A. M. Drummond, Waterville; Mrs. R. A. Parker, Auburn. This committee was divided into sub-committees for Public Health, Good Roads, Merit System and Child Welfare.

EDUCATIONAL committee, Mrs. J. Frank Rich, Rockland, chairman; Mrs. Inez P. White, Houlton; Mrs. F. S. Macomber, Corinna; Miss Ida M. S. Bean, Old Town; Mrs. C. Southworth, Portland.

CONSERVATION, Mrs. J. M. Strout, Portland, chairman; Mrs. W. B. Steward, Skowhegan; Mrs. G. W. Pettingill, Rumford; Mrs. C. B. Porter, Old Town; Mrs. F. T. Hall, Bangor.

LEGISLATIVE. Mrs. George F. French, Portland, chairman; Mrs. Rich, Mrs. Strout, Mrs. Atwood, and Mrs. F. H. Noble, Bangor.

LITERATURE AND ART, Mrs. G. W. Huff, Sanford, chairman; Mrs. W. E. Hanson, Kennebunk; Miss Mary A. Stevens, Lewiston; Miss Jane S. Murphy, Bath; Mrs. A. L. Blanchard, Bangor; Mrs. G. H. Hamlin, Orono.

HOUSEHOLD ECONOMICS, Mrs. Harry Burnham, Sanford, chairman; Mrs. Annie B. Cole, Biddeford; Mrs. F. E. Drake, Waterville; Miss Laura E. Comstock, University of Maine.

BUREAU OF RECIPROCITY, Mrs. F. G. Paine and Mrs. H. P. White of Farmington.

LIBRARY COMMISSION, Mrs. Estabrooke and Mrs. Butler.

In 1910, for the first time a Press committee was appointed, as follows: Miss Florence L. Nye, Lewiston Journal; Mrs. Emma L. Moseley, Portland Express; Miss Blanche Costello, Lewiston Sun; Mrs. A. A. Kendall, Portland Press; Mrs. H. J. Keyes, Farmington; Mrs. A. H. Brown, Old Town Enterprise.

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The mid-winter Directors' meeting held on February 2, 1911, at the Judiciary Room at the State House, was purely a business session. A few clubs were admitted and the work of the different departments was discussed, Mrs. Flagg presiding.

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The nineteenth annual was held by the invitation of the Educational and Industrial Union of Saco, in that city on October 2-5, 1911. The reception on the evening of Monday, October 2, was tendered the visiting organization by the Saco Lodge of Masons, and was in the Masonic hall, a delightful occasion with more of the sterner sex present than we had been wont to see.

The business sessions were held at the Main Street church, Mrs. Flagg presiding. Prayer was offered by the pastor of the church. There were addresses of welcome by the Mayor of Saco, Hon. Walter J. Gilpatric, for the city, and for the industrial Union, by the president, Mrs. Eldena Packard, with response from the vice-president of the Federation, Mrs. Stanley Plummer. Mrs. Alta M. Huff, chairman of the Literature and

Art committee, introduced Mrs. Elizabeth P. Merrill, who read a paper written for the occasion by that gifted Maine woman, Mrs. Martha Baker Dunn of Waterville, on "Browning and Whitman."

Mrs. Dunn was one of the most brilliant writers of her time, a contributor to the leading magazines of the day. The women of the Federation valued her as a woman and a writer, and her presence or a message from her, was an event in the life of the federated clubs.

The department chairmen felt the need of bringing their work and their message more forcibly home by having special speakers. Mrs. Helen S. Attwood, Civics chairman, gave an inspiring report and then introduced Judge George C. Wing of Auburn, who gave an able and interesting address to the women. In the absence of Mrs. W. F. Atwood of Bangor, chairman of the Health committee, Mrs. Murchie of Calais, gave this report, introducing Dr. Laura Black of Saco, who made a wonderful impression upon the women. We have not seen Dr. Black, now Dr. Laura Black Stickney and still of Saco, at the Federation as often as we would like, but busy in her profession, like all good physicians, she is proving a power in her community and an inspiration to others.

The evening session was held in the Congregational church with a capacity audience and the lecturer was Dr. Charles Fleischer, whom the women heard—many for the first time—to their enjoyment as well as profit.

Mrs. J. M. Strout, chairman of the Conservation committee, rendered account of her year's work—and then introduced Mrs. Emmons Crocker, chairman of the same department of the General Federation.

The Home Economics chairman, Mrs. Harry Brunham, after her report, introduced Miss Helen Louise Johnson, who delivered an interesting address. The evening speaker was Mrs. Maud Wood Park whose topic was Equal Suffrage.

Besides the business at the last session on the morning of October 5th, an address was delivered by Mrs. Anne Sturges Duryea on World Peace through World Union.

The last business was the election of officers, resulting in choice of the following: President, Mrs. Stanley Plummer, Dexter; vice-president, Mrs. W. F. Atwood, Bangor; recording secretary, Mrs. W. B. Pierce, Bangor; treasurer, Mrs. E. W. Heath, Waterville; General Federation secretary, Mrs. Kendall Dunbar, Damariscotta. Mrs. Plummer chose Mrs. Albert L. Atkins of Dexter as corresponding secretary.

Do you who read these pages tire of the telling of what this organization of Maine women accomplished in two years? Does any of the story seem uninteresting or of little importance? If so, you have not worked with these club women, for these "causes" which in this year of 1925 are still problems for the

thinking, active women. Believing you are interested, let me add that what so many of these women gave, the printed page can give but little idea.

In her address as president, Mrs. Flagg said: "The members of the Executive Board have been of great help to me and we have grown to be a band of friends working for a public good, and there is no higher pleasure known to friendship."

In the last report, Mrs. French as chairman of the Legislative committee presented a list of "Suggestions for Club Topics," as follows:

Home the Center of Power; Are Children bad before neglected and exposed to bad social order; Boys and Girls are the State's best asset; Federal Children's Bureau; Efficient Citizenship; Encouragement of thrift and small savings; Business-like examinations of Savings Institutions; School a Neighborhood Center; Necessity of Play and Recreation for all Children; It is wise to send boys of eighteen to State Prison?

At the end of her term as chairman of the Civic Committee, Mrs. Ella Jordan Mason stated: "We have helped secure a Child Labor Law which prohibits children under fourteen working in factory or workshop or store. We have fifty-eight hours as a working week, an educational test for citizenship, and a good truant law. It is easy to criticise officials if one desires, but that is not our way. We have endeavored to co-operate with those working for the best good. The women's clubs have come to be a tremendous power." Who does not sense what hours of hard work these women put in in the two years?

Those who heard the report given by Mrs. Helen S. Attwood of Auburn, as Civic chairman, and felt her enthusiasm and heard her words, were impressed with the great interest she had taken in her subject.

Mrs. French as Legislative chairman taught the women much and put them to thinking of their property rights, the difference between the laws in Maine and in other states, showing in many instances where Maine was ahead. Subjects to which women had given no particular thought have been forced to their notice by this Federation. It was the same with nearly all of the committees nearly every year, for each took its turn, so to speak, in bearing the brunt of the battle.

In her last report as president, Mrs. Flagg said:

"A larger number of clubs have shown they have the welfare of the community at heart. Club interest is keen all over Maine. Your leaders all through the years of the Federation have seen the vision of what life would be when the mass of women should recognize their high calling and distinguishing between things trivial and things important, should give their time to what is worth while. Thus they have held the ideal

before you and show in each department the best attainable—the beauty of the well-ordered home, the glory of literature, art and music, the value of the perfect social life, the best use of this beautiful world, the best that is known about educating and training our children, the highest ideal of public service. As I take my place again in the rank and file of club women, it is with a deep sense of my obligation to you all, and the earnest hope that still brighter days are to be the future of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs.”

IN MRS. STANLEY PLUMMER'S ADMINISTRATION THE ENDOWMENT FUND WAS BEGUN

CHAPTER XX

THE mid-winter meeting of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs for 1912 was held in Dexter, guest of one of the oldest clubs, for as strange as it may seem there was an isolated movement towards this great organization, formed in 1892. We say isolated because the groups of women formed into clubs were only here and there and often times long distances apart. The Dexter club can well be called a pioneer for it was organized in 1880 and when the Federation was formed in Maine, it was a charter member with a membership of its own of thirty-eight women and in this number were some wonderful women, capable, efficient, well read and with the courage of their convictions.

Those who made up the list of older members have almost to a woman taken the "last great adventure." Some of them lived to ripe years and were active in club work.

At the time of the mid-winter meeting in 1912, one of the members of the Dexter Woman's Club, Mrs. Stanley Plummer, was president of the Federation. Then, too, the sessions were held in the club rooms of the hostess club, and as few clubs even now have their own club rooms, this added still further to the enjoyment of all.

Mrs. A. L. Atkins, president of the entertaining club, cordially welcomed the guests, Mrs. W. F. Atwood of Bangor responding graciously. Two clubs asked admission, the Pine Cone Club, Clinton, and the Woman's Literary Club, Bar Harbor.

It was at this meeting—if we remember right—that the Endowment Fund was first discussed, Mrs. Plummer speaking



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for it, Miss Hannah Page, Mrs. C. B. Porter and others also urging it.

One feature of this session was the reports from the District Associations, Mrs. Lois W. Patten, president, speaking for Kennebec Union, Mrs. Atwood for the Bangor Federation, Mrs. Philbrook for Knox County Federation. The speaker of the afternoon session was Mrs. Mabel Loomis Todd, Amherst, Mass., the well known astronomer.

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Bath was the city that welcomed the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs on Sept. 24, 1912. The evening reception was at the hospitable and beautiful home of Hon. and Mrs. Harold M. Sewall and largely attended and most enjoyable.

The addresses of welcome were by the president of the hostess club, Mrs. E. A. Allen, and the Mayor of Bath, Hon. F. A. Small, and the response was by the vice-president of the organization, Mrs. W. F. Atwood of Bangor. The morning session was full of interest, for a noble group of women was serving in each office, equal to their predecessors, and endeavoring to do their best. The president in her address reaffirmed her faith in the organization, in its opportunities, its possibilities and in the women who made up its membership. This faith was because she had seen and realized that since its organization this Federation had "lifted one burden after another from the shoulders of tired women, had protected little children from injustice, and had demanded justice for all." It should go on as it has begun, a clearing house for women's work, committed to no policy or principle that would limit its usefulness. Mrs. Plummer reported that she had written more than one thousand letters. Her recommendations were: that a printing committee be added to the standing committees; that a department of Music be added. She suggested a committee on Club Extension, and gave her reason, namely, "that every club and club member should have opportunity to help in the work of making this world a place, where it will be a bit easier to be well, a bit easier to be happy, therefore a bit easier to be good, than ever before."

She favored a Press or Publicity committee, because while in the beginning the club's one object was self-culture and the public was not concerned in this, it has developed to include service to community and service to State and Nation. She closed with the quotation: "To be successful is not to acquire, but to bestow; it is not great to be rich, but to be strong; failure is not missing the goal, but mistaking the path; and a nation takes rank, not because of the things it does with its hand, but because of the things it fashions with its spirit."

Mrs. Atwood reported two clubs disbanded, four withdrawn, and seven come into membership.

The General Federation secretary, Mrs. Laura E. Dunbar, reiterated the plea of her predecessors, "That the club women of Maine give their loyal support to the General Federation." The department of Civics was unusually interesting, Mrs. R. A. Parker was chairman with subdivisions in charge of Mrs. Belle Smallidge Knowles of Northeast Harbor, and Mrs. Mina R. Murchie of Calais, two women who have not been and are not as active in the Federation as they should have been but they gave most faithful service for a time, and on this occasion, interesting and elevating reports. Whether or not the committees had accomplished any more this year than in those preceding it, I very much doubt, but the printed reports of 1912 are wonderfully inspiring. This statement includes the educational report of Mrs. J. Frank Rich, who first brought the matter of University Extension lectures before the organization; the Scholarship Fund in charge of Mrs. Edna P. Flagg who had just retired as president; conservation presented by Mrs. J. M. Strout, always a "live wire."

Mrs. George F. French who was in charge of legislation, instructed the women while she aroused them. Mrs. Lucia Ames Mead of Boston spoke on The Peace Movement.

Mrs. G. W. Huff handled Literature and Art, Mrs. Harry Burnham, Household Economics, Mrs. Frederick Talbot of Providence, R. I., spoke on "The Needle Work Guild of America," Reciprocity was presented by Mrs. F. G. Paine and Traveling Libraries by Mrs. Kate C. Estabrooke. Mrs. Alice Bradbury Steele gave the Necrologist report.

The speaker for the evening session was Mr. Frank C. Brown of Boston whose theme was "The Aims, Ambitions and Accomplishments of the American Drama League."

Much interest centered in the nomination of officers. Mrs. W. F. Atwood of Bangor declined to serve again as vice-president. The nominating committee, Mrs. C. B. Porter, Old Town, chairman, appointed at the annual in 1911, with Miss Amanda Wilson of Bangor, Mrs. Mary A. Guild, Fort Fairfield, Mrs. Olive M. Mason, Bethel, sent around cards to each club requesting a list of names of those favored for vice-president, secretary and treasurer, and the returns gave Mrs. Atwood the lead, but because of the coming of a little son into the home of Mrs. Atwood, she was firm in her decision to decline the office. Mrs. J. Frank Rich led by a large number above all but Mrs. Atwood and her name appeared as vice-president on the ballot. Mrs. Plummer was still eligible as president. Mrs. F. P. Abbott was elected recording secretary, Mrs. Albert L. Atkins, corresponding secretary, Mrs. George F. French, treasurer.

Another matter makes this meeting of unusual interest. It was at this time the Maine Federation of Women's clubs organized into a Corporation, and for the benefit of the numberless women who have repeatedly asserted they knew nothing about such an act, I copy the same in detail.

STATE OF MAINE

Certificate of Organization of a Corporation, Under Chapter Fifty-seven of the Revised Statutes, and Amendments Thereto.

The undersigned officers of a corporation duly organized at Winter Street Church in the town of Bath, State of Maine, on the 20th day of September A.D. 1912, hereby certify as follows—

The name of said corporation is THE MAINE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

The purposes of said corporation are to become in all ways the successor of that unincorporated organization known as the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs, to bring into relation of mutual helpfulness the various clubs of women throughout the State, whose purposes are not partisan, political, or sectarian, and to make combined action possible when deemed expedient.

Said corporation is located in the town of Dexter, County of Penobscot, State of Maine.

The number of officers are five; their names are as follows:

President, Elizabeth Burbank Plummer; vice-president, Gertrude Pearson Atwood; secretary, Mary Robinson Pierce; treasurer, Mary Steward Heath; Directors, The Executive Board, The Advisory Board, the Vice-Presidents and Chairmen of Committees constitute the Board of Directors.

Witness our hands this twenty-sixth day of September, A.D. 1912. Elizabeth Burbank Plummer, president; Mary Steward Heath, treasurer; Gertrude Pearson Atwood, Mary Robinson Pierce, Rosetta C. White, Edna Pressey Flagg, directors.

The Year-Book for 1912 is the first to contain the Collect for Club Women.

For the first time Portland was the meeting place of the mid-winter session on Jan. 28, 1913, by invitation of the Portland Woman's Literary Union, the Civic Club and the College Club, all of Portland, this meeting being in connection with the New England Conference. The social features were more in evidence than usual at a Directors' meeting. The hostess clubs tendered a reception to the visitors and gentlemen were also guests. Mrs. George C. Frye entertained with a buffet supper. Luncheon was enjoyed at the Congress Square and "clever toasts were the feature." The speaker was the Commissioner of Education of Massachusetts.

The last annual at which Mrs. Stanley Plummer presided as president was also the twenty-first birthday of the organization and the sessions opened in the Pine Street Congregational church, Lewiston, on Sept. 23, 1913, by invitation of the Women's Literary Union of Androscoggin County. The first evening was the Anniversary Hour, the program being: Vocal solo by Mrs. Ellis; The Beginning, Mrs. Eunice Frye; Letter of greeting, Mrs. Etta H. Osgood; Early Federation Ideas, Mrs. Alice Frye Briggs; Letter of Greeting, Mrs. Florence Collins Porter; Greetings and Congratulations, Mrs. Caroline A. Burpee; "Never Frown; Never Sigh; Keep Step," Mrs. Rosetta C. White; Backward Glance, Mrs. Edna P. Flagg; vocal solo, Miss Lillian F. Wells; A Forward Look, Mrs. Etta Miller Chase. This program was followed by a reception in the church parlors, the guests of honor being the ex-presidents who had spoken.

On each program printed while Mrs. Stanley Plummer was president one always found this quotation, "If I have made an appointment with you, I owe you punctuality."

On the morning, Wednesday, Sept. 24, Mayor A. W. Fowles of Auburn, Mayor W. H. Hines of Lewiston, and Mrs. I. L. Sargent of the Androscoggin Literary Union each delivered an address of welcome, with greetings from The Woman's Christian Temperance Union, by Mrs. Thomas Catland; from the Daughters of the American Revolution by Mrs. R. F. Johonnot; Philharmonic club, Mrs. D. D. Coombs; The Teachers Association, Mr. Ernest Curley. The response was given by Mrs. J. Frank Rich, vice-president. Reports from the officers, were followed by those of the Bureau of Reciprocity and the General Federation secretary, Mrs. W. F. Atwood of Bangor, and Miss Elizabeth Petengill, respectively; the Scholarship Fund, by Mrs. Flagg; National Rivers and Harbors Congress, by Mrs. J. M. Strout; Library Commission, by George T. Little of Bowdoin College. In her address Mrs. Plummer announced that twenty-four new clubs had been added. She urged the Maine women to contribute to the Sarah Platt Decker Memorial Fund, and in closing gave a resume of her administration as president with recommendations, of which the following is a summary: that a sub-committee on Peace be added under the committee on Education; that the department of Household Economics be changed to the department of Home Economics as by request of General Federation; that the list of officers of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs be increased by a Historian, whose duty it is to "collect and preserve information, relative to this organization from its beginnings, to include a file of the Year Books. With explanation as to why it would be helpful, Mrs. Plummer advised holding the annual meeting of the federated clubs in the spring. Mrs. Plummer expressed the belief that "the comradeship created among women through club and Federation work must ever be one of its finest results,"

closing her address with a quotation that was also advice: "Busy not thyself wholly with what should be corrected or abolished, but give of thyself somewhat to learning, loving, and diffusing what is good and fair."

The afternoon session was largely devoted to reports. Under the direction of Mrs. J. Palmer Merrill—Elizabeth Powers Merrill of Skowhegan, chairman of Education, we find the Parent-Teachers Association stressed in the report given by Mrs. A. G. Averill as a member of that committee. Mrs. W. W. Dunn spoke for Arts and Crafts. Two addresses were given, one by a member of the organization, Mrs. J. P. Merrill, who spoke on "The Making of a Woman."

For the first time "The High Cost of Living" was the subject before the organization, the speaker being W. B. Catlin, professor of Economics at Bowdoin College. The evening program included a dramatic recital by Edward A. Mead of Boston.



MRS. GEORGE F. FRENCH
of Portland

The first report of the Music committee was given by Mrs. Joan Landry, of Old Town, chairman. An address on Civil Service Reform was the feature of the next day's session, the speaker being Mrs. Imogen B. Oakley, of the General Federation. The report of the Reciprocity committee showed it was still a popular and useful part of the organization, for the chairman, Mrs. Atwood of Bangor, reported one hundred and twenty papers loaned. The new clubs represented at this annual meeting were Child Study club of Presque Isle, Agassiz club of Portland, Woman's club of Castine, Alpha Lyra of Cherryfield, 99 club of Cornish, Christian Valley Literary club of Rumford Center, Friday club of Auburn, Hypnasia club of Limestone, Mother's club of Cranberry Isles, Augusta Study club of Augusta,

Wednesday Morning club of Lewiston, History club of Auburn, Woman's club of Eastport. By reference to the last Year-Book the Club Extension committee can tell if all of these clubs are still members of the Federation and good work can be done by reclaiming or at least by adding new clubs from these towns to the group of federated clubs.

The Year-Books compiled during the administration of Mrs. Plummer give most satisfactory information of the doings of

the two years. Mrs. George F. French served as treasurer and in the report she gave at the meeting in Lewiston, in 1913, she stated that \$1,073.96 had been received and that a balance of \$427.47 was on deposit in the Portland National Bank, \$277.52 of the amount drawing interest. In closing her report, Mrs. French made the motion that the treasurer of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs be required to give a bond, the premium for the same to be paid from the Federation treasury. This was passed unanimously.

The report of the Necrologist, Mrs. Ernest L. Parker, was given and this In Memoriam service was most impressive, being given proper place on the program and conducted in a manner that allowed no interruption. The music was beautiful, including vocal solo, "The Home Land"—Hanscom—by Mrs. Grace Ellis, and Funeral March and Chant Seraphic (Guilmant) by Miss Wells.

At the closing business session the motion for a change in the constitution made at the mid-winter session was again brought up and was to the effect—"That the nominating committee put upon its list the names of five women to form the nominating committee, one member to be a retiring member of the Executive Board." A discussion followed, and the motion was lost. The time for election of officers came. Mrs. J. Frank Rich because of illness in her family declined to be a candidate for any office and the election resulted as follows:

Mrs. Frederick P. Abbott, Saco, president; Mrs. Grace A. Wing, Lewiston, vice-president; Mrs. F. E. Moore, Waterville, recording secretary; Miss Mary A. Bradbury, Saco, corresponding secretary; Mrs. George F. French, Portland, treasurer. Mrs. Sidney Graves, Presque Isle, retired from the chairmanship of Conservation in favor of Mrs. Frank L. Powers of Madison. On the Civic committee Mrs. W. F. Brewster retired and Mrs. C. B. Porter became chairman. Mrs. J. B. Strout took the place of Mrs. Addie L. Harvey as Legislative chairman. Miss Mabel G. Foster, Portland, became chairman of Literature and Art following Mrs. W. B. Pierce. Miss Palmer of Orono took the place of Miss Comstock at the head of the Household Economics department. Miss Viola DeGrys took charge of the Music department, replacing Mrs. Joan Landry.

In closing the administration of Mrs. Stanley Plummer it should be said that none had been more business-like. Mrs. Plummer has always retained her interest in the organization, appreciating, as she often expressed it, "the honor conferred upon her and the opportunity given for service" by the Maine Federation. Mrs. Plummer gave from her private purse one hundred dollars towards the Endowment Fund of the Federation, the largest gift by any one person. The organization has often welcomed her at its sessions even after she ceased to be a resident of Maine. Today Mrs. Plummer is Mrs. George H. Mayr, her home being in Chicago, Illinois.

MRS. FREDERICK P. ABBOTT OF SACO TAKES THE REINS

CHAPTER XXI

MRS. W. F. ATWOOD of Bangor and Mrs. J. Frank Rich of Rockland, each declined after having served as vice-president of this organization, to serve as president. The Constitution provided at that time for a single vice-president and by an unwritten law, the vice-president was put forward for the highest office. While both these women gave home duties as the reason for declining the nomination for president of the Federation, they did not cease to serve in less arduous positions both in this and in other organizations. Mrs. Atwood was and still is one of the active, capable—we feel like saying wise women of Bangor. She has served as one of the directors of the Maine Public Health Association;



MRS. FREDERICK P. ABBOTT
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is one of the organizers, and for ten years secretary of the Tuberculosis Association of her home city. She has been secretary of the Good Samaritan home. She helped organize and continues a leader in the Fresh Air School in Bangor—without remuneration in any of these duties. Thus it will be seen that Mrs. Atwood serves her city, her county and State efficiently and well. For the past year or two her efficient service for the Good Samaritan Home has been rightly deemed worthy remuneration accepted because of added cares in her own home. A capable woman, efficient as well, should be as worthy of her hire as another in the same place. Efficiency should be appreciated and has seemed to be in the case of Mrs. Atwood.

Mrs. J. Frank Rich, the other vice-president declining the highest office, has had calls to unusual service. She was appointed by Gov. Baxter to serve an unexpired term as County Commissioner of Knox county, the first and we believe still the

only woman to serve in such office in Maine, and she was re-elected at the expiration of her term. Mrs. Rich is also member of the State Republican committee from her county, was presidential elector for the same party in 1924, the first woman to be thus honored by Maine. Mrs. Rich has been more active in the Federation in recent years than Mrs. Atwood, and is now serving on the Legislative committee of the Federation.

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The 22d mid-winter session of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs was held in the Penney Memorial church, Augusta, by the courtesy of the women of the church and the members of the Current Events club of Augusta, on January 24, 1914.

It was the first meeting under the presidency of Mrs. Frederick P. Abbott of Saco, a woman of broad vision as well as of great personal charm. She led the Federation wisely and well. The greeting from the hostess club was given by its president, Mrs. Helen Mason Tenney, and the response was by Mrs. Grace A. Wing, then of Auburn, vice-president of the Federation. The roll-call brought responses from less than one-third of the number of clubs in membership. Two new clubs were admitted, the Riverside Reading club of Kittery and the Schumann club of Bangor. It was announced that both Biddeford and Presque Isle were anxious to entertain the annual meeting in the fall of 1914. There was some friendly discussion, but Presque Isle won.

Delegates were chosen to the General Federation biennial to be held in Chicago in June, 1914, and with the exception of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Powers Merrill, the delegates then chosen are still more or less active in the Federation. The list is given: Mrs. Frederick P. Abbott, Mrs. Stanley Plummer, Mrs. C. B. Porter, Mrs. George F. French, Mrs. Elbert Kelley, Mrs. Grace Wing and Mrs. F. H. White. Of the alternates chosen, only three are at all active in the organization today, Mrs. E. C. Carll of Augusta, Mrs. W. A. Murchie of Calais and Mrs. Charles F. Flagg of Portland.

The reports of the chairmen of departments at this mid-winter meeting were confined to two minutes, that others



MRS. J. FRANK RICH
(Mary Perry Rich)

might speak on the same subjects. It was voted to endorse the movement for fire protection of Maine forests. One of the matters discussed was the Endowment Fund of the Maine Federation, and Mrs. Abbott explained the difference between the State Endowment and the General Federation Endowment.

This mid-winter meeting was notable for several reasons; first, because two most admirable addresses were given. Mrs. Martha Baker Dunn, one of the most distinguished of Maine's daughters, read one of her own essays, "Heroes and Heroines," which later was published, we believe, in the Atlantic. Mrs. Dunn had few if any peers in the literary world in the line of work she chose for her own. She was a master of wit, and used it to drive her point home. The club women felt deeply honored by her presence and inspired by her words. Miss Mabel C. Foster read a paper on the subject "The Dead in Art and Literature." This, too, was most interesting and instructive and especially apt in quotations.

Another pleasure incident of this meeting was the "Ray of Sunshine" brought by Mrs. H. B. Pulsifer of Auburn, as president of the Maine Sunshine Society. It was her seventy-sixth birthday, but she needed neither age nor a "Sunshine" organization to make her shed joy and brightness. A charter member of Auburn Art Club, she has always been a valued member of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs, and now in 1925, she rarely ever misses a meeting of the Androscoggin County Literary Union, and is still seen occasionally at Federation meetings. Wherever she goes, she brings sunshine and joy. "Not to be ministered unto, but to minister" has been her life motto.

The guests of honor were Mrs. William T. Haines, wife of the Governor of Maine, at that time, and Mrs. George J. Clarke, president of the Canadian club of St. Stephen, N. B. Thus we find that "International Relations" were begun between the clubs of Maine and New Brunswick long before the discussion of this theme since the World War, showing again, that the Maine Federation of Women's clubs was leading in many movements; showing, too, that these historical sketches will serve a good purpose, for it will enlighten the new women of the Federation concerning the years preceding their own activities.

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At Presque Isle convened the twenty-second annual meeting of the Maine Federation of Women's clubs, September, 1914. This was before the women of this United States had had their hearts torn by the World War. It was like summer, and those who had come prepared for chilling breezes found themselves needing summer gowns. The colorings of Nature were gorgeous and charming; the hospitality of the Presque Isle folk was unbounded. The visitors caught the spirit that pervades Aroostook—faith in itself,—and never did the women making

up this organization feel more confident that they were on the right track than in that first session presided over by Mrs. Frederick P. Abbott, at her best and looking her best.

The address of welcome for the hostess club was given by Mrs. Maria Vickery Howe, for the town, and by the principal of the high school, Mr. E. M. Libby. Mrs. Grace A. Wing, vice-president of the Federation, gave the response. Rev. J. B. Ranger gave the invocation. The singing was by the school children of Presque Isle. The first session was devoted to the Educational department, Mrs. Elizabeth Powers Merrill, as chairman, giving a most admirable report and the addresses in connection being by Professor San Lorenzo Merriman, head of the Aroostook State Normal School, and by Hon. Payson Smith, at that time State Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Smith speaking on the subject, "Some Things the Federation May Do For Maine Schools," and Mr. Merriman on the subject, "Training For Teaching."

The following clubs were admitted to the Federation: The Advance club of Fairfield, the Research club of Limerick, Maine State Nurses Association, Friday club of Southwest Harbor, Excelsior Literary club of Portland, the Lincoln club of Calais, The Woman's club of Mars Hill. The different department reports were the feature through the day: Publicity, Miss Florence L. Nye; Printing, Mrs. R. E. Gould; Reciprocity, Mrs. W. F. Atwood; Conservation, Mrs. Frank L. Powers; Legislation, Mrs. Sarah Willard Strout; Endowment, Mrs. Stanley Plummer; Civic Department, Mrs. C. B. Porter; Music, Mrs. Viola De Grys; Home Economics, Miss Cornelia Palmer; Arts and Crafts, Mrs. W. W. Dunn; Art and Literature, Miss Mabel G. Foster.

No Year-Book goes more into detail of the doings of any annual meeting than the one reporting the doings of the Presque Isle meeting. The address by the president, Mrs. Abbott, reiterated her appreciation of Maine as a State, and as a home, and its women in the organizations. She dwelt at some length upon the work of the young people, and enlarged upon the "Develop Maine" idea. Mrs. Abbott urged the women to be enthusiastically active in this movement—1924. In closing, Mrs. Abbott asserted that she had found as she visited the clubs in many different sections of Maine, a wholesome growth of civic pride, a unity of purpose, and a spirit of progress. She urged each woman of the Federation to consecrate herself anew to the service of humanity.

The reports of the different chairmen are printed more fully in this Year-Book, and I have read each carefully. There is much which makes good reading today, more than ten years after. There is much that applies and should be an urge to action still needed in dear old Maine: "The education of the hand," "household decoration," "landscape architecture," "municipal art," "the teaching in the public schools of Rever-

ence, Knowledge and Self-control because 'the trained teacher is a greater power than the untrained parent.' " In education as in everything else, the "good old times" have gone, but the "Good New Times" in education as in other things have come. —For this, co-operation between home and school must be more and more stressed.

"Each new school building should have carved over its doorway a great moral truth; each room, a great principle over the teacher's desk. School books should be filled with the noblest precepts of all ages, quotations from the great teachers of the ages. One half hour each day should be given to the study of moral truths. The real purpose of Education is to make noble and wholesome minds, and symmetrical bodies.

Conservation was urged—"No birds, no trees"—and prize essays on the protection of birds were reported. Fire protection and tree planting were stressed. The legislative report covered the Department of Labor, the Trades Dispute Act and hours of labor. The great need of a woman's reformatory in Maine was repeated as in previous years. Public health, and the need of women having an active and an understanding part in political affairs were discussed. The Home Economics report showed that this is taught in twenty-four schools in Maine with twenty-six special teachers, thirty-seven clubs having this topic on the club programs.

The Civic report dwelt, too, on the need of co-operation between home and school.

Some of the women having reported that their communities were not ready for Civic activities, the chairman of the Civic department urged the clubs to work the harder that these communities might be awakened. The report closed by asserting "that if six thousand women in this organization are sincerely and actively interested to make Maine the best ever, it will go a long way towards helping the Develop Maine idea." This report was followed by a discussion that was declared "most interesting."

Another feature of the program was a discussion on the Develop Maine idea led by Mrs. George F. French. W. O. Chase, superintendent of the public schools of Presque Isle, took part, as did Dr. Bennet of the local school committee. In fact the whole session of this twenty-second annual was so educational that note books were constantly being used by the women, reminding the onlooker of Mr. Pickwick of Dickens fame. A most inspiring report was by the musical committee declaring that while her predecessor had declared the need of raising the musical standard in Maine, she affirmed that "Maine was one of the states that stood almost alone on a pinnacle, placed there largely by the Maine Music Festival and Mr. Chapman with his wonderful assistants who had done such pioneer work."

Mrs. Fred H. White of Lewiston, reported for the scholarship fund, a balance of \$311.25 in the bank.

The guest of honor at this meeting was Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and her address on Federation Ideals was uplifting. Her charming personality was an added joy and an inspiration that has not lost its force for the women who thus saw and heard this able, womanly woman.

Mrs. Pennybacker entered into the spirit of everything in Presque Isle. She not only taught and undoubtedly learned, but she enjoyed and helped others to enjoy. She saw the "fun," she caught the joke and helped it on. Do you remember how in her gracious way, Mrs. Abbott, presiding, saw Mr. Abbott enter the convention hall and announced that "the best man in Maine has entered this building" a hospitable woman at once moved that "the courtesies of the convention be extended to "the best man in Maine.'" Another woman, more cautious, moved an amendment, thus, "that the courtesies of the convention be extended to the 'best man in Maine' in the opinion of the Federation president."

At once Mrs. Pennybacker said, "That is wise, for all around me are signs of an insurrection. Two women from Lewiston declare that each of them has the 'best man' and one from Portland says the same, while Bangor women are blazingly sure each has the best, but if the President will accept the amendment, it will clear the air."

A good laugh followed and all joined in giving Mr. Abbott a cordial greeting for himself as well as "for the husband of our President."

The reception tendered the visiting women by Trinity Lodge F. and A. M., was charming and delightful in every detail. The music for the sessions of the Federation was furnished by Dr. Frank Lawrey, Messrs. E. R. Waddell, E. R. Wilkins and Alfred Stroebel, Mrs. Ivah Woodbury Waddell, and Miss Edna Knowles, Mrs. E. W. Fernald, Mrs. E. I. Waddell, Mrs. Horace Buxton, Mrs. S. E. Preble, Miss Avis Washburn, and by the Houlton Woman's Club quartet, Mrs. L. O. Ludwig, Mrs. O. A. Hodgkins, Mrs. Horace Hughes, Mrs. S. A. Fairbanks. Whether the selections were vocal or instrumental—solo, duet or quartet, the music was enjoyable and much appreciated.

The resolutions passed at this Presque Isle meeting are so concise and put in such unusual form that it seems to me they should be reread. The committee on Resolutions was Mrs. George F. French, Miss Fanny E. Lord, Mrs. Jennie R. Goodall.

"Whereas—the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs desires the highest good of the home, the state, the nation,—therefore, resolved—that we will endeavor to double our talents whether they be one or ten.

That we will make child welfare the measuring stick of our work.

That woman as queen of the home, should reign so graciously and wisely, that home will ever be a reservoir of love and moral force to each member of the family.

That the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs would publicly acknowledge the helpfulness of "Our men folks," in aiding us to realize our Federation ideals.

That the school buildings and their surroundings shall be a special care of club women during this year.

That all schools where the children remain during the noon hour should be supervised by the teacher.

That we endorse the national movement, which would make each school a neighborhood center of social and literary improvement.

That we will continue the study of good government and its relation to woman suffrage.

That the rivers and lakes of Maine should be free from pollution and fit for drinking purposes for man and beast.

That we take just pride in the fact that Maine was the first state to hold aloft the torch of constitutional prohibition of the liquor traffic.

That we rejoice, that today the star of constitutional prohibition of the liquor traffic rests over the Nation's Capitol.

That we endorse the poster campaign for temperance as recommended by the committee on Civics.

That we deplore the fact that in some parts of this country food stuffs are worse than wasted by being converted into distilled and fermented liquors.

That we favor a State reformatory for women.

That we favor working prisoners on roads and public works.

That we will gather facts relative to jail and prison conditions and lend our influence for an improved prison system in this state. (This in 1914!)

That we endorse the work of the Maine Anti-Tuberculosis Association.

That the Federation notes with approval the fact that the birthplace of Longfellow is to be preserved.

That we appreciate the untiring efforts of Representative Guernsey in behalf of the Mount Katahdin Reservation Bill.

That we hereby express our love and sympathy for our sisters, the women of Europe, who are being called upon at this time to give their loved ones as a war sacrifice.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. John Calvin Stevens of Portland for lending his splendid collection of oil paintings for exhibition at this convention.

It should also be stated that in the program was a time for "a season of Silent Prayer for our sisters who mourn in other countries." Thus were the women of the Federation conscious of the war cloud hanging over them, as it were.

Fifty-four clubs were represented and one hundred and eight women were in attendance. This was the first time a report of a Historian was included in the program. I think this was the first time a report was given by the chairman of Publicity and Miss Florence L. Nye by her wit and wisdom won her way into the hearts of the women. At that time Miss Nye represented the Lewiston Journal, and numerous were the expressions of regret when Miss Nye took up other work, for while connected with the Federation she was not only helpful but cheerful, efficient and active for the best interests of the Federation.

At Presque Isle, Miss Florence Hale first began her work in the Federation. It may be a gain to the educational work of Maine that she has her time so occupied in this line that the Federation has seen her but little in the last few years but it is a loss to the Federation which those who know Miss Hale deeply regret.

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Reference has already been made to the completeness of the Year-Book of 1913-14 and it contains a bit about the New England Conference which is meeting this September at Poland. The New England Conference was organized in Portland, Maine, in 1913. Its object was to consider matters of vital importance to New England with a view to co-operative work—its affairs to be administered by the presidents of the six New England State Federations and three members at large, chosen annually at the Conference.

MAINE FEDERATION PUBLISHES TWO BOOKS
OF HISTORY

CHAPTER XXII

THE mid-winter session was again held at the Penney Memorial Church, Augusta, with Mrs. Frederick P. Abbott, the president presiding. The pastor of the church, Rev. C. G. Mosher, offered the invocation. The address of welcome was by the president of the entertaining club, Current Events, Mrs. Katherine C. Morrill, and the response by the Federation vice-president, Mrs. Grace A. Wing.

The features of this meeting were the suggestions given by each department chairman in five minutes—and the discussions from topics, “The Best Way to Eliminate Duplication and to Regulate the Work of Each Committee” and “How to Eliminate the Weak Points or Strengthen Them?”

Again in the afternoon session the subjects discussed were “The Responsibility the Present War Has Put Upon Women,” “American Commission for Relief in Belgium,” “The Extravagant Tendencies of the Present Day,” “The Higher Cost of Living” and “Our State.”

The addresses of this winter session were on “Pure Food,” by Mr. A. M. G. Soule; “Wood Alcohol,” and “The Workingman’s Compensation Act,” by Dr. James A. Spaulding.

Mrs. Laura E. Richards made a forceful plea for “War Stricken France.”

The delegates were chosen to the New England Conference to be held in Burlington, Vt., Feb. 4, 1915. Another feature was the offer of a \$500 prize contest by the Lewiston Journal Company, open to all members of the Federation, to stimulate interest in local history. Announcement of the contest was made by Mrs. Grace A. Wing with the unanimous approval of the Executive Board. Perhaps many who read this may “read between the lines” and know the far reaching result of this movement, namely: The publication by the Federation of the prize winning stories in two books, “Maine in History and Romance” and “The Trail of the Maine Pioneer;” the payments from the proceeds, of Maine’s share to the General Federation Endowment Fund; the organization of a new club composed of the prize winners, “The Maine Writers Research Club,” which in turn has published two more books, “Maine My State” and “Just Maine Folks,” which are used as supplementary readers in the Maine Public School. Incidentally this same Maine Writers Research Club has given \$300 to the Scholarship fund, and a second edition of “Just Maine Folks” is now on the press.

The nominating committee to choose the candidates for office to be elected at the annual meeting in September, 1915 consisted of Mrs. Stanley Plummer, Mrs. F. H. Noble, Mrs. E. C. Carll, Mrs. E. W. Heath and Mrs. Leon S. Howe. The vocal soloist for this Augusta meeting was Mrs. F. J. Southard of Richmond.

The twenty-third annual meeting of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs met in Biddeford, Oct. 26-28, 1915. This city never was more hospitable than on this occasion when an organization of prominent men took a hand in entertaining, the men being in fact the hosts, for it was the invitation of the Business Men's Association which brought the Federation to Biddeford in 1915 following the welcome in behalf of the city by Mayor J. C. C. Smith. Hon. C. Harrigan, for the entertaining association, cordially greeted the club women and in his brief remarks he stressed the idea that the Federation should take an active and vital interest in the divorce question. The welcome for the Thursday club, the hostess club, was given by its president, Mrs. Royal Gould. Mrs. Grace A. Wing as vice-president responded ably. The different reports followed. That of the Library Commission showed that of the five hundred and fifty clubs in Maine (in 1915) one hundred and fourteen had free public libraries. It was at this meeting that we find the first recorded mention of School Gardens.

Mrs. W. L. Sampson of Dover-Foxcroft reported for the General Federation Endowment Fund, and because she gave a comprehensive explanation of this fund and also because all through the years, questions have been asked and asked again as to the purpose of this endowment and the Maine Federation's own Endowment fund, I am quoting from the report by Mrs. Sampson:

"When one speaks of the General Federation Endowment—the question is asked: Why is this endowment needed? The answer is, that the Federation with its small dues has but a small income. There are nearly, at this time—1915—one million women in the General Federation and its income is but \$900. After paying the regular expenses, there is little left for the different committees. Continual calls are coming, and the officers are all the time asked to help. Can we see these women working for the honor of the nation and be content to have no part in their work? The Maine Federation is far behind in its appropriation. Our apportionment is \$1500 and we have thus far—1915—raised only \$198.

Mrs. Myrtle L. T. White reported for the Reciprocity Bureau, announcing that a new catalogue had been printed, and several valuable additions—by gifts—had been received, including a set of the pictures of The Holy Grail by Edwin Abbey. At

this annual meeting, the State Reciprocity Bureau was united with the General Federation Reciprocity Bureau.

A new chairman for Publicity, Helen Havener, reported, Miss Florence Hale made prominent the desire and worth-whileness of making school rooms as well as grounds attractive, and urged more simple graduating costumes.

If there was a lesson in the report of the Civic committee there was fun with it in the doggerel quoted to illustrate the need of each doing her civic duty for the benefit of the future as well as present and it was forced home with the lines:

"We mortals have to swat and shoo
The flies from morn to dark
'Cause Noah didn't swat the two
That roosted in the ark."

The chairman who repeated this doggerel is still often referred to in the Federation inner circles as "the woman who knows about swatting flies." So a little fun lingers in the minds of the best. We remember that this was enjoyed and quoted when much weightier matters had apparently been forgotten. The Conservation report was by Mrs. Clara E. Powers of Madison. Mrs. Powers has long been a valued member of the Federation, serving important committees and in prominent places and was one of the worth-while women at the mid-winter in Waterville in 1925.

Mrs. F. D. Tubbs of Lewiston, for the Home Economics, suggested "putting domestic service on a business basis—training classes for women in domestic service, and college training for home life for both men and women. She urged vacation schools for children—co-operative care for children, evening schools, school lunch and visiting housekeepers. The clubs were devoting less time to Home Economics than Mrs. Tubbs and her committee thought wise.

Mrs. George F. French as chairman of the Legislative committee said: "After 20 years of determined effort and several appeals to the Legislature, the friends of the Reformatory for Women rejoice that the 75th Legislature made the Reformatory possible by appropriation.

Mrs. Stanley Plummer gave a report for the Peace committee of the General Federation, saying in part:

'In this crisis of this world of ours, let us look deep down into the awful cataclysm and find there, if we may, the Star of Hope. To do this we must begin to think in terms of permanent, constructive peace. Of course, we may sit in our sheltered corner of the world and thank God we are out of the storm; or we may, like women worthy our splendid heritage, have our part in hastening the better and greater morrow.'

The speaker of this Federation meeting was George W. Coleman of Boston, his theme being "Getting together for Democracy." The resolutions made more and more prominent the Develop Maine idea which had been so constantly impressed upon the women for several years.

The officers elected at this meeting were: President, Mrs. Grace A. Wing of Auburn; vice-president, Miss Fanny E. Lord, Bangor; recording secretary, Mrs. Myrtle L. T. White, Presque Isle; treasurer, Mrs. C. F. Roberts, Portland; auditor, Mrs. S. C. C. Ward, Augusta. The chairmen of committees were: Mrs. A. A. Garcelon, Auburn, Civics; Mrs. A. H. Burse, Pittsfield, Arts and Crafts; Miss Florence Hale, Education; Mrs. J. H. Knowles, Northeast Harbor, Conservation; State Endowment, Mrs. W. P. Bodge, Portland; Necrologist, Mrs. Moses Burpee, Houlton; General Federation Endowment, Mrs. W. H. Newell, Lewiston; Music, Miss Angie Starbird; Literature and Art, Mrs. Katherine C. Morrill, Augusta.

THE KINEO MEETING ONE OF FEDERATION'S
CHERISHED MEMORIES
CHAPTER XXIII

THE first Federation meeting under the leadership of Mrs. Grace A. Wing, then of Auburn, was the mid-winter session at Augusta, on January 4, 1916, by invitation of the Current Events Club. Thirty-five clubs were represented. One of the important matters discussed was the proposed revision of the by-laws, Mrs. Stanley Plummer of Dexter being chairman of the committee. The changes proposed were much discussed and the whole matter went over to the fall meeting.

Mrs. Katherine C. Morrill of the Current Events welcomed the club women and Miss Fanny E. Lord, vice-president, responded.

Discussion followed as to a second edition of "Maine in History and Romance" and this was to be taken by the delegates before their respective clubs. The final vote was against a second edition.

The matter of making Mt. Katahdin a National Park was discussed as it had been for several years, and resolutions were sent to Hon. F. E. Guernsey, then member of Congress from the Third Maine District and a firm supporter of the project.

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The twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Federation was held at Kineo, September 13, 14, 15, 1916. The first session was in the evening and was for business, the president's address being the chief feature. Mrs. Wing never speaks but she has something very worth while to say, and this address was full of suggestions for work, clear, practical and worth while. Surrounded by the beauties of Nature and the creature comforts as well, the time, the occasion, the person and it must have been the listeners as well, were attuned to the words which struck home. Mrs. Wing opened thus:

"I believe that there was never such a real, unaffected spirit of Christian fellowship as the present time holds in its keeping, and no more fitting time to take advantage of this situation than the present day. I come back to Maine from the biennial of the General Federation, with the message, 'The fields lie fallow, the laborers are few.' The personal message I bring to you from my personal experience is, that the day of intensive, self-benefit from club work is rapidly passing; the era of service for others, Social Service as it is aptly termed, is at hand. Nothing impressed

me like the evident desire of those thousands of women at that conference to GIVE, give freely of themselves, their time, their judgment, their abilities, for the benefit of the world about them. This was, too, in no mood of condescension, or of pride, but of genuine kindness, of understanding, of consideration one woman for another.

"Maine is needed in the General Federation. We are wanted and we are welcome." Then she added: "Solemnly I say to you women of Maine that no matter what may seem the surface, the glitter, the babel of voices; in spite of limitation of means, of distance and of diversity of opinion, this thing is real, is sincere, and deep and altogether righteous, a thing upon which we may lay our hands and receive a blessing."

Mrs. Wing announced that a roster had been compiled, showing six thousand three hundred women in the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs. In closing she spoke highly of the districting of the State of Maine.

The treasurer, Mrs. Cora C. Roberts, at Kineo, reported a balance of \$491.55. The credential report showed one hundred and twenty-eight voters present and thirteen guests.

Mrs. W. F. Bodge, chairman of the State Endowment, offered a resolution that the sum of \$3000 be named as the amount to be raised, but it was not carried. Questions being asked as to the purpose of the endowment fund, Mrs. Wing replied: "To be used in case of emergency or in promoting the work of the departments."

At the evening session, Miss Connor, the historian, was instructed to have the Year-Books bound, the cost not to exceed \$5.00. The following clubs were admitted at the same session: Maine Writers Research Club; Lithgow Club, Winslow; Round Table and Current Events club, Columbia Falls; Cosmos club, Lewiston; Cosmos club, Fairfield.

A second offer of \$500 in prizes was made by the Lewiston Journal for Maine historical articles written by the Maine Club women and this brought perhaps an even better response, in point of excellence, than the first contest. It was voted at the Kineo meeting that these prize stories also be preserved by the Federation in book form, to be printed by the Lewiston Journal, the Federation to receive a royalty as in "Maine in History and Romance." "The Trail of the Maine Pioneer" was also a financial success, the Federation netting \$600 from their second venture.

Much of the success of both these books was due to the splendid business ability of Mrs. Wing. However, without Mrs. Abbott's faith in the project, it never would have been undertaken, and she was a faithful worker for its success, so the honor thus is divided between these two presidents.

The much discussed revision of the by-laws was made at this session, the principal changes being two regular delegated meetings each year, instead of one; the election of officers to



MRS. GRACE A. WING
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take place at the spring meeting, to conform with the general Federation; officers to be elected for two years. Departments also were "lined up" with those of the General Federation, for the purpose of greater efficiency.

Provision was made for a primary for the nomination of officers, the two candidates having the largest number of votes being the nominees. The election was to be by Australian ballot, a plurality of votes electing. A Finance committee was added, "to make appropriations and approve bills," this committee to be elected from the floor.

The last report given by Mrs. George F. French as chairman of the Legislative committee is worth quoting just now, as Maine has not settled yet the question of payment of wages to prisoners and other issues leading from it, and Mrs. French had something to say then (in 1916-1917) on those very questions. As to Prison Reform, Mrs. French said:

"Warden Osborn tells us, that prison reform includes the reformation of the prisoner, and of those who manage the prisons. In the last analysis we, the people, are the managers of the prisons and wholly responsible for the care of the prisoners even though we do delegate some power to do the special work. We CANNOT delegate our personal responsibility. That still holds. We shall agree that the only punishment the community has a right to inflict, is to deny a person his liberty. It has no right, moral or legal, to hold him under conditions likely to undermine health or morals, or to degrade or humiliate him. We will agree that even though a prisoner is a confessed or convicted robber, the State has no moral right to rob him of his only asset, his earning power. Prison labor should be interesting and remunerative, and the prisoner paid a fair wage, and his wages over and above his expenses, used for his family. May it not be possible to give more thought to the prisoner and less to the crime? I ask each of you women to study this problem in the prisons and jails of Maine. A score of questions are suggested."

The social side of the Federation was not neglected at Kineo. The Hotel Management, the chairman of the Music committee, Miss Starbird of Lewiston, and others did much to make it enjoyable.

Mrs. Frederick P. Abbott of Saco, arranged a wonderful exhibit of the flowers and ferns and moss, gathered at a noon luncheon in the woods. It was done all on the spur of the moment, one of those inspirational things which Mrs. Abbott can't help doing just for the love of the thing. Her knowledge of the woods and fields, and the things that grow there, is remarkable.

It was at this Kineo meeting that the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs took its first stand for woman's suffrage, after one of the best debates I ever heard at a Federation meeting.

Indeed, this "Kineo meeting" struck a very high note. Outside the regular program there were many diversions. If we

recall aright, Mrs. A. A. Kendall of Portland led an early morning hiking party up the mountain. There were boat rides by moonlight, impromptu luncheons in the open, with the good things cooked before the camp fire, "regular woods fashion." It was all like a big house party and the charm of it all sank in deep. One could write a whole volume on this Kineo meeting.

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On March 27, 1917, the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs met in Hammond Street Church, Bangor, for its first spring meeting. This was the last meeting over which Mrs. Wing presided as president. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. J. O. Whittemore, long active in the Bangor clubs and the Federations and the response was by Mrs. Amos Clement of Belfast.

Considerable attention was given to school hygiene, an address being given by Dr. Lyman A. Jones, superintendent of this department in Boston. A new chairman of the Health committee was appointed, Mrs. Oliver L. Hall of Bangor. Ralph A. Thompson of Boston, delivered an address on "The Travelers Aid," as this was a subject interesting the women at the time. Rev. H. E. Dunnack was another speaker of interest. The music for the Bangor meeting was particularly fine and was furnished by Miss Harriet Stewart, Miss Helena Tewksbury, Miss Mary Weston, Mrs. Henry Drummond, Mrs. F. T. Parsons.

It was at the Bangor meeting that Mrs. Wing tendered her resignation as president, because of ill health, in the following words:

"It is with regret that I am compelled at this time to resign from active service as your president, but I leave the work in good hands. Our departments are well organized, our finances in sound condition, and our plan of action well mapped out. We do not know to what extent we may be called to labor for this, our State and our Country, in the near future. But this we do know, the test of our womanhood is close upon us. We shall be called upon very soon to show whether this thing we call Federation and Social Welfare, has profited us, or whether our boasted love for humanity is but a worthless thing. A few weeks ago when the rush for support against threatened danger began, I ventured to say of our Federation that the organization would be found ready when the summons came. I am sure you will ratify this pledge, and stand behind it today. The thing for which we sacrifice is the thing we truly love."

Miss Fanny E. Lord of Bangor, first vice-president, automatically became president, and regrets at Mrs. Wing's retirement and appreciation of Miss Lord were heard on every hand.

It was hoped that Mrs. Wing would not cease to be the active force she had been in the organization almost from its inception.

Bangor had always been an enjoyable place for the Federation meeting and this was no exception although conditions were not right for keen enjoyment anywhere. These were years of sorrows and troubles. The women of the Federation were active in many lines during the awful war, but they felt in no uncertain way that "war is toil and trouble* * * fighting still, and still destroying. If all the world be worth the winning, oh, think it worth enjoying," and to this, the big majority of the women of the Federation added, "and to help others to enjoy." Thus of a truth the days of which this chapter tells were sorrowful and full of trouble.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY MEETING
AT PORTLAND
CHAPTER XXIV



THE Year-Book of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs for 1913-1914 has a book plate, which was designed by Mrs. John Howard Hill of Portland. A cut of this is also in the Year-Book for 1914-1915. Mrs. Hill is a woman of marked talent. She has studied at the Eric Pape School in Boston, and also under many private teachers.

For several years she was manager for the Portland School of Fine Arts, and is prominent in the Haylofters organization, a group of Portland artists, formed for the purpose of study and for the development of an art sentiment in Portland. She is a life member of the Portland Society of Art, and is a most progressive, energetic, and enthusiastic worker for everything that has to do with the raising of standards in the city and the State.

Mrs. Hill is the wife of Judge John Howard Hill, and has one son, and although she has been so intensely interested in the art life of Portland and of Maine, her home has always come first, and so necessarily her studies have been interrupted by other demands.

Mrs. Hill has been prominent in the Woman's Literary Union of Portland, and has served on committees in the State Federation of Women's Clubs, and in whatever group she has worked, she has contributed generously of service, and her influence is felt in all of the educational work of the State.

During the war, Mrs. Hill was prominent in Red Cross work, where she gave the same loyal service and devotion that has characterized her other activities.

This reference to the war work of Mrs. Hill recalls the fact that the Federation women, almost to a member, were active in every line of service. When Mrs. Wing resigned as president, she referred to the conditions we were facing, and declared her faith in the women, and as we review the work of these federated club women it is evident to even the casual reader, that the big majority realized the duties facing women individually or collectively.

It would be far more easy to give a list of the Maine women who were not active than to name those who were doing Red Cross work, selling bonds, knitting or ministering to the sick and suffering. Federation women were everywhere though not neglecting home.

As sad as those years were, it is a bit of satisfaction that as an organization, we "rung true," a satisfaction that we had the strength and realized with Browning "That God ne'er dooms to waste the strength He deigns impart." To remem-

ber that in whatever ranks we worked, we "carried on" is the thing and again we might quote Browning, for it was a time when faith was forced home that "All service ranks the same with God. * * * There is no last nor first."

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On October 10, 1917, at Frye Hall, Portland, occurred special exercises in observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs. Miss Deborah Morton, president of the Portland Literary Union, presided, extending a cordial welcome to the Federation women. His Honor, Mayor Chapman, welcomed the visitors for the city of Portland, and the gracious response was by the first vice-president, Mrs. Amos Clement of Belfast. Mr. Philip Bruce of Boston, sang a group of songs.

Echoes from past administrations were given by Mrs. George C. Frye and Mrs. Charles F. Flagg of Portland, Mrs. Stanley Plummer of Dexter, Mrs. Frederick P. Abbott of Saco, Mrs. Grace A. Wing of Auburn, each past president speaking for her administration. Miss Fanny E. Lord of Bangor, spoke on "The Present President." Letters were also read from past presidents not able to attend. After the exercises, a reception was tendered to all club women by the Literary Union.

The formal opening of the twenty-fifth fall meeting came the next morning. Rev. James F. Albion, D.D., offered the prayer.

The only address delivered by Miss Fanny E. Lord as president was given at this twenty-fifth fall meeting, and began:

"We as an organized administrative body are about to enter upon a new phase of our existence, a phase that will call out all our executive ability and test our loyalty to our highest ideals as club women. Already we have faced our responsibility to our country. We have been recognized as a body equipped for a skilled service that our fatherland needs and must have,—we have been commandeered for that service. * * * We women must wisely adjust.—Thrift means a tidy saving. * * * It is the duty, as well as privilege, of every woman to be a club woman for her own broadening and uplift. If she has children, she owes it to them that they may learn as a valuable part of their education, that their mother's opinion is held in respect by women and men of unquestionable intelligence and keen discrimination.

"There is a feeling that reverence has deteriorated in this generation; the terrible war through which we are passing will remedy this evil somewhat by enforcing strict obedience to the word of command, but the club has its part that can be delegated to no other body. There can be no real spirit of democracy with-

out reverence, and democracy is what our Federation has always claimed to stand for. It is what we as a nation, are fighting for. We women who belong to this organization must bring other women in. You cannot rise unless your neighbor rises. It is serious business to be a club woman; it has ceased to be a fad. It means work, every form of work.

"I also appeal for our beautiful English language which has been shamefully neglected in our zeal for presenting other topics. This English language is destined to be the language of the world. * * * Many of our most perplexing problems would solve themselves if stated in simple, common English. * * * Much has been said about our debt as club women to our sisters of foreign blood. We can meet this obligation in no more practical way than by sharing with them our abundant language in its purity and simplicity. In this way we should come to know them and they would know us. This is democracy and conservation."

In closing, Miss Lord spoke of the three bodies, the State Federation, the New England Federation—or Conference—and the General Federation—saying "these should be so adjusted that they shall appear what they really are and ought to be, one well developed whole."

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At the Portland meeting, fifty-three clubs were represented and one hundred and twenty-six women attending.

The chairman of the Endowment fund, Mrs. Idella M. P. Cross, announced that as by vote of the Federation, Government Bonds had been bought with the money of this fund. Mrs. Cross also announced that the committee realized "That all clubs and individual members of clubs, were using every available dollar, and their utmost strength, in Red Cross and other War Relief work. It had therefore been decided not to make an active campaign for funds in 1917. The amount of the Endowment fund including bonds at that time was \$287.46.

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Porter, treasurer, reported a balance of \$786.54.

At this meeting the report of Miss Florence M. Hale of the Education department stressed the Scholarship fund, announcing that immediately the fund was turned over to the Educational committee it was loaned to a young woman at Nasson Institute, and to another in a State Normal school.

The third loan was to a woman who agreed to teach in a rural section, and this rural school was to be in session Saturday instead of Monday, so that other teachers could have an opportunity to visit the school. She referred to the fact that men teachers were in the war service so that women teachers were

in great demand. Miss Hale also referred to "the good work done by Miss Nellie Brown of Bangor, who deserved much credit that "Maine has the most progressive kindergarten law in the United States."

Right here a word should be said of Miss Brown, who for many years was superintendent of the Kindergarten department of Bangor schools, and was always active to make this branch of education better understood. She did great work to make the women of the Federation understand the needs in this direction; she did much in many sections of Maine, always untiring in her efforts, most kindly and helpful to the teachers in this department, and helped the ladies to understand this work. A noble, womanly woman it was a loss to Maine, to the Federation in Maine and to the schools, when she resigned from her duties in Bangor to return to her former home in another state, to care for an aged mother.

The report of Lucy Brown Reynolds of the Home Economics department, dwelt on the needs and demands the war had brought to us women.

Mrs. A. D. Horn for Social and Industrial Conditions, urged Prison and Jail Reform, stressed the need of care for the feeble-minded, urging the federated club women to remember that one of the most important branches of their work was to "Educate Public Opinion."

Mrs. Agnes B. Hall of Bangor, of the Public Health Department, began with reference to the demands of the Red Cross, and illustrated the need of Public Health work by the findings of men examined for service. Thus each department was permeated with the needs the war had brought out.

Mrs. J. H. Knowles of Northeast Harbor was chairman of the Conservation department.

Mrs. A. A. Garcelon of Auburn, was an able chairman of Civics. In closing her report, she touched on something we we women better remember today, if we are to do "our bit" to "advertise Maine." "In whatever way we can improve our own communities, we are all doing our bit powerfully to strengthen our country, both here and 'over there.'"

Mrs. E. C. Carll of Augusta, gave the Necrology, only a few having fallen from the ranks during the year.

The speakers at this Portland meeting other than Federation members were Rev. A. J. Tolsliff, then of Bangor, Mr. O. E. Walter for War Camp Community Service; Mr. Rounds of the Liberty Loan Committee, and W. B. Moore who spoke on "Food Conservation."

The music for these sessions included an Organ Recital at Portland City Hall, solos by Mrs. Boynton, and a trio selection by Mrs. McFaul, Mrs. Boynton and Mrs. Bragdon.

MISS FANNY E. LORD'S PRESIDENCY CUT SHORT BY HER DEATH

. CHAPTER XXV

PRIME REQUISITES FOR FEDERATION PRESIDENT

The prime requisites of a candidate for President of this Federation are, enough of youthful vigor to insure enthusiasm with enough experience to prevent too glaring mistakes; enough of personal presence and magnetism to hold and control the respect and attention of the Federation when centralized in a gathering like this and to direct it at need when scattered over the State engaged in their ordinary routine work.

The president, at least, should have a voice that can easily be heard, and a purse long enough to save her from occasional embarrassment is a good thing, but not absolutely necessary. The rest as it may be. I say nothing of truth, honor and integrity, such things should be taken for granted. —From Fanny E. Lord's annual address as president at Augusta in 1918.



As a maker of Federation programs we know no president who has excelled Miss Fanny E. Lord, of Bangor, judging from the first annual spring meeting under the revised constitution which was held in Augusta.

Miss Lord was not able to be present at this meeting, being in failing health, but to her the credit is due for planning a program of great variety and uplift. In our memory of Federation meetings we recall none which was more interesting and few that could in any way be compared to this meeting.

Perhaps it was its appropriateness to the times which made the offering seem so satisfying. It included, besides the usual business of the Federation and the evening reception, an address by Gov. Milliken; stirring war songs by a French-Canadian veteran of the World War; a war drama, "In Lilac Time," given by Mrs. Christobel W. Kidder, one of the best dramatic readers of the period; and an address by Kate Upson Clark.

Miss Lord died before the next meeting of this organization. A successful school teacher in high schools in Maine and Massachusetts, her services were in demand. For many years of this work she had the care of an invalid mother to whom she gave most devoted service. She also reared from infancy the

daughter of her brother. Broad of culture, forceful, uncomplaining, she brought these qualities as well as fine executive ability to the service of the federated clubs when she became president.

This second Spring meeting, under the revised by-laws—and there were only two—was held at the Augusta House, March 26, 1918. In the absence of both president and vice-president, the secretary called the meeting to order and Mrs. Grace A. Wing, former president, was asked to preside through the sessions.

After the opening exercises which were of a patriotic nature, Mrs. Wing introduced Governor Carl E. Milliken who spoke on "Woman's Work in the War." Messages of sympathy were sent to Miss Fanny E. Lord, president, and Mrs. Amos Clement, vice-president, each of whom was critically ill.

The usual business was carried on and an original story was read by Mrs. E. C. Carll.

The brilliant speaker at the evening session was Kate Upson Clark, who spoke from the subject, "Can Personality Be Acquired."

Mrs. L. M. Binford urged the women to remember the "great need of keeping up community work." The sum of \$200 was appropriated for "Furlough Homes."

One of the charming features of the meeting was the dramatic reading by Christabel Whitney Kidder. "In Lilac Time" was one of the most popular war dramas of the day and her presentation was strikingly artistic.

The election was under the new by-laws—nominations in a primary and the election by Australian ballot—and thanks were expressed to the election committee for its strenuous work.

The officers elected were: President, Mrs. Myrtle L. T. White, Presque Isle; first vice-president, Mrs. William E. Brewster, Dexter; second vice-president, Mrs. E. C. Carll, Augusta; recording secretary, Miss Florence M. Hale, Biddeford; general Federation secretary, Mrs. Grace A. Wing, Auburn. Those elected delegates to the general Federation biennial to be held at Hot Springs, Colorado, included Mrs. Harry Burnham, Kennebunk; Mrs. W. Brann, Bangor; Mrs. E. C. Carll, Miss Florence Hale, Augusta; Mrs. Elizabeth Savage, Bangor; Mrs. Stanley Plummer, Dexter; Mrs. L. M. Binford, Saco.

The Finance Committee elected was Miss Hannah Page, Skowhegan; Mrs. Elizabeth Porter, Westbrook; Mrs. L. M. Binford, Saco.

We doubt if there ever was a Federation program more full of worth while features. It was all planned by Miss Lord but in her absence we recall the able way in which Mrs. Wing, at a moment's notice, rose to the emergency and as presiding officer put through the business of the session with commendable dispatch.

MRS. MYRTLE L. T. WHITE, THE "WAR PRESIDENT" OF
THE FEDERATION

CHAPTER XXVI

IT is doubtful if ever each individual member counted for so much as during the term of Mrs. Myrtle L. T. White of Presque Isle, the "War President" of the Maine Federation of Women's clubs. With the long list of pressing demands, it was hard to decide how much the Federation could do and what was most needed.

Myrtle L. T. White is a woman of vision and a teacher of experience, and she brought much to the office and gave much during her term. "A woman all respected, none feared and many loved," she strengthened and smoothed the troubled years from the fall of 1918 to the spring of 1920. In those years Mrs. White had for helpers such women as Mrs. Henry W. Oakes of Auburn, chairman of the Art department of which committee Miss Anna Smith, curator of the Bowdoin Art Gallery, was a member. They arranged a wonderful war poster exhibit. In one of the reports given by Mrs. Oakes during her term as chairman she referred to the fact that even "our Art department took on the garb of war and blossomed out in illustration of the life and sentiment and stress of armies and camps." She also announced that "our work was to create an interest in American Art." Under the direction of Mrs. Oakes and her assistants a folder on "Some American painters worthy of study, from primitive to living artists," was prepared and circulated among the federated clubs. In one of her reports Mrs. Oakes referred to this and said, "Probably examples of the work of every artist mentioned can be found this side of New York and a large number in Maine; indeed, excellent examples of fully one-half, are to be found in Bowdoin College Art Museum."

Mrs. Harry Burnham of Biddeford as chairman of the Literature and Library Extension work was a power in the organization. It was at the December meeting in 1918 that this committee presented a course in literature prepared with thought upon the general theme "The Ideals of Democracy." In the spring meeting of 1919, a revised list of ten courses was presented, with especial reference to the Centenary of Lowell, Whitman and Julia Ward Howe. It was also urged that programs upon the statesmen and writers of Maine receive especial attention. We cannot if we would give every word of these suggestions by Mrs. Burnham and her committee, but each word is worth repeating and remembering.

Too much cannot be said in praise of Mrs. Burnham and her work in different lines for the Federation. A woman of culture, a school teacher herself, she has served as representative to the



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different sessions of the Biennial and to the New England Conference, where she has received recognition and always has returned with a most interesting message to the Maine organization. The work she is doing now—1925—in requesting the different clubs to send in lists of Maine authors, will result in a better knowledge of the many who should be honored by Maine

people. Efficiently and well has Mrs. Burnham served wherever called.

Mrs. White's administration included the meetings in Augusta, December, 1918, and again on May 7 and 8, 1919; in Portland, October, 1915, in combination with the New England conference, and in Orono, March 23-25, 1920. The first report of the treasurer, Mrs. Annie B. Cole of Biddeford, for the administration of Mrs. White showed a balance on hand of \$786.54. During the year it was increased to \$1007.05. The last report of Mrs. Cole as treasurer, shows a balance of \$593.37.

During the term of Mrs. White, one committee that stands out is that of Civics with Mrs. Grace A. Thompson of Bangor, chairman, and Mrs. Robert J. Aley, Orono; Mrs. Alton C. Wheeler, South Paris; Mrs. Fleetwood Pride, Houlton; Mrs. J. W. Leavett, Sanford, as members. Perhaps no woman has given more freely and ably than Mrs. Thompson. Her activities began early in the life of the Federation. She served as recording secretary in 1898-1900, as a member of the Forestry committee in 1904, as chairman of this committee later, then on the Legislative committee. Often Mrs. Thompson was called to the committee on Resolutions and to other places. She was one of the first to plead for the Mt. Katahdin Reservation and she isn't through with this subject yet. A woman of education, who has traveled and read and thought, just now we find her most prominent as chairman for her section for Better Homes.

Another able chairman of these war days was Mrs. Harriet Fenderson of Farmington, who as head of Conservation, directed the work of food production, good roads and natural resources.

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Mrs. Grace A. Wing reported for State Thrift, that eighty-five clubs had appointed Thrift chairmen. At the Portland meeting, Mrs. George F. French spoke on the duty of the State, to tubercular children, she being a trustee of the State Sanatorium. Miss Mary Bliss Dickenson of Boston, spoke of the work of the Massachusetts Health League. Another speaker of interest was Mrs. Nancy Schoonmaker of Hartford, Conn., who spoke on "Americanism of American Women."

Miss Hope Carrell, the Federation representative in France, gave a vivid talk at this Portland meeting on the subject "With the Federation Unit in France."

Under Mrs. White's presidency, speakers of note included President A. J. Roberts of Colby; Rev. A. J. Torsliff, then of Bangor, speaking of health work among the babies; Dr. Sarah Sweet Winslow of Boston, speaking on Social Hygiene; Dr. A. O. Thomas on the subject "Obligations to the Future in the Education of Our Children."

At the meeting in Portland, Mrs. Percival Rolfe of the Portland Literary Union, extended a cordial welcome to the Federa-

tion on this, its twenty-seventh fall meeting. His honor, Mayor Charles Clark, also welcomed the women for the city, and Mrs. William E. Brewster of Dexter, vice-president, responded. This was followed by a reception to the club women of the New England conference, which was held in connection with the State Federation.

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Perhaps the last meeting of Mrs. White's administration left the most lasting impression. This was held in Orono, with the Orono Woman's club, with Mrs. Ella Jordan Mason, president, as hostess, and was held at the University of Maine, March 23-25, 1920. The beautiful library building at the University on this occasion was a veritable garden of flowers and shrubs. Dr. Aley was at that time president of the University, and Mrs. Aley was serving on important committees. Mrs. Mason, president of the hostess club, was matron of the Kappa Sigma house, one of the prominent Greek letter fraternities, with an attractive, homey house on the campus, but a step from the University Library. It was like a big house party, the club women being guests at the girls' dormitories, it being vacation time, and the cordial greetings of Dr. Aley added to the pleasure.

Every committee chairman seemed to be inspired by the surroundings, for each one "did her best" as was the universal verdict. Art by Mrs. H. W. Oakes, Auburn; Music, by Mrs. Emma Pitcher, Belfast; Education, Miss Nellie Brown, Bangor; Conservation, Mrs. Harriet Fenderson, Farmington; Legislation, Mrs. Florence Waugh Danforth, Skowhegan; Civics, Mrs. Joseph Thompson, Bangor; Community work, Mrs. Frederick P. Abbott, Saco.

Miss Anna L. Dingley of Lewiston, reported as chairman of Publicity. This was interesting, instructive and exceedingly lively, full of suggestions from the standpoint of her official position.

Miss Dingley suggested ways to save the yearly expense of the organization, ways to raise the Endowment Fund, which Miss Dingley then (in 1920) spoke of as \$10,000. She advocated more "friendly rivalry" among clubs by putting forward a larger number of candidates for the offices.

In closing Miss Dingley said: "The delegates should better understand the primary election—more publicity should be given the business of the Federation, if the organization shall keep growing in strength."

(Since this report was made the by-laws have been changed, the primary has been discarded, and nominations will be made from the floor at the next annual meeting in Bangor (in 1925), the elections to be carried on under the Australian ballot system as before.)

Mrs. White gave her address at the afternoon session, with vision as large and clear and the same charitable spirit as had characterized her whole administration.

When this administration began, she said, we were engaged in the greatest war in history. The club women with energy, plunged into the work of the Federation, Food-Conservation, Red Cross and Liberty Loan. Then the influenza epidemic came which called for more self-sacrificing work by the women of this organization. Mrs. White also touched upon the new responsibility facing women as voters. "We must know not only the meaning of such terms as Reds, Radicals, Communists, etc., but we must know the facts behind the names."

Mrs. White said it had been the object of her administration "to keep to the high ideals of my predecessors, but we know we are facing a world of new problems."

Mrs. White left her impress upon the organization. A woman of clear vision, good judgment and fair-mindedness, her administration has had a lasting influence for the right things.

Mrs. A. E. Chittenden reported for the Endowment Fund the purchase of two one-hundred-dollar bonds, two fifty-dollar bonds, each of the four being government bonds, and there was in addition \$12.09 in money. Miss Nellie W. Jordan reported for the Scholarship Fund \$288.64 on hand.

The Necrology given by Mrs. C. B. Porter, recorded the passing of a large number of club women and special resolutions were passed for Miss Fanny E. Lord of Bangor, who had served as president.

At the Spring meeting in Orono, it was voted to return to the old way of holding the annual meeting in the fall with a mid-winter Directors' meeting.

Mrs. E. C. Carll, second vice-president, presided at the evening meeting and the speaker was Mrs. Catherine W. Eddy who told of the work of the Young Women's Christian Association.

At the final session Thursday, March 25, the following officers were elected; President, Mrs. W. E. Brewster; first vice-president, Mrs. E. C. Carll; second vice-president, Mrs. John H. Huddilston, Orono; recording secretary, Mrs. Annie B. Cole, Biddeford; treasurer, Mrs. Florence Waugh Danforth, Skowhegan; General Federation secretary, Mrs. Myrtle L. T. White of Presque Isle. Delegates chosen to the General Federation biennial in Des Moines were Mrs. Annie B. Cole and Mrs. Harry Burnham of Biddeford; Mrs. C. T. Cartland of Saco; Miss Nellie Jordan of Presque Isle; Mrs. A. M. Penley of Auburn; Miss Emma Lovering of Waterville; Mrs. L. S. Chilcott of Bangor; Mrs. Charles Boucher of Springvale; Mrs. G. W. Hinckley of Hinckley.

An endorsement was voted for the proposed School of Citizenship.

Especial mention should be made of the music during the administration of Mrs. White, for it seemed to some that Mrs. Pitcher, chairman of the Music department, made the federated club women themselves sing more than they ever did before.

The soloists included Mr. Charles and Mr. Frank Biledeau of Augusta, Miss Marcia Heath, Miss Margaret Brooks, Mrs. Ernest Gray of Augusta; Mrs. Minnie Hughes, Houlton; Mr. Harold Palmer, Miss Henrietta Blackwell, and Miss Mary F. Hopkins, accompanist.

Mrs. White was fortunate in her recording secretary, Miss Florence Hale. From the first appearance of Miss Hale in the Federation to the present time she has been a favorite, and invited to hold different offices during the year, but her work as State Rural School Agent prevents.

At this meeting one hundred and forty-three clubs were reported in membership.

The very closing session came on the day of the State Convention of one of the two leading political parties in Maine, held in Bangor, eight miles from Orono. It was the first since the women had been given an opportunity to attend even "semi-officially," and they were anxious to be there on time. Even the president of the hostess club could not wait

—the writer of these sketches with all her admiration for and interest in the Federation, admits that she, too, hid herself to the new scenes.

As one looks back to this desertion of an old love like the Federation meeting, the lines by Phoebe Cary, entitled, "Advice Gratis" to Women, comes to mind, for it begins:

O, my strong-minded sisters, aspiring to vote,
And to row with your brothers, all in the same boat.

It goes without saying we met many disappointments. Some of the "prominent men" of whom we had read, were not as young and did not look as handsome as we had expected; others did not seem at all impressed with the importance of the women being at the convention. I remember one sweet woman asking a fine looking man where she could find his wife, and he replied quite curtly, "At home, where she ought to be."

Enough to show that if the women supposed they were at all essential at this political State Convention, they soon found they had yet to impress this fact upon the sterner sex. I wonder how many feel satisfied with efforts in that direction?



MRS. E. C. CARLL
Buxton

MRS. WILLIAM E. BREWSTER OF DEXTER PROVED
AN ABLE LEADER

CHAPTER XXVII

FOR the few years following 1920, the Maine Federation of Women's clubs was "College bent," for after the University of Maine meeting in March, 1920, came the meeting on September 28, 1920 at Brunswick, with Maine's oldest college shedding its cultural influence that even in the few days refreshed and revived, one might almost say aroused new desires and ambitions.



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The weather was not fair all the time, trains were not always on schedule, but taken all in all, who would forget the Brunswick meeting, presided over by Mrs. W. E. Brewster of Dexter, in the official capacity of president. Beside her, as the guest of honor, was Mrs. Thomas G. Winter, president of the General Federation.

Mrs. E. L. Crawford, president of the Saturday club, which was hostess, gave the address of welcome. Mrs. E. C. Carll of Augusta, first vice-president, responded for the Federation.

Mrs. Winter was most interesting in her address on "Our America." Mrs. Winter whose home is in Minneapolis, Minn., spoke in an inspiring way, with especial reference to social and industrial conditions. After the lecture, the club women met Mrs. Winter informally and found her most charming.

At the evening reception in the beautiful Walker Art Building, not only the women of the Brunswick Saturday club gave cordial greeting, but President Sills of Bowdoin and Mrs. Sills, and members of Bowdoin College faculty and their wives, were hospitality itself. The beautiful building, the wonderful collection of rare paintings, the whole artistic surroundings and the cordiality made this reception unusually memorable.

The fine organ music in the First Parish Congregational church, where the sessions were held, was an inspiration.

Mrs. Florence Waugh Danforth, the treasurer, reported a balance in March, 1920, of \$593.37. Receipts since had increased this amount to \$1015.48, but disbursements left a balance on September 23, 1920, of \$422.71. Mrs. Mina R. Murchie of Calais and Mrs. Herbert R. Brown of Portland, gave reports of Thrift work and the needs of this department.

Perhaps one of the most interesting sessions was the question period conducted by Mrs. George M. Chase of Lewiston, on the subject, "What is the most practical way of starting Americanization work?"

The next business discussed was the matter of affiliated clubs," and after discussion, the motion was made and carried that certain organizations of women be admitted at an annual fee of \$3.

Miss Anna E. Smith, Curator of the Walker Art Building of Bowdoin College, was the chairman of the Art committee of the Maine Federation, and her report on this occasion was a gem. No synopsis could do it justice.

Mrs. Florence Warner of Portland (now Mrs. Allan P. Stevens), spoke most interestingly on "What the State Chamber of Commerce and Agricultural League Means to Maine Women."

The address of Mrs. Brewster as president was more in the way of suggestion to her departmental heads, and gave fresh desires and hopes to all assembled. The department chairmen serving under Mrs. Brewster were: Music, Miss Nellie Harvey; Education, Miss Nellie Jordan; Civics, Mrs. Eva E. Bean, Saco; Home Economics, Mrs. Alice H. Shields, Saco; Legislative, Mrs. C. P. Barnes, Houlton; Public Health, Mrs. C. B. Porter, Old Town; State Endowment, Mrs. E. E. Ross, Guilford; Conservation, Mrs. Ivanella Palmer, Hinckley; Endorsement and Recommendation, Mrs. Fred Brown, Belfast; Literature and Library Extension, Mrs. W. P. Walsh, Rockland; Social and Industrial Conditions, Mrs. Blanche Gatchell, Pittsfield; Historian, Mrs. J. M. Bartlett, Orono; Community Service, Mrs. Frederick P. Abbott, Saco; Thrift, Mrs. Mina R. Murchie, Calais; Printing, Mrs. W. F. Atwood, Bangor; Art, Miss Anna Smith, Brunswick; Auditor, Miss Hannah Page, Skowhegan; Club Extension, Mrs. Elizabeth F. Libbey, Bangor; Necrologist, Mrs. E. P. Fish, Waterville; Civil Service, Mrs. A. M. Penley, Auburn.

One afternoon session of the Brunswick meeting was dedicated to the State of Maine. Mrs. Brewster presided and President Sills of Bowdoin gave an instructive and interesting address on Maine in Education. Professor Caroline Colvin of the University of Maine gave a scholarly address on "The Early History of Maine." Professor Elliot of Bowdoin read "Morituri Salutamus," by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, which

the author delivered on the fiftieth anniversary of his graduation from Bowdoin in the same church in which the Federation was meeting, forty-five years after the fiftieth anniversary of this distinguished class.

The address of the evening was by Mrs. Margaret Deland, the well-known author of *Boston and Kennebunkport*, on the "Opportunities of the Dull Job." This was the first time many of the women had seen or heard Mrs. Deland and many who had read her stories, in fact all the large audience, greatly enjoyed her lecture, as well as meeting this distinguished writer after the lecture.

The chairman of the Health Department moved and the motion was carried that more careful examinations of cows for disease be urged. It was voted that this matter be strongly put before the people. Then the chairman of this department introduced Dr. G. H. Coombs of the State Health Department, who delivered an interesting address. The motion was made and carried that "A committee be appointed to learn if there was any vacancy in the Health Department of the State where a woman could serve and if so to request the appointment of a member of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs." It was moved and carried that the expenses of the Executive Board at annual and business meetings "be paid from the Federation funds; if funds are not sufficient, that the club dues be increased."

Mrs. Hunt of Portland, offered a resolution that was approved, endorsing the move of the W. C. T. U. for better protection of the boys and girls of Maine.

The revision of the by-laws received considerable attention. It was voted to have the winter session a Directors' meeting and that the name of the office of General Federation Secretary be changed to State Director.

The Endowment Fund was brought before the members by Mrs. Ross of Guilford, chairman for this work.

There still seemed to be much confusion as to its real purpose and after much discussion it was voted that the chairman send a report to each club, fully explaining the purpose of this Endowment Fund; and that the chairman should present a plan for raising the fund, to the Federation at the next Fall meeting, the same to have the endorsement of the Executive Board.

At the request of the General Federation President, Mrs. Brewster appointed Mrs. Grace Thompson of Bangor, State Director for Maine of the Home Demonstration Extension. Mrs. Palmer, chairman, spoke for the Conservation interestingly. Credential committee reported fifty-four clubs represented, twenty-two presidents and one hundred and twenty-one delegates. The secretary, Mrs. Anne B. Cole, wrote in her minutes: "Mrs. C. B. Porter gave a splendid report and a strong plea for personal effort for preventive work." At the request of

Hon. John P. Deering of Saco, State chairman for Near East Relief, an endorsement was given to this work.

Mrs. Grace Thompson of Bangor, of the Legislative committee, spoke of the Moving Pictures, urging a practical censorship and requested that the laws in regard to same be printed in the Federation Year-Book.

Miss Anna E. Smith, chairman of the Art committee for the Federation and Curator of the Walker Art Building of Bowdoin College, who had done so much to make this Brunswick meeting enjoyable, acted as guide and we might say instructor as well to about fifty women of the Federation on Wednesday afternoon, at the Bowdoin Art Gallery.

Brunswick had several times before entertained the Maine Federation, but never more enjoyably than on this occasion. The music at each session was a contributing factor to the pleasure. Organ selections by Professor E. H. Wass; songs by Miss Isabel Ridley; violin selections by Miss Annie Stetson; cello solos by Mrs. C. F. Burnett.



MRS. GRACE H. THOMPSON
of Bangor

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Again the mid-winter meeting was held in Augusta on February 17, 1921, in the Senate chamber of the State House, Mrs. Brewster presiding. The records say: "A cordial welcome was extended to us by our Governor, Hon. Percival P. Baxter. This was as a 'man to man' welcome to the State House and a reminder of our recently acquired civic duties. All the women caught the spirit."

Miss Nellie Jordan interested the women in her report for the Educational department, for she told what had been done, and asked an endorsement of the Smith-Towner bill which was given. Mrs. Nellie Jack of Portland, reported for the Scholarship fund with \$307.08 on hand. Mrs. E. E. Ross made one of her characteristic speeches, urging a greater interest in the Endowment fund, and right here is an opportune time to say that to Mrs. Ross should be given much credit for the success of the fund. While not a large amount may have been collected during her chairmanship, the matter had been slumbering so long, and so many unforeseen interests had come up that demanded the attention of the organization, that to arouse a

renewed and successful interest was no small job. Mrs. Ross did just this.

Ever since coming to the Federation, Mrs. Ross has been an interesting and interested member. She has served on important committees and done remarkably good work. She is a woman of ideas and ideals and is an arduous worker for any cause in which she has an interest. Mrs. Ross is now president of the Guilford Woman's Club, one of the most active clubs in the Federation. Only a few days ago I heard a report of the work of this club for the year 1924-25 and just the amount of money raised was somewhat startling to some of us. I took no notes, but the sum was a little over \$1300 if I remember rightly with a balance of over \$300 still in the treasury, and the expenditures had been wise and helpful.

The following were chosen to represent Maine at the New England Conference in Vermont in September, 1921: Mrs. George F. French, Miss Florence M. Hale, Mrs. Grace A. Thompson, Mrs. Harry Burnham, Mrs. G. H. Bass of Wilton, Mrs. Emma A. Pitcher, Miss Emma F. Lovering, Miss Olivia W. Moulton, Mrs. A. T. Reynolds and Mrs. F. M. Ray.

A motion was offered and passed, asking that the Federation endorse the work of the University of Maine and favor a larger State appropriation for a continuation of its work. This was a time, too, when the women must have felt they understood many matters that had puzzled—or apparently puzzled—the Law Makers of Maine, for the Federation passed a wordy resolution in regard to Water Powers of Maine, urging Constitutional amendments, as though they cost nothing. The Federation also passed a resolution showing great familiarity with the wild land tax, the Military Draft law, and put the bill-boards out of business. They also knew and said in these resolutions, just what ought to be done about Mt. Katahdin.

Undoubtedly many of these resolutions were just exactly right and perhaps some of the women knew it, but it put an end to the passing of resolutions in a "lump." Since then there has been a discussion,—more or less—of each resolution before voting.

The music at the Augusta meeting was up to the high standard of Federation music—or of the musicians who so willingly help the Federation, and was furnished by Edward Grieg, Jean Sibelius, Miss Bertha Merrill and Miss Smith.

The guest of honor at this meeting was Mrs. Marsh of Providence, R. I., once vice-president of the organization when a resident of Maine, a woman of marked ability. She is always welcomed by the federated club women, and listened to with respect and interest.

As this is being printed, the sad news of the passing of Mrs. Marsh has been received. She will be "remembered by what she has done."

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The historical old Hancock county town of Castine was the place of meeting of the Maine Federation on September 14, 1921. Cold for the season was the beautiful trip by boat—which was the way the majority of the club women reached Castine,—but the cordiality of the place, and its people and of old friends as well as new, made it soon seem as warm as the proverbial June day.

Mrs. Brewster called the meeting to order in the historic church where the residents of Castine of the Unitarian faith have long worshiped. The invocation by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Mueller, was touching, and the singing led by Dr. E. E. Philbrook was patriotic in the opening but concluded with an old Italian song. A. W. Patterson, chairman of the Castine selectmen, welcomed the women of the Federation for the town. Miss Anna C. Witherle, president of the Castine Woman's clubs, was cordial in her welcome for the hostess club. Mrs. E. C. Carll responded for the Federation. Mrs. Frank Gibson, president of the Rhode Island Federation, was greeted as were Mrs. Moses Burpee, a former president, and Mrs. March of Providence, R. I., a former vice-president of the Maine Federation.

One matter of great interest was a letter read from Mrs. Kate C. Estabrook of Orono, stating that she had served on the Library Commission for twenty-two years, but that this department had been merged with the State Librarian's work. A letter was also read from Governor Baxter telling why this was done.

The evening reception was given by the Castine Woman's clubs in the Music Room of the Arcadian Hotel. The decorations were unusually attractive and the music the finest, given by a group of most talented young musicians from the Kneisel Summer School of Music at Bluehill.

In her address the president, Mrs. W. E. Brewster, announced there were one hundred and sixty clubs with about six thousand women in membership of the Maine Federation. She said that while the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs was the largest organized body of women in Maine, it was the poorest financed. "We have outgrown our finances, and the women seem to fail to realize the increased cost of speakers as well as of printing." This led Mrs. Brewster to urge the completion of the Endowment fund. In speaking of the Scholarship fund, Mrs. Brewster said:

"Women, you are missing something, when you do not have a part in this effort of our Federation. The passing years make more and more evident the value of investment in human life, and what is so precious and so far reaching as the conservation and advancement of young womanhood." Again to quote from the address of the president: "Now that the bars have

been let down and we have entered into public life, it is for us to prove that we are capable of bearing our full share of the responsibilities of citizenship and are willing to assume the task with the privileges, for this is a sacred obligation. It is the duty of every wife and mother who respects her home, who values her children, to vote at every election for officials who will protect the home and safeguard the rights of every member of the community. * * * We must build and rebuild, to gain strength and power, but we must beware of 'entangling alliances.' "

In closing, Mrs. Brewster, in retiring from office, gave full credit to the whole organization for the work accomplished.

Mrs. Florence Waugh Danforth reported a balance in the treasury of \$365.99. Mrs. Annie B. Cole, the recording secretary, reported that in the term of office of the retiring officials, six new clubs had joined the organization and the Federation had joined the State Chamber of Commerce and Agricultural League.

So close have we come to the present day that it is hardly necessary to quote from the different reports as given by the respective chairmen of departments. Each beyond question had done her best.

It was the last time a report was given on Civil Service Reform. The chairman, May Leavitt Penley, said: "In all states that are up to date, civil service has vastly increased and in theory, it is a splendid thing, but like all other things, after a while, it needs reforming." Is this why the department has ceased to function in the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs?

Mrs. Harry Burnham of Biddeford was appointed vice-chairman of the New England Conference. After the report of Mrs. E. E. Ross, the motion was made and carried that during the next two years, each club pay \$1.00 per member into the Endowment Fund. At this point, Mrs. Elizabeth Burbank Plummer, ex-president of the Maine Federation, donated \$100 to the fund.

A committee for the revision of the Constitution was appointed by Mrs. Brewster, president, and the members were Miss Louise H. Coburn, Skowhegan, chairman; Mrs. George F. French, Portland; Miss Anna L. Dingley, Lewiston.

Much interest and enjoyment was realized from the entertainment given at Normal hall, first because of the "Old Time Choir" in costume; second because of the interesting history of Castine, written and read by Mary Dunbar Devereux of Castine, and the most fascinating address on "Art in Its Relation to Life," by Mrs. Maynard Ladd of Boston, the well-known sculptor.

Another enjoyable feature was the trip about Castine with information as to the historical spots, and the marking of these was much appreciated by the visitors.

Great interest centered in the nomination and election of the officers. Mrs. E. C. Carll of Augusta, first vice-president, declined to be a candidate for the highest office, making the third woman with the office apparently in her grasp who had declined the honor. The election resulted as follows: President, Mrs. J. H. Huddilston, Orono; first vice-president, Mrs. Florence Waugh Danforth, Skowhegan; second vice-president, Miss Anna C. Witherle, Castine; recording secretary, Mrs. A. E. Chittenden, Auburn; treasurer, Mrs. C. B. Porter, Old Town; General Federation Director, Mrs. W. E. Brewster, Dexter. Mrs. A. L. Blanchard, Bangor, was appointed corresponding secretary, Mrs. Adelaide McLeod, Old Town, auditor.

MRS. JOHN H. HUDDILSTON'S ADMINISTRATION MADE A BRILLIANT RECORD

CHAPTER XXVIII

THREE things stand out prominently in the administration of Mrs. John H. Huddilston, the Endowment fund drive, the 30th anniversary meeting at Dover-Foxcroft, and the Fall meeting of 1923 at Bar Harbor.

The first Directors' meeting was held in the Senate Chamber of the State House, Augusta, on January 27, 1922, Mrs. Huddilston presiding. So cordial was the welcome extended by His Honor, Governor Percival P. Baxter, that Mrs. Chittenden, the recording secretary, has on record that "A most comfortable feeling of homeness at once prevailed."

The president, Mrs. Huddilston, called especial attention to the Year-Books, as for the first time they contained advertisements from different business houses in nearly every section of Maine, and this was one of the innovations of the new Executive Board, to raise funds to defray expenses. The books were also sold, with the exception of a limited number to each club.

Dr. Merrill, president of the Public Health Association of Maine, spoke and inspired a resolution, made and carried, that a committee be appointed by the Chair to advise with the different clubs as to "ways and means" of raising funds to assist the Public Health Association of Maine. This meeting in Augusta was the first time a report was given for the Department of Indian Welfare, Mrs. E. C. Carll, chairman.

The speaker of this mid-winter session was Hon. Payson Smith, commissioner of Public Education of Massachusetts, an inspiring address along Educational lines.

Governor Baxter gave an informal reception at the Blaine Mansion to the women of the Federation, "a charming social affair," the president of the Federation receiving with Governor Baxter, the members of the federated clubs.

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The first annual meeting under the presidency of Mrs. Huddilston was held in Dover-Foxcroft, September 20, 1922, being the thirtieth Fall meeting. Welcome from the entertaining clubs was given by Mrs. Helen F. Dyer, president of Cosmopolitan club, and Hon. F. E. Guernsey for the town. Mrs. Florence Waugh Danforth, first vice-president, responded for the organization. The attendance was unusually large, interest most keen, the weather beautiful and the people of Dover-Foxcroft most cordial and attentive in their hospitality. The fine resi-

dence of Hon. E. J. Mayo was open for the reception in the evening, and Mrs. Mayo was the ideal hostess, as charming as ever. One might go on and on, superlative in each particular. Dr. Clarence C. Little, the newly chosen president of the University of Maine, was the speaker of note, making a most favorable impression upon his audience. Mrs. George C. Chase of Lewiston was toast-mistress and was most happy in her introductions. Mrs. Moses Burpee, a former president, spoke for the past, and Mrs. Huddilston for the present and the future.

The ride over this attractive section of Maine was another delightful incident of the Dover-Foxcroft meeting, being given by the hospitality of the men of the town. At the business meeting there was some discussion as to the advisability of the Federation joining a Council of representatives from each organization of Women in Maine to do Legislative work in Augusta when the Legislature was in session. It was however voted not to join such a council that year. This discussion as well as one on the value of the Primary law brought out the largest number of women ever heard in Federation debates.

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At the mid-winter meeting of the Board of Directors, held January 26, 1923, at the State House in Augusta, Governor Baxter again gave the welcome in behalf of the State. At this meeting, perhaps the subject most stressed was Club Extension Work. The speaker of the afternoon was Dr. George E. Vincent, president of the Rockefeller Institute and one of the most brilliant lecturers in the country.

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The Bar Harbor meeting of September 18, 19, 20, 21, 1923, stands out pre-eminently in the history of the Federation. The program was one of unusual brilliancy and the business sessions were exceedingly lively.

Dr. Henry Van Dyke gave a never-to-be-forgotten talk to the club women in the Building of Arts, one of the most beautiful buildings in all Maine, a Greek temple set among the hills and silhouetted against the forest primeval. An afternoon of inspiration indeed.

A lecture illustrated with most beautiful stereopticon pictures on Lafayette National Park on Wednesday evening, was followed Thursday afternoon by a motor trip through the Park with tea at Jordan Pond.

Another feature emphasizing the social side, was the Tea at Elsinore on Cleftstone Road, the beautiful summer home of Mrs. Henry F. Dimock of Washington, D. C. It gave an intimate glimpse into the inner circle of Bar Harbor's most exclusive social life which was altogether charming. Then there were early morning visits to famous gardens, informal dinner parties of groups of Federation guests at the various hotels,—all this quite incidental to the real business of the Federation. But this is getting ahead of the Federation program which

opened on the afternoon of Tuesday, half a day earlier than usual. This allowed of the quick dispatch of the preliminary business and gave more time for the exchange of courtesies.

The guests were cordially welcomed by the president of the Woman's Literary Club of Bar Harbor, Mrs. Thomas C. Higgins, for the entertaining clubs and the first selectman, Harold P. Whitmore, gave greetings for the town. Mrs. Florence Waugh Danforth, first vice-president, responded. A most enjoyable feature was the reception tendered by the Woman's Literary Club and the Woman's Study Club, the hostess clubs, assisted by the Bar Harbor Board of Trade. The officers of these two organizations with the members of the Executive Board received the guests. Music and a short entertainment by a few children from the public schools with the greeting of old friends and new, made the event most memorable.

At the Wednesday morning session, Mrs. Huddilston reviewed the work of her administration. Briefly summarizing, she declared one of the chief objects had been the raising of the Endowment Fund "more needed than many realize." She referred especially to the Maine books which the club women had written and published: to "Where North Winds Blow," by Walter Emerson, sold by the club women on a royalty to increase the Endowment Fund. She praised the work of the Art department. Under the leadership of its chairman, Mrs. Grace Knudsen, this committee had made a success of a Home Art Exhibit which had been sent from club to club, with a lecture on Interior Decorations. It had paid all its own bills and added a small sum besides to the Endowment. The clubs, too, had responded on the dollar-a-member plan suggested by Mrs. Ross, until the five thousand dollar Endowment Fund goal had been reached and passed, the actual amount raised being \$5135 as reported by Mrs. Gertrude J. Nutter, as chairman. A start also had been made on the National Headquarters Fund.

Mrs. Huddilston made the following recommendations: Making the Publicity chairman a member of the Executive Board (which later was done); the establishment of a Budget System; the publication of a Federation paper; the consolidation of the departments of Home Economics and Home Demonstration; the adoption of a Federation pin, "as it had been impossible to locate the die of the pin adopted years ago."

Each one of these recommendations was carried out in the following administration.

Those who served as chairmen of departments under Mrs. Huddilston included: Americanization, Mrs. Edward S. Pickard, Cumberland Mills; Art, Mrs. Grace P. T. Knudsen of Castine; Civics, Mrs. Emma B. Howe of Rumford; Club Extension, Mrs. Mary Perry Rich of Rockland.

Mrs. Rich made an unusual record. Under her initiative the Federation welcomed into membership at this meeting,

eleven clubs and two unions of clubs, the Woman's Literary Union of Oxford County, and the Onawa Literary Union, made up of the clubs of Guilford, Sangerville, Dover-Foxcroft, Dexter, Corinna, Newport and Pittsfield. One of the eleven new clubs



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was the Woman's Educational Club of Rockland, numbering three hundred members. Another was the first Junior Club of the Maine Federation, the Neechisook Club of Oldtown, made up of a dozen high school Juniors and Seniors, with Miss Thelma Perkins as president. This club was sponsored by Mrs. C. B. Porter who counts it one of the achievements of the administration of 1921-23.

Other chairmen who rendered accounts of their departments included: Mrs. Lena M. Harvey and Mrs. Alice H. McGouldrick for Conservation and thrift; Mrs. F. E. Pomeroy of Lewiston, for Education; Mrs. E. C. Carll, for Indian Welfare; Mrs. Grace H. Thompson of Bangor, for Home Demonstration; Mrs. Hilda Ives, for Legislation. Mrs. Ives expressed regret that more power had not been given to the committee to speak for the Federation before the committees of the Legislature. Mrs. Ives, deeply interested in things Legislative, gave a lively and able report. She always speaks with conviction and holds her audience by force of her message and her personality.

Jessica J. Haskell of Hallowell, chairman, reported for Literature and Library Extensions; Publicity and Printing, Miss Anna L. Dingley; Public Health, Mrs. D. B. Weeks; Social and Industrial Relations, Mrs. G. F. French; Public Welfare, Mrs. Moses Burpee; Foreign Relations, Mrs. A. M. Smith of Ogunquit; Community Service and Friendly Co-operation, Mrs. Hattie S. Gilbert; Illiteracy, Mrs. M. G. Hall.

At the Bar Harbor meeting the By-Laws were again revised. From the report of Mrs. A. E. Chittenden of Auburn, recording secretary, we quote as follows: "Ten Executive Board meetings have been held from Sept. 1921 to Sept 1923. We have taken out membership in the Maine Public Health Association. The Department of Civil Service Reform has been dropped by the advice of the General Federation. Two new departments have been added, Mothercraft and Child Welfare, and Illiteracy."

One of the pleasures this Executive Board has shared was the courtesy extended by the members of the Executive Board of Portland Woman's Literary Union who entertained the Federation Board at Portland for two days last Spring, opening their homes to their guests. A Tea at the home of Mrs. Charles F. Flagg was one of the delightful features.

"Maine has been represented by nine delegates to the Biennial and eleven at the New England Conference. Approximately four hundred attended the meeting in Bar Harbor, seventy-nine clubs being represented by sixty-five presidents and one hundred delegates, and in addition one hundred and three club members registered.

"Great honor has been conferred upon us by the presence at Bar Harbor of Mrs. W. F. Todd, wife of the Governor General of New Brunswick, and Mrs. Maud C. Vessey, prominent club woman of St. Stephen, N. B. as guests of the re-creation."

It was at this Bar Harbor meeting that a Continuation committee was added, its purpose being to carry on as far as seemed wise, the work begun or suggested by the passing administration. The past presidents were the members of this committee.

Several gifts were announced by Mrs. Huddilston. The Portland Literary Union, in grateful memory of the founder of

the Maine Federation of Women's clubs, presented an annual gift of \$100 to be known as the Eunice Nichols Frye Scholarship, to be administered by the Scholarship Fund committee of the Federation. The generous gift of the Maine Writers Research club of \$300 to establish the Cora Belle Bickford scholarship was announced.

The Endowment Fund was increased by a gift of fifty dollars from His Excellency, Hon. Percival P. Baxter, Governor of Maine.

The memorial service for Mrs. Eunice Nichols Frye of Portland, the mother of the Federation, was deeply impressive. It was conducted by Miss Deborah N. Morton of Portland, a close friend of Mrs. Frye, and its simplicity and sincerity were in harmony with the life it memorialized.

Another distinguished speaker at the Bar Harbor meeting was Brigadier General Mark L. Hersey, himself a Maine man and a national figure. His message was on "The Peace Department of our Government."

No one who attended this meeting will forget the lively half hour at the Building of Arts, following Dr. Van Dyke's talk, when Mrs. A. E. Chittenden of Auburn, made the final drive of this administration for the Endowment Fund. Mrs. Chittenden had the real "Methodist Camp Meeting" enthusiasm. It caught the club women, the money poured in, and the Endowment Fund went way over the top of the \$5000 goal set by this administration. Dr. Van Dyke who was present, joined in the applause when the final announcement was made.

The presentation of both sides of the 48-Hour Law, which was soon to go to the vote of the people of Maine, was another unusual offering of this Bar Harbor meeting. The leaders of both sides sent their best advocates and all the arguments, pro and con, were given. Before the meeting, some questioned the advisability of such a debate, but so fairly was each side presented that it overcame all opposition and formed a precedent which doubtless other administrations will follow.

Governor Baxter was one of the guests at this Bar Harbor meeting, and gave an address which stirred the whole State. It touched most vigorously on non-enforcement, as His Excellency termed it, of the prohibition law in Hancock County, in which the Federation was meeting. The Governor hit straight from the shoulder and his address gave the club women a topic for lively debate with wide differences of opinion. They spoke their minds freely.

In conversation with a distinguished gentleman of Maine on this subject, he became critical. He declared that the women who proclaimed "what they thought" soon announced a different opinion. This is repeated to remind the women of this organization, we each love so well, that we are being noticed, and what we do and say is known far beyond our own circle. In other

words, we must constantly keep in mind that the Maine Federation of Women's clubs is an organization of influence with a reputation to maintain, that has accomplished much and still has a great work to do.

The election of officers at Bar Harbor was a matter of much interest as there were two candidates for the presidency, Mrs. Florence Waugh Danforth of Skowhegan, the first vice-president, and Mrs. Mary Perry Rich of Rockland. The results gave Mrs. Danforth the election as president; Miss Anna C. Witherle, first vice-president; Mrs. John T. Skofield, Portland, second vice-president; Mrs. W. L. Sampson, Dover-Foxcroft, recording secretary; Mrs. Edna A. Hutchins, Corinna, treasurer; Mrs. Charles E. Jones, Newport, auditor; Mrs. John H. Huddilston, general Federation director. Mrs. C. Granville Reed was appointed corresponding secretary.

We leave the review of these officers in other hands.

Long as these sketches have been, much has been left unsaid. Many should have received high praise who have not even been mentioned. Full well do we know the value of those whose praises we have not sung, those who have "kept the home fires burning."

"Undoubtedly others could have done this better," in the words of Hon. Henry Cabot Lodge, when he spoke of Massachusetts, "but of this I am sure; that no one can serve with greater love or deeper loyalty."

That the one who continues this history, this recounting of a few of the accomplishments of this grand organization, will bring the same "great love and deep loyalty," is my one desire.

The present administration with Mrs. Danforth at the head will make "good reading." It has been an administration in which every member of each federated club in Maine should take great pride. As was true in the early years of this Federation so it is today, "Divergent though our ways may be, we are united in one common end; the advancement of our State in culture, ethics and philanthropy, and all that makes for the broadening and bettering of humanity." Perhaps no better way can be found to close these sketches than the words of one of our own Maine poets, Edna St. Vincent Millay, in *Renascence*, which will be inspiring to remember and apply as individuals or as an organization:

“The world stands out on either side
No wider than the heart is wide;
Above the world is stretched the sky,—
No higher than the soul is high.
The heart can push the sea and land
Farther away on either hand;
The soul can split the sky in two,
And let the face of God shine through.”
But East and West will pinch the heart
That cannot keep them pushed apart;
And he whose soul is flat—the sky
Will cave in on by and by.”