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was greatly increased, a number of the most prominent men in the city joining.

LAURA CLAY, President.

MARY C. ROARK, Corresponding Secretary.

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### MAINE.

Suffrage work in Maine has been carried on with unremitting zeal and interest during the last year.

Our annual suffrage day at Ocean Park was one of the most successful we have ever had. Rev. Ida C. Hultin was the speaker.

Our local clubs show increase in attendance and membership.

Dr. Abby M. Fulton organized the Hancock County Equal Suffrage League, with Mrs. E. Benson Stanley, as President.

We have lost by death several highly esteemed members, among them Helen Coffin Beedy, at one time our Corresponding secretary.

Annual Convention was held in Portland, November 1st to 3rd. Rev. Anna Howard Shaw as speaker. We were the guests of the Portland club and reports of officers showed marked increase over last year.

Our Association was incorporated in December, 1903, and a little later we came into possession of a small estate bequeathed to us.

Fanny J. Fernald, Superintendent of Literature reports increased demand for literature during the year. Calls have come from high schools, normal schools, granges, lodges, debating clubs, etc. 6,000 pieces of literature have been distributed.

Miss Colburn, Chairman of Enrolment, reports 1,220 enrolled names, from which two life members were gained.

Syndicate articles have been sent regularly to 17 newspapers, representing nine counties.

The Portland Equal Suffrage Club celebrated Miss Anthony's birthday at the home of Miss Charlotte Thomas. One of the results of this gathering was the placing of the History of Woman Suffrage and Miss Anthony's biography in the Portland Library. This was done by the Library Trustees, in response to a petition sent from this gathering.

The State Officers and Mrs. Sarah J. Beck arranged a parlor meeting in the Hotel at Freeport. Speeches were made and hopes are entertained of forming a club there in the near future.

The women of Maine are slowing but surely coming to see the need of the ballot.

LUCY HOBART DAY, President.