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At their regular meeting in September, the Standing Committee set the dues rate for the new Family Membership category at \$22.50. This new membership classification has been frequently requested by many members, and was provided for in the revised Bylaws adopted by the Society last summer. A Family Membership is the appropriate category for husband and wife, and includes any children in the family under age eighteen. One copy of all mailings from the Society will be sent to the family unit.

There are now seven classes of membership in the Society: *Active* for individuals at an annual rate of \$15.00; *Sustaining* at \$7.50 per year for members currently attending on a full-time basis, a school, college or other institutions of learning; *Corporate* for those corporations, partnerships and associations who desire to support the work of the Society, at \$50.00 per year; *Life Membership* at \$250.00 for those who wish to make a final, one-time payment which is credited towards the endowment of the Society; *Honorary*, elected by the Standing Committee in recognition of eminent distinction in history or related subjects, or unique service in promoting the objectives of the Society; and *Family* membership, the most recent category, described above.

In addition to the customary privileges of membership: free use of the Library and free admission to the Longfellow House, subscription to the *Quarterly*, and the right to vote and hold office in the Society, a membership discount of 15% has been established for all publications sold by the Society. The Standing Committee felt that this was only a fair return for the support its members have given the Society over the years, and they also hope that such a discount may encourage new members.

The article in this issue of the *Quarterly* is a transcription of a talk given by Dr. Roger L. Grindle at the Annual Meeting of the Society in Rockland last summer. Professor Grindle is Chairman of the Social Science Division, University of Maine at Fort Kent. He is author of *Quarry and Kiln: the Story of Maine's Lime Industry*, published in 1971, and *Tombstones and Paving Blocks: a History of the Maine Granite Industry*, to be published early next year by the Courier-Gazette Company in Rockland. Dr. Grindle has been an active member of the Maine Academic Historians from its inception, and has been a member of the Publications Committee of the Maine Historical Society for several years.