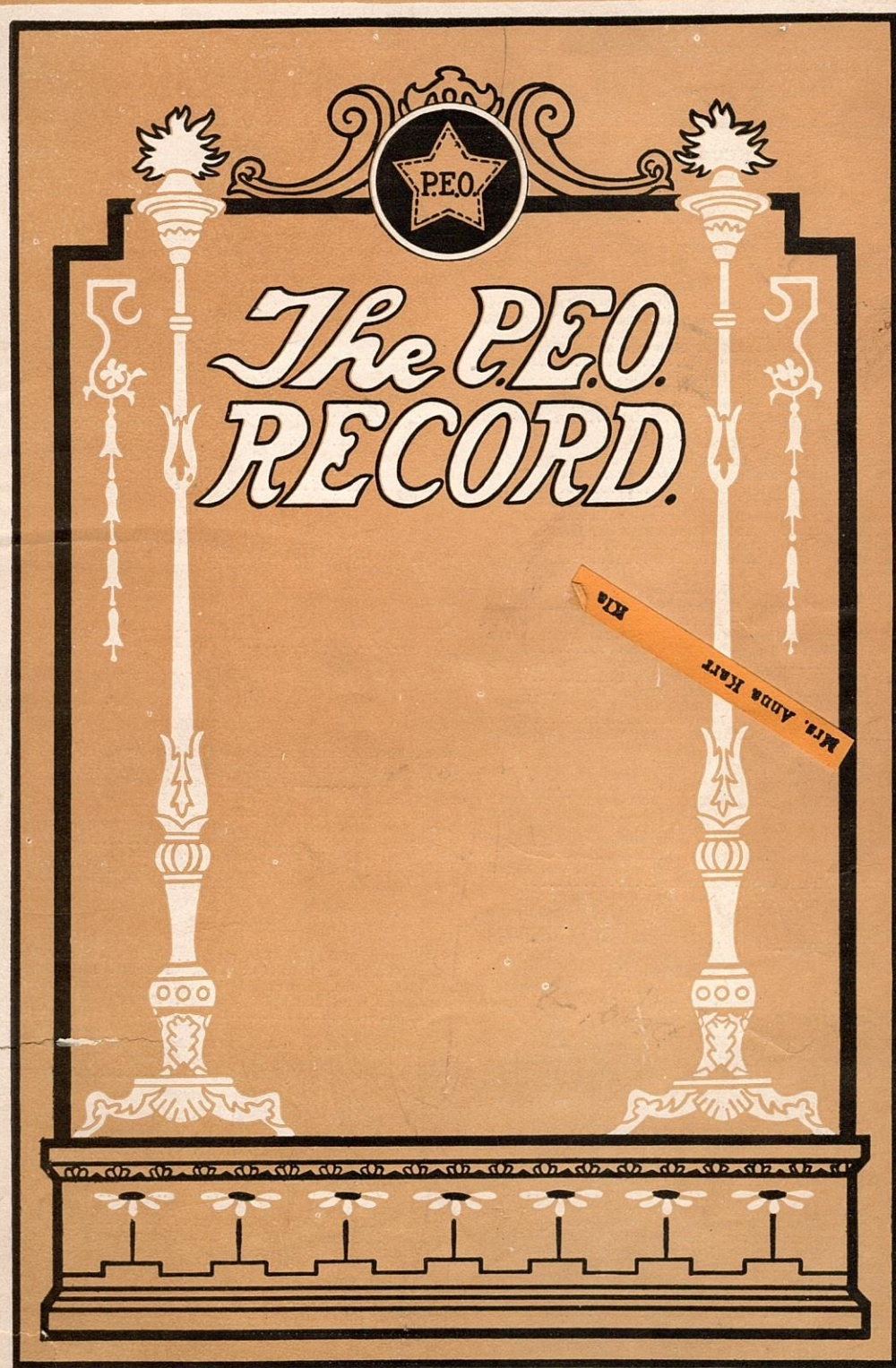


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## The Supreme Chapter Convention P. E. O.

Because the December issue of the Record will contain the minutes of the Supreme Convention which was held in Denver, Colorado, September 30, October 3, we are not giving this month a complete report. We are going to tell some of the things which the minutes by their nature cannot tell.

The convention was one of the most notable in the history of P. E. O. for three reasons; it celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the Sisterhood; it brought the Educational Fund more than a thousand dollars above the high mark set of \$100,000 and it made a complete revision of the constitution. In addition to these it voted to publish a history of the fifty years of P. E. O. and voted to have a committee appointed to revise the P. E. O. ceremonies.

The convention sessions were held in El Jebel Temple a building remarkably well suited to the needs of such a convention. The sessions were held in the auditorium; the ball room was given to the use of a post office, information desk, the sale of papers, post cards and P. E. O. rings. All officers and members of the convention were entertained in the hotels with the Albany hotel as headquarters. Here Miss Durward, the president of Supreme Chapter, and the officers had apartments all on one floor. The Convention meals were served at the Albany. No such lavish entertainment has ever been accorded the Supreme Convention. The nearest approach to it was the entertainment in St. Louis, which was much the same only the convention was not so large at that time. The opening session of the convention on Tuesday evening was in cele-

bration of the Golden Anniversary and furnished a program adequate to the occasion. Two of the founders of the sisterhood Mrs. Franc Rhodes Elliott and Mrs. Mary Allen Stafford were introduced to the convention and the convention guests, all of whom stood and gave them an ovation lasting for several minutes.

The P. E. O.'s were very proud to introduce these two women as founders of the sisterhood, they looked handsome and dignified but were more modest than the occasion warranted. It was a matter of deepest regret that the other two of the original seven, Mrs. Alice Bird Babb and Mrs. Suela Pearsons Penfield were not present for both had been expected. Mrs. Babb was kept at home by illness but sent her paper for the evening's program. Mrs. Belle M. Musser, who was chairman of the central committee, gave the address of welcome for Denver and Mrs. Florence B. Loomis, president of Colorado State Chapter gave the welcome for Colorado, both of which were cordial and gracious. The response was made by Mrs. Helen D. Townsend in her very best style. Prof. H. V. Kemper gave greetings from the B. I. Ls. and addressed the P. E. Os. as S. I. Ls. He is a polished speaker and brought a very cordial message.

Mrs. Franc Rhodes Elliott spoke on Fifty Years of P. E. O. and urged that the Sisterhood cooperate in all progressive measures and that we live in the future rather than in retrospect. Mrs. Helen M. Drake, past president of Supreme Chapter gave a delightful address on Our Golden Jubilee in which she told for the benefit of the



guests in particular some of the accomplishments of the sisterhood. She had written letters to a number of P. E. Os. from different states asking what P. E. O. means to them today. The answers were varied and made very interesting by Mrs. Drake's comment on them.

Mrs. Babb's address "Consider the Lilies," which appears elsewhere in the Record was read in her absence and at her request, by Mrs. Winona E. Reeves. The program closed with an altogether charming pageant celebrating the anniversary.

The first scene represented the seven girls in pantomime, planning for the first chapter and organizing it.

The parts were taken by seven girls of Chapter AL Fort Collins. The costumes were taken from the girlhood pictures of the original seven. Evidently each had studied the characteristics of the one whom she portrayed for each was individual in the part she took. The second scene showed the seven girls in the back ground, with five characters in Grecian costume portraying the virtues of faith, love, purity, justice and truth, before whom the spirit of P. E. O. in fairy yellow costume danced most gracefully. These characters were taken by members of the Boulder, Colorado, chapter.

The third scene was a drill by the little daughters of Colorado P. E. Os. who represented the subordinate chapters. They were dressed in white and yellow and green and pink and blue and each carried a tiny flag on which were pasted stars giving the number of chapters in the state. They gave an elaborate drill in perfect time.

The pageant closed with an Educational Fund playlet in which the parts were exceptionally well taken with Mrs. Ida M. Campbell in the leading role.

Wednesday morning Mrs. Helena M. Chambers president of Kansas Grand Chapter, conducted the devotionals. For the amount of business transacted and reports presented that session was a marvel. All the officers reports which contained figures and statistics had been printed and were distributed to the convention so that the officers only gave totals, and a report which ordinarily would have taken twenty minutes or a half hour, was dispatched in one or two minutes. The text of these reports will appear in the minutes in the December Rec-

ord, and should be read by all P. E. O.s when they appear, for they tell many things in which we are all interested. Miss Durward said she had some difficulty in introducing the guests of honor because they were all at work on convention affairs.

Besides the founders, three past presidents of Supreme Chapter were present, Mrs. Grace R. Parks, Mrs. Helen M. Drake and Mrs. Reeves. Mrs. Alice Schoville Miller, chairman of the Record Trustees was introduced as were Mrs. Viola Whittlesey and Mrs. Elanor Bailey of the Educational Fund. Miss Ida B. Johnson, chairman of the constitutional revision committee, Mrs. Loomis, president of Colorado state chapter and Mrs. Musser of the Central committee. All members of the Supreme board were present and were introduced.

At other times in the convention Mrs. Ione Ambler the first P. E. O. initiated into the sisterhood was introduced who made a short talk and bowed her thanks for a handsome bouquet of roses presented her by the Colorado Springs chapter to which she now belongs.

Miss Emily Rogers of La Junta the only daughter of the late Mrs. Effie Hoffman Rogers was introduced and was most cordially received by the convention.

Miss Sylvia Holmstrom who designed the cover plate now used on the P. E. O Record was also introduced by Miss Durward, with words of appreciation for her work. Miss Martha Farrier past treasurer of Supreme chapter was introduced and made a short, clever speech.

The credential committee through its chairman, Mrs. Bertha Donnell, reported 271 members of convention.

Mrs. Louise M. Henley recommended that charters be granted to Graybull, Wyoming, Toledo, Ohio; Washington, D. C.; Ann Arbor, Michigan; Morgantown, W. Va.; Becknell, Indiana; Milan, Michigan, and Casper, Wyoming. All these chapters bear testimony to the faithful and painstaking work of the organizer, Mrs. Alice Scott. Many times in convention the delegates from chapters in subordinate territory spoke of the inspiration and assistance Mrs. Scott had been to them during the biennial. The subordinate delegates gave her a handsome pearl necklace as a token of their esteem.

Mrs. Emma McCaw, past president of



Oregon Grand Chapter, presented the charters in a pleasing speech, to which Mrs. Florence Hawley Wright of Toledo, Ohio, responded in a charming manner.

The greatest enthusiasm of the convention was shown when Mrs. Viola R. Whittlesey and Mrs. Bertha Clark Hughes reported for the Educational Fund.

Mrs. Hughes reported \$95,362.13 in the fund. Pledges were made from the floor ranging in amount from \$5 to \$300 and the fund went beyond the high mark and reached the sum of \$100,617.19.

When the cheers had subsided Miss Durward read a letter from Chapter O, St. Louis, Missouri in which they gave \$500 to establish an endowment to the fund. Later in the convention Mrs. Flora A. Teasdale first organizer of Oklahoma State Chapter added \$100 to the endowment fund. An honor roll was displayed showing the states and subordinate chapters which had given one dollar per capita in each of the two years of the biennial. Chapter A New Jersey had given the largest per capita gift during the past year, having given \$12 a member.

The honor roll included the following states: California, Colorado, Kansas, Illinois, Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Oregon, North Dakota, South Dakota, Washington, Wisconsin,

The following subordinates appeared, Arkansas, A; British Columbia, C; Arizona, A; Indiana, D; Michigan, A, B, C, D, E, F; Montana, E; New Mexico, A, D; New York A, C, E; New Jersey, A; Pennsylvania, B; Texas, —; Utah, A; Washington, D. C., Utah, A; Nevada, A; Ohio, B; West Virginia, A; Wyoming, C, D.

The largest individual gift reported to the fund was a bequest in the will of Mrs. Anna Harris of \$1,000. Mrs. Harris was a member of Chapter O, St. Louis.

A gift of \$25 was reported from one not a P. E. O., Mrs. Eleanor McGill of Clinton, Illinois, who is 91 years old. She has aided in many P. E. O. projects because her nieces Mrs. Harriet Amsden and Mrs. J. D. Moore of Decatur are prominent and active P. E. O.s.

At the close of the reports on the Educational Fund a telegram was read from John R. Hughes, who is Mrs. Bertha Clark Hughes' husband, in which he said "Con-

gratulations to P. E. O. Every B. I. L. give two dollars." This was roundly cheered for such a gift would give the fund a big boost.

Letters of greeting were read in the convention from Mrs. Lulu C. Williams, Miss Mary Osmond, Mrs. Mary Berry Price, Miss Edith Prouty, Mrs. Dell P. Glazier, Mrs. Katherine T. Bickford. Mrs. Williams in her letter said that she had been a P. E. O. more than fifty years, having been among the first to be initiated.

Much time was saved at the beginning of every session by omitting the roll call. Every state president was made responsible for her delegation and reported only absentees. Thus the record was kept for every session without loss of time.

The program Wednesday evening was divided into two parts. The first part was given over to a consideration of our ambitions and the second part was the memorial hour.

The state presidents who in a few words told their ambitions for P. E. O. were, Mrs. Lucy Englebeck, Iowa; Mrs. Nora S. Killan, Nebraska; Mrs. Harriet E. Ryner-son, Missouri; Mrs. Florence B. Loomis, Colorado; Mrs. May H. Brokaw, Illinois; Mrs. Helena B. Chambers, Kansas; Mrs. Maud Wagner, California; Mrs. Mary E. Long, Washington; Mrs. Zora Y. Knight, Oklahoma; Mrs. Lena Odell, Oregon; Mrs. Edna K. Collins, Minnesota; Mrs. Anna P. Eaton, North Dakota; Miss Katherine Mann, Idaho; Mrs. Ivah Clayton, South Dakota; Mrs. E. E. Morris, Wisconsin. The states having been heard from as to their ambitions, Mrs. Armstrong of Vancouver, British Columbia, was asked to speak for the provinces and this was her ambition, "I wish that when we of the provinces are fifty years old we may have as many and as fine chapters as you of the states have."

The addresses by Mrs. Inez Hill of Mitchell, South Dakota, on the subject "Our Ambition for Americanization" will be remembered by the delegates when scores of other features are forgotten.

She has a voice of remarkable quality, and had something which she really wished to bring to the convention. Her earnest manner in presenting the practical side of Americanization, with suggestion as to how



to approach solution of the problem in local communities, made her address forceful and one long to be remembered.

Mrs. Hill has personality and every one understood just why she holds the position she does in her own community and her own state.

Mrs. Bessie Phenix of Denver, gave a charming violin number which was followed by the memorial hour.

Mrs. Mary Allen Stafford spoke in memory of the three of the founders who have gone from earth to their reward, Allie Coffin, Ella Stewart and Hattie Briggs. She gave a word picture of the three who were her girlhood friends, by which she brought them very close to us all.

Mrs. Louie Abrams gave a memorial for the 1,678 P. E. O.s who have died since organization in 1869, and in particular for those belonging to subordinate chapters who have died during the biennial, which list was of unusual length. Mrs. Abram's address was given in beautiful language, a fitting memorial.

Mrs. May Hartley De Money gave the memorial poem which appears elsewhere in the Record. Her delivery added much to the beauty and spirit of the lines.

On Thursday evening the principal address "P. E. O. and the Future", was made by Mrs. Ola B. Miller, past president of Iowa Grand Chapter. We hope to give this address with some of the other good things heard at convention, in the future issues of the Record. Mrs. Miller's talk was an earnest one and given in a very pleasing manner. She spoke as did Mrs. Hill without manuscript.

Miss Abbie Burns read the report, written by Miss Martha Winans, of the work done by the committee appointed by Mrs. Helen M. Drake at the Omaha convention, to name a historian.

Mrs. Reeves, who had been appointed by the committee to compile the history, read two or three chapters of the manuscript.

Miss Durward put the question to the convention as to whether or not they wished the manuscript published in book form. The convention so voted and more than 1,300 copies were ordered by members of the convention.

The election of officers was held that

night and it was after one o'clock before the work was finished.

The election resulted in the choice of:

President, Mrs. Helen D. Townsend, Albia, Iowa.

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Organizer, Mrs. Belle M. Musser, Denver, Colorado.

Editor P. E. O. Record, Mrs. Winona E. Reeves, Keokuk, Iowa.

The great task of the convention was the revision of the constitution which occupied nearly all of two and a half days.

The work of revision was done by a committee, Miss Ida B. Johnson, Mrs. Grace R. Parks and Mrs. Floy J. Stevens. Miss Johnson was the chairman of the committee and no committee ever had a more efficient chairman. The constitution as we have had it for years contained all the blanks which properly have no place in a constitution. To Mrs. Grace R. Parks was given the special task of rewriting the blanks where changes were needed and arranging them with the by-laws and other laws known as "Rules of Administration," in a book by themselves. Mrs. Parks with characteristic painstaking care was responsible for that part of the revision.

By a vote of convention it was decided that the new constitution shall go into effect February 1. The revision which will appear in the minutes in the Record for December will give all P. E. O.s two months time in which to familiarize themselves with the changed laws. No one is going to be pleased with all the changes, no one who sat in convention was pleased with all of them, and yet every law enacted was passed by the majority vote in convention. There was a free and full discussion and at no time was there the least suggestion of anything being put over.

Perhaps the most revolutionary law enacted, and certainly the adoption of which was most surprising was, that any P. E. O.



becoming inactive in the future shall surrender her pin. All the talk in the corridor and about the convention hall had seemingly been in opposition and yet when it came to a vote the amendment carried. That the inactive list is growing at an alarming rate was the argument set forth by those who spoke in its favor, and if it tends, as it is hoped it will, to keep the members active the law will serve a useful purpose. The spirit of the discussion was not that it should be a punishment, but a measure to check the number of inactives.

The establishment of a business office for P. E. O. where the supplies shall be kept, and which shall be the headquarters of the Educational Fund and in time of all P. E. O. publications, was another new measure adopted. The Supreme board was given power to establish this office and to appoint an executive secretary who shall have charge of it and to fix her salary. The offices of Treasurer of the Educational fund and Custodian of Supplies were taken from the Supreme board.

The Supreme chapter dues were made one dollar and the initiation fee five dollars.

The charter fee was made fifteen dollars instead of five as heretofore.

The office of Journalist in local chapters was abolished and the duty of reporting events to the Record of general interest to the sisterhood, was given to the corresponding secretary. She is to report the events as they occur and thus the chapter is not to be limited to one letter in the Record annually. News of interest can by this plan be printed while it is news.

Subordinate territory is to be districted and a proxy organizer appointed in each district whose duty it shall be to have supervision of the chapters, all being under the jurisdiction of the organizer of Supreme chapter.

These are some of the outstanding changes which the growth of the sisterhood seemed to the convention, to make necessary.

The actual revision was done in a very expeditious manner. Mrs. Stevens having the biggest voice of any member on the committee read the sections. Mrs. Louie Abrams moved their adoption and Mrs.

Parks seconded. The question was in that way brought to the convention very quickly, giving more time for debate.

There was not much music in convention but what there was, was of high order. Mrs. June Grable Evans of Fort Collins, and Mrs. Phyllis Lee of Denver both sang delightfully. For the first time in history there was no question box in convention. The laws were all in transition, so the question box was omitted by Miss Durward. There was neither formal nor informal reception but instead there was a wonderful trip to the top of Look Out mountain. One hundred automobiles took the delegates and visitors up a wonderful scenic road, thirty-seven miles to the top of the mountain, where a dinner, the most delicious ever eaten, was served. There was fried chicken cooked on an open fire, sandwiches, saratoga potatoes, olives, apples, bananas and coffee served cafeteria style.

The day was a perfect autumn day, clear and warm, and nothing marred the enjoyment of the occasion.

One might have supposed the convention was a continuous Christmas morning, because there were gifts and gifts. At every session the pages bore to the platform mysterious boxes or wonderful bouquets of roses.

Mrs. Stafford and Mrs. Elliott, as well as Mrs. Babb and Mrs. Penfield were given handsome gold feligree brooches and a sterling silver vase all exactly alike, in loving and grateful memory of their founding of the sisterhood, and in celebration of the golden jubilee. The city of Denver was most generous in its gift of flowers, providing every day handsome baskets for the decoration of the platform.

Mrs. Loomis, as Colorado's president, and the other state officers of Colorado gave a box of candy to every member of convention, so you see it was a sure enough Christmas convention.

The spirit throughout the session was delightful, the work was done promptly and all cooperated to accomplish the work necessary to be done.

Miss Durward, as the presiding officer, was always gracious, and her sense of humor saved the day more than once.

She was fair and just in her decisions



and merited the love which the delegates made evident on all occasions.

The members of the Denver Central committee worked for weeks to make the convention a success and their names are written high in the hearts of all who were there.

The committee included, Mrs. Belle M. Musser, Chairman; Mrs. Grace Kirschbaum, president Chapter A; Mrs. Elizabeth Croft, president Chapter E; Mrs. Alpharetta Fisk, president Chapter E—7918-19; Mrs. Anna G. Lee, president Chapter I; Mrs. Jesse W. Esch, president Chapter AG; Mrs. Della P. Wahl, president Chapter AH; Mrs. Maud S. Wright, president Chapter AI; Mrs. Maud Barton, president Chapter AW; Mrs. Florence B. Loomis, president Colorado State Chapter; Mrs. Emily Costigan, Mrs. Minnie Shrope, Miss Rosa Schoder, Past State Presidents.

On the opening day of the convention Mrs. Loomis entertained Mrs. Elliott, Miss Durward and the Supreme board, the Colorado State board, Mrs. Grace R. Parks, Miss Ida Johnson, Mrs. Alice Miller, Mrs. Viola R. Wittlesey, Mrs. Dora B. Bush, and Mrs. Reeves at a very charming luncheon at the Albany hotel. It was a fiftieth birthday party and there was a great cake with ten candles, one for every five years. Unfortunately Mrs. Stafford and one or two other guests did not arrive in time to attend the luncheon.

Many things of interest which we have omitted to tell will be included in the minutes which all P. E. O.s should read.

Kansas City was chosen as the convention city for 1921 with Seattle, Minneapolis and Chicago asking for the 1923 convention. The invitation from Kansas City was presented by Mrs. Miles Babb, the daughter-in-law of Mrs. Alice Bird Babb, and she had a line of booster talk for Kansas City which would do credit to a promoter of Texas oil lands. Hers were all facts, however, and the convention unanimously accepted the invitation.



#### THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AT FORT COLLINS.

Mrs. Helen D. Townsend, Mrs. Louie Abrams, Mrs. Patience L. Beatty, Mrs. Lela R. Weber, Mrs. Vina I. Bowden, Mrs. Alice Scott, Mrs. Bertha Clark Hughes, Mrs.

Nancy Olds all of the Executive board of Supreme Chapter, Mrs. Alice Miller, chairman of the Record trustees, Mrs. Viola R. Whittlesey, chairman of the Educational Fund trustees, Miss Ida B. Johnson, chairman of the Revision committee, Mrs. Grace R. Parks of the Revision committee and the Editor of the Record were guests of Miss Durward and of the Fort Collins P. E. O.s from Saturday to Tuesday morning preceding convention.

One day was taken up with meetings of the executive board and in discussing all departments of P. E. O. work.

One day there was a trip thirty-five miles up the Poudre Canyon, on a picturesque mountain road, with a delicious dinner at the last turn of the road. A number of B. I. L.s were in the party and they cooked the dinner and did most of the serving. The trip was a delight from start to finish, not only because of the beauty of the mountain scenery but because of the friendly good fellowship of the hosts and hostesses. Those from Fort Collins in the party were: Mr. and Mrs. Jesse E. Wilson and children, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McCreary, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Resek, Prof. and Mrs. W. J. Morrill, Miss Minnie Morrell, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Culver, Mrs. Frank E. Miller, Mrs. Carrie McCormick, Mrs. E. B. House, Mrs. C. G. Sargent and son Cecil, Mrs. C. W. Bandy of Rock Island, Illinois, and Harold Lewis.

On Monday all of the guests were entertained at a one o'clock luncheon in the college dining hall. The tables were beautifully decorated in yellow and white flowers and the yellow and white colors appeared in the luncheon menu. Mrs. Gordon M. Fothergill, president of Chapter G, Mrs. C. A. Lawry, the wife of the president of the college, and Miss Virginia Corbet, dean of women, and a past president of Colorado, presided at the tables.

Monday evening there was a supper party for the visiting P. E. O.s at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Evans. The members of both the Fort Collins chapters were present. The evening's entertainment was very charming in all of its appointments. Following the supper there was an informal program, a piano number by Mrs. E. F. Resek, a poem of greeting by Miss Marie Harris, piano monologues by Miss Dorothy Finger and a group of songs



by Mrs. June Grable Evans. All the visiting P. E. O.s were called upon for speeches and Miss Durward closed the program with a fore cast of the convention.

On Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. M. Carl Smith and Miss Virginia Corbett entertained a small company at a beautifully appointed dinner.

Miss Durward's home on South College Avenue was headquarters and her new car was the official bus. Every minute of the visit was enjoyed by all the fortunate P. E. O.s who had belonged to Miss Durward's official family during the biennial.

As a memento of the visit the guests gave Miss Durward for her new car a completely equipped lunch kit.



### CONSIDER THE LILLIES.

By Alice Bird Babb.

As it now seems impossible for me to attend the Supreme convention of P. E. O. I will send to the dear friends through the voice of another, my anniversary message. When Miss Durward first wrote asking me to appear on the program I decided that I should not reminisce. Our summers in the middle west had been so unusually beautiful, that I turned to nature and decided to take for my subject Consider the Lilies, and thus go back not fifty years, but to the time when we seven girls were in the select or private school, before the public schools came into being. Our teachers then gave us such subjects for essays as, "Spring", "Autumn," "Beauties of Nature," so I thought "Consider the Lilies" would be the thing; but in Miss Durward's answer I read between the lines, that she would prefer me at this anniversary meeting to "Consider P. E. O."—and her desire is law.

The reason why I did not care to reminisce is because I have posed as an old settler all my life. I remember Mr. John Palmer's stopping me on the street in Mt. Pleasant forty years ago, and saying to me "Mrs. Babb, you must speak for us on Old Settler's day." I told him that only old settlers should speak on that day. "How long" said he, "have you lived in Henry County?" I told him that I had lived in this world, which amounted to the same thing as living in Iowa, in Henry County, in Mt. Pleasant for thirty years. "Then" said he,

"you are an old settler. It takes just thirty years to make an old settler in Henry County."

Then I asked my mother about the old time bed quilts, the Irish chain, Star of Bethlehem, hit and miss, but when it came to the spinning wheel she said "Oh, Alice, you're older than I am; I never owned a spinning wheel in my life."

And then the commander of McFarland Post, G. A. R., in Mt. Pleasant a little later asked me to tell the school children on Decoration Day, some of my childhood recollections of the Civil War. I told them of the Sanitary commission, which they say today was not sanitary at all, of scraping lint and tearing bandages, not from disinfected cheese cloth, but from well worn muslin. I told them of sitting on the gate post watching for the weekly parade of the fourth Iowa cavalry, which for a few months was camped at Camp Harlan. Then of the incessant music of the fife and drum in the park and how we little girls watched the great spiders of the recruiting officers with their huge epaulets from which dangled gold ropes, enticing what we called "the boys" into their net.

War played the same tricks then as now, it makes a boy a man in a day—in an hour.

Your boy one day comes into your kitchen carrying in mud, and you wish he'd get off to school. He throws corn on the neighbor's windows on hallowe'en—the next day the man is born, of sterner stuff and finer metal, but alas the boy—the dear, dear boy.

All this gave me practice work for the fifty year P. E. O. stunts, and I have been so fortunate as to attend nearly all of them.

I began celebrating our 50th year, two years ago this October, when the bronze P. E. O. tablet was set up in the Iowa Wesleyan College at Mt. Pleasant. Mary and I were there and it was a notable occasion, for tablets are not set up until a society accomplishes something and monuments are not erected the day after a battle.

No, tablets are not placed the day after a society is formed, but after a lapse of years—years that temper the feeling and give a just estimate of what has been



done. A notable example of this is the monument set up recently at Saratoga, to commemorate the Revolutionary battle. There are four spaces on that monument for the names of the four great generals who won the battle; three are filled, the fourth will always remain vacant, Benedict Arnold did not make good, he is not remembered.

On that October day in Mt. Pleasant, the notables of Iowa sat on the platform, Miss Bliss was there who originated the thought and Mrs. Jordan who planned its execution. In the audience were P. E. O.s and life long neighbors and friends. The ground seemed consecrated, and the air was filled with harp like echoes from '69. When I returned home I wrote my "Harvest of the Quiet Eye," which I took to the Illinois convention at Chicago when Mrs. Louella Stafford was president and again at the Iowa convention when Mrs. Henely was president.

Now I thought, I've said it all, but as winter approached and the 21st of January, 1919 came around, ushering in the day of our fiftieth anniversary, I received an invitation from Chapter AD Illinois, of which Mrs. Lindsey was president to be present at a luncheon to be given to the twelve Chicago Chapters at the La Salle. On the following day an invitation came from Chapter Original A to be there and I was sorry that one body could not occupy two places at the same time. I went into Chicago and it was a most impressive occasion. My subject was "The Attic and the Living Room—and the stairs between the two became worn and dusty so often did we go up and down. At the close of the meeting the Chapter presented me with a basket of yellow and white blossoms, I took them home and when they were faded I hung the lovely wicker basket in my vestibule and I never pass it today but "the scent of the roses cling to it still."

During the winter I wrote over two hundred letters to chapters celebrating our fiftieth year. And then came the party magnificent. The B. I. L.s of Chicago decided to celebrate and you know when men do attempt to do anything they go over the top every time. Mr. Parks was toast master and that assured the literary success of the evening. Mr. DeMoney was

general manager, and these two men were like Don Quixote and Sancho Panza in Cervante's great novel you could not tell "which was tother." I think Mr. De Money asked me three or four times if my room was comfortable until I began to think maybe it was not comfortable.

This party went out in a blaze of glory, and it seemed a most fitting close to the fifty year celebration. As the spring advanced, came the annual conventions and "the lure of the wild" called me to Wisconsin. It seemed fitting since Wisconsin was the youngest P. E. O. daughter that one of the mothers should be there, especially since my daughter, Mrs. Vida Kimble Babb gave the welcome. I took for my subject "Iowa and Wisconsin"—Iowa the Mother, Wisconsin the youngest daughter.

Mr. Parks was there and had a beautiful toast, he also said he had his opinion of a woman who had lived for fifty-seven years in Iowa, when for some good reason had moved to another state, and where did she go, not to Wisconsin but to Illinois and yet she had not a word to say for Illinois. Mr. Williams, one of our best B. I. L.s, was absent from these two meetings and we were all so sorry for the cause of his absence.

Then in June occurred the fiftieth anniversary of our graduating class at Iowa Wesleyan College, not exactly a P. E. O. affair, but I was pleased when Dr. George S. Gassner of the class, who gave the commencement address said to me "Allie, in your alumni speech tonight tell about those bright colored dresses you girls wore at the Ruthean Exhibition." So I could again refer to the rose tarleton and I was glad to remember, that I had tied my little speech written on only one side of the paper with a rose colored ribbon to match the dress. Five of the P. E. O. founders were in his class of 1869.

Recollections crowd, but I will only mention two values the fifty years have brought. One is the value of memory. Cicero in his "De Senectute" gives four reasons why old age is a delightful period, and says it is because of the brightness of memory. In childhood time passes so swiftly, there is no time to recollect. When we are in school and in college we



become filled with thoughts of what we are going to do, we take no time to remember. When we leave school we are in the noon time of life, in the heat and in the hurry, we are on our job. But Mother Nature so kind and wise, has stored up a beautiful box for every one of us, and when as Longfellow says "The day is done." "When Evening Shadows Gather," an effulgent radiance is cast up in the west which our enemies, the Germans, are pleased to call "The After Glow," this light is so radiant that all the nooks and crannies of past experiences are exposed and precious and priceless treasures are revealed.

The other value I recommend to younger P. E. O.s is the value of outlook or vision; The Bible says that "Faith without works is dead," and I say that works without faith is dead.

I was talking the other day to a soldier who had camped at Don Ramey where Joan of Arc was born, he had often been at Rheims where she crowned Charles XII, the dauphin, king of France, and he was at Rouan, where she was burned because she saw visions. And I declare to you I'd rather be burned at twenty-one as Joan was, because I saw visions, than to live to be fifty and declare there were no visions.

Booth Tarkington in his "Magnificent Ambursons" asks what writes the lines on a man's face? "Age writes some, work writes, some and worry writes some, but the deepest are carved by the lack of faith." Faith, vision, sentiment, are the windows of life through which we see the truth. Vision is like a lighted candle set in the window of a lonely farm house on a bleak cold night, it lights up the bleak interior, it suggests comfort and companionship.

If there be any virtue in the founding of P. E. O. it is not on account of the founders, for we were all ordinary girls, but on account of the time of founding. It was the age of vision, reconstruction not only along national lines, but reconstruction of thought, mind, soul. Woman's Clubs were demanded, they came just at the right time. It was strange soil for them to grow in, our lines were rigid, our paths were straight. Economy was the order of the day, but like Alpine flowers blooming in the snow, they bloom all the more luxuriantly because of the rigidity of the atmos-

phere. P. E. O. thrived, we were not bound by criticism or cynicism. We sang, oh how we sang; every one who had a tongue and a mouth who could keep time, could sing, and there was no talk about trained voices.

Alice Coffin and I would serenade Franc Rhodes and Mary Allen and they'd waken to the strains of "Dream Sweetly, Love" and turn over and go to sleep to the echoes of "In The Starlight." And Sue Pearson and I spoke pieces, I know Franc Rhodes is laughing now, "The Rum Maniac", "Curfew Shall Not Ring Tonight" and we spoke together "Beautiful Snow" while someone threw from above pieces of cotton to accentuate it. And she'll remember how we spoke together Benjamin Taylor's "River of Time;" if we were there we'd speak it. But how little we both thought when we spoke it that in fifty years we'd know all about that "River of Time," its curves, its outlets, its inlets and how it would continue to roll, till it joined that ocean "which rolls round the world and carries us all on its bosom."

May God grant us all a pleasant voyage and safe haven.



#### YEAR BOOK SUGGESTIONS.

Chapter A, Denver, Colorado, has for a subject Problems of Today. For every meeting there is a leader to present the topic, and also a discussion leader. In this way everyone has an opportunity to discuss the problems. The topics include world problems, national problems, educational problems, religious problems, P. E. O. problems, civic problems, home problems and personal problems. The program, you see, runs the whole range from world problems to your own personal difficulties. In addition the program includes Mother's Day, a Christmas party, a B. I. L. party, a sewing meeting for charity, and a New Year's reception for all Denver chapters.

Chapter B, Toledo Ohio, has an attractive year book tied with a yellow ribbon in real P. E. O. fashion. For roll call they give current events. At their meetings they will discuss vacation notes, editorials, child welfare, missions and modern American poets.

They take one day each for the Supreme convention report, Educational day, study



of the P. E. O. constitution, Supreme and local by-laws. They will observe founder's day, entertain the B. I. L.s on one evening and observe Mother's Day in May. They observe their own chapter anniversary and close the year with a membership picnic.

Chapter E, Oklahoma City, has a year's study on reconstruction with the following subjects; The Immigrant and Reconstruction; Russia; Christian Education to Save Democracy; When All the World is Kin; The Year of Great Peace; Red Cross Work after the War; The Effect of War on Art and Drama; The Second Emancipation; Woman After the War; Woman's New Political Liberties; The Illiteracy Problem; House-keeping as a Business and Invention of the War.

Chapter F, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has an interesting program on France its art and same history. They have printed on their year book a stanza from Van Dyke's toast to France. The topics include; Courts, theatres, cathedrals, literary salons, general literature, chivalry, troubadours, old art, modern art, academies, and Eighteenth Century philosophy.

Chapter I, of St. Paul, Minnesota, has a year's program on questions of interest to women, with these topics: Minnesota Laws Affecting Women; Women in Industry; Child Labor Laws; Books Worth While; Art in the Home. They have several meetings given to a study of parliamentary law and the P. E. O. constitution.



### THE LITTLE BOY AND HIS DREAM

The little boy smiled in his sleep that night  
As he wandered to Twilight town,  
And his face lit up with a heavenly light  
Through the shadows that drifted down.  
But he woke next morning with tear dimmed eyes,  
In the light of the gray dawn's gleam,  
And out of the stillness we heard him cry,  
"I've lost my dream—my dream."

And he told us then in his childish way  
Of the wonderful dream he'd known.  
He had wandered away from the land of play  
To the distant land of the Grown,  
He had won his share of the fame and the fight,

In the struggle and trial of men.  
And he sobbed and sighed in the breaking light,  
"I want my dream again."

As the years passed by the little boy grew  
Till he came to the land of the Grown,  
And the dream of his early youth came true,  
The dream that he thought had flown.  
Yet once again he smiled in his sleep  
Smiled on till the gray dawn's gleam,  
When those near might have heard him weep,  
"I want my dream—my dream."

For he dreamed of the yesterdays of youth  
And the smile on a mother's face,  
A heart of old time faith and truth,  
In the light of an old home place;  
He had won his share of the fame and fight  
In the strength and toil of men.  
Yet he sobbed and sighed in the breaking light,  
"I want my dream again."

—Grantland Rice.



### FAIR DENVER.

Fair city of Sunshine, of Hope and of Light,  
and Plain

A world of wild beauty thy reign  
Thy snow crested mountains in majesty stand

Looking far o'er the prairie's wide main.  
Thy visitas so fair thy life giving air  
Call to me again and again.

From welcoming arch to proud temple of State,  
Are charms that no other can claim.

Fair city of Sunshine of Hope and of Light.  
Beloved by Sun and by Star:

From the low winding rivers to the homes on the Height,

The beauties no envy can mar;  
Thy clear skies so blue, thy great heart so true,

And the gates that are ever ajar  
Bring welcome to stranger and joy to thine own  
And praises to thee from afar.

When far from my home on land or on sea  
Thy beauties in visions I see



The lure of the mountains and wide sweeping plains  
 Comes ever and ever to me  
 E'en thy marts and thy mills and rugged brown hills  
 That stretch far away to the lea  
 Make me yearn for the highlands and bright cloudless skies  
 Wherever my pathway may be.

And yet in the future that lies still beyond  
 A fairer than thou shalt arise  
 When the years shall bring justice and wisdom alike  
 And a pureness akin to thy skies  
 When thy great soul that lies now dormant shall rise  
 When in fullness thine own shall apprise  
 Then a splendor shall crown thee and beauty adorn  
 That all of thy present outvies.  
 —Written by Frank C. Spencer, B. I. L.  
 of Chapter V Colorado.



#### NOTICES.

##### A. B. I. L. Initiation.

Chapter AA of Edgar, Nebraska, has a B. I. L. initiation for sale for fifty cents a copy. Please address Mrs. Ethel Stout, corresponding secretary.



##### P. E. O. Luncheon Discontinued.

The P. E. Os. of St. Joseph, Missouri, announced that the P. E. O. luncheons in the Leader Tea Room have been discontinued until further notice.



#### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.

At the recent convention in Denver it was ordered that a central office for P. E. O. be established, and an Executive Secretary be employed to have charge of the same, working under the direction of the Executive Board, and the Boards of Trustees of the Record, The Educational Fund and of Publications. Such office will probably be located in one of the larger cities of the middle west.

The secretary must be a P. E. O. of wide and sound judgment, and trained business and financial ability. She must be able to organize the work for the future as well as for the present. She must be willing to make her home where the office is located, should be willing to devote her whole time

to the office and should take up the work with the intention of keeping it permanently if the arrangement proves a satisfactory to her and to the Board.

Applications with full statement of qualifications and previous experiences will be considered by the Executive Board.

Please address the President.

Helen D. Townsend, Albia, Iowa.



#### AMERICANIZATION.

##### Mrs. J. B. Eaton in the North Dakota Convention.

We all realize, I think, that we are living in days of great historic importance, a new nationalism is here, that carries with it a new idealism; a new and profound obligation accomplishes it and through Americanization we are marching on to meet it.

Through Americanization we are realizing what a failure we have made out of foreign problems. Americanizing is not to be determined by the blood in our veins, or the place where we were born, for Americanizing is the spirit, the heart, the soul that we have.

As a result of Americanization classes for trained workers have been formed in Harvard, Yale, the University of Minnesota, and other institutions of learning. Here the workers are trained not only in the subjects to be taught but in the language, history and social peculiarities of the peoples with whom they are to work.

The problem of the Scandinavian with his rugged individualism and whose natural trend is toward democracy and rural activities is very different from the Italian who is not an individualist and who sees life more as one hidden in a human swarm and seeking companionship in the congestion of cities.

Many of our large plants and factories are now engaging the services of these well trained and equipped Americanization workers.

Then in these factories no longer will be seen the ignorant immigrant a menace to himself his fellow worker and the plant in which he works, unable to read directions and warnings and getting his knowledge of American life and customs through foreign print.

Walkouts and strikes will become a thing



of the past, for with his training received by and in the plant for which he works, he should have ideals of sane and democratic adjustments from men having a high realization of American ideals rather than upsetting ideas from disturbing agitators.

He will naturally develop a love and loyalty for America, be willing to earn the citizenship burdens of the nation and as a natural accompaniment of this a desire to combat and strike out anything that would in any way be disloyal to the country of his adoption.

As a result of Americanization no longer will we regard our immigrants as heavers of wood and drawers of water, constituting as some one has said "a sort of Helot class" for whose spiritual economic salvation we were in no way responsible.

Through these trained workers he will be taught and encouraged to put into America all the talent and ideas of good that he brings with him and to develop them in harmony with the best ideals of America.

As a result of Americanization no longer will be seen in our large cities the crowded tenement sections, the Little Italy and Ghetto districts on the immigrant section across the railroad track with their inferior housing and sanitary conditions with never a tree or spear of grass.

But when to all men will be granted a fair share of the returns of their labor with sufficient leisure to use these returns. There will be established just relationships and equitable dealings with all men of all races including respect and consideration. When the sum total of American ideals will be expressed in his home, in the shop, in the neighborhood, in the legislation and in the courts.

Finally as a result of Americanization the immigrant will have a realization of what America really means, of her ideals, of her founders, of her traditions, her standards and institutions. He will suffer with Washington at Valley Forge, breathe the fire of Anthony Wayne admire the statesmanship of Jefferson and absorb the spirit of Lincoln.

He will be able to read assimilate something of our ideals of history and government and the citizenship road will be made so easy and agreeable that he will desire to make the journey. When out of his com-

posite land, this nation gathered from every people under heaven rays, tatters dirt and all, will be cooled and established the most gifted and mightiest people in the world.

"Thank God I, too am an American" exclaimed Daniel Webster in his Bunker Hill monument speech. Thus in one sentence did Americas most brilliant orator epitomize all the love, loyalty and devotion a native born son could have for his country; its government, its history, its traditions and institution. This sentiment is or should be in the heart and soul of every native born and with the foreign born through Americanization it will be so inculcated that he, too, can exclaim "Thank God I—I too am an American."



#### HELPFUL HINTS BY PAST PRESIDENTS

Louise K. Schmidt, in Oklahoma  
Convention.

Since the hour that our khaki clad boys started on their crusade which led them over hills, across seas, into foreign places, there has come into the lives of all the people of the earth great changes. It was a mighty cause that brought together on the battlefields of two small countries, the Australian, the Englishman, the Canadian, the American, the Senegalese of India as well as the negro of Georgia. History bears no record as the one through which we've just passed. Never before have the fangs of a war's bitterness and pain reached out and touched the hearts of the womanhood of as many nationalities as has been done in this one. Out of a cause of so great a magnitude, some good is sure to come, otherwise the blood which red the rivers and fields of once prosperous lands has been shed in vain.

Over us all is come a change. Our plans our desires, our very thoughts are in a state of permutation. Things are tolerated or aspired to a few short years ago make no appeal to us in this hour of the present. Like the irresistible force that brings to life in the early spring the leaf that has been latent on tree, so there is in us a compelling power at work which ultimately will bring about great results. In our wildest dreams of imagination we never looked forward to a new order of things as



regarding humanity. No university curriculum had such a cause included, no pulpit nor press spreads forth such a propaganda—yet the readjustment of things is not so far away, perhaps, as we think. History records that great movements can not be suppressed. In their own time and in their own way they work themselves out. However often times during the process of transition many painful conditions occur.

Figuratively speaking we have touched shoulders and clasped hands with our brothers across the ocean and though their color is not our color and their tongue is not the tongue we speak, still they have come nearer to us and therefore dearer. We realize now that the individual calls of man have become submerged in the cause of all mankind. We have learned as never before that money and idleness together, make a soil out of which vice will sprout quickly. We appreciate the full meaning of efficiency. We recognize as leaders those whose charity of thought is most keen. We realize that in our mad rush for wealth, pleasure and leisure we have wandered too far from the hearth of religion and the need as a nation to get closer to the Father above. We now value the colorature of thrift. We stand appalled at the lack of education among our own people which the war has disclosed, though we had long been familiar with the illiteracy of the Russians. We plainly see that had they been an educated people we would never have had to view with dismay their debacle of a year ago. We would not be seeing in terror the inroad and increase of Bolshevism. We appreciate that "Bolshevism is the gospel of despair. It is the philosophy of the man who sees no future; no chance to rise in the conditions under which he lives." We now have a clear perception more accurate than ever before that "Literacy is only a means to the end. And that end is a knowledge of life as lived." We have opened our eyes to a vision that is to become real.

In this hour when East is West and West is East we are agreed that no more diplomatic differences shall be settled on the battle field; that every man is entitled to a home; to a chance at the better things of life; to opportunities for his children.

We now know we need each other. Not

one man for himself alone; not one nation for itself, but all together: co-operation in thought, in hopes, in plans to bring about the better world that is to be the heritage of the future given by the crusaders of the World War.

Perhaps into many chapters, as well as other things discord has crept and imitations are paramount. It is the inevitable reaction of the strain of the past months. The keen anxieties of the war, the Red Cross labors and other duties indigenous to the winning of the fight, the license of free criticism which always stalks at the side of great problems and well known personages during perilous times, have stopped to a great degree since the signing of the armistices. The unexpected suddenness in change of plans and work has left a vacancy which naturally gives an opportunity for discussion.

So the helpful thought I would pass on goes back to the tenets of our sisterhood. Make them exist in your every day life. In these hours of reconstruction we must keep our vision clear and the check reins upon ourselves very taut. Little things to be sure, but each doing his own little bit in his own little way, in his own little circle helps to keep farther away the cataclysm which must be downed; helps to bring nearer the New Order of Things;—the order of things that makes us see and know that every great act effects all humanity alike and that we are all members of the circle.—The Brotherhood of Man.



#### LIFE'S GARDEN

(Read at Supreme Convention Denver)

Into life's beautiful garden

God's messenger comes each year

To gather the sweetest blossoms

And wipe away all tears.

Each year God sows more Love and Faith

Purity and Truth sublime

Then gathers to Himself the flowers

In His Golden harvest time.

Our Sisterhood of fifty years

Has trusted in His care.

And trod the paths of righteousness,

Each star its light to share

Throughout these years of faithfulness

Love, Truth and Purity.



Many of our dear loved ones  
Have crossed the silent sea.

Oh Gracious God to Thee we pray  
To take into Thy keeping  
Each golden Star, each precious flower  
When the harvest Thou art reaping  
Oh blessed Lord to Thee we come  
In this sacred silent hour  
To hold a sweet communion  
With each departed flower.

We come to Thee, oh blessed Lord  
With our cherished memories  
Of all our loved ones gone before  
To live again in Thee  
We pray Thee make our lives sublime  
And weave from day to day  
The Golden gleams of our radiant Star  
To Thee oh God we pray.

Dear Heavenly Father guide us  
We pray Thy light to shine  
On the pathway we are treading  
We pray for love divine.  
Oh Star of Faith and Purity  
Of Justice, Truth and Love  
We will follow where Thou leadest  
To the glorious realms above.

Dear Sisters round the Heavenly throne  
In your happiness complete  
As the endless chain of purest flowers  
Our precious Marguerite.

Some time, some day, we too shall under-  
stand,

Some time, some day He will lead us by  
the hand.

Some time, some day into the Promised  
Land.

Some time, some day.

MAY HARTLEY DE MONEY.



### THANKSGIVING HYMN

By Effie Hoffman Rogers.

Our Father's God from out whose hand  
Life's good things flow like grains of  
sand,

We praise and thank Thee that the year  
Has brought us much of peace and cheer.

Gratefully now our hearts we raise  
To God, our Father, full of praise,

For joy, content and love that crowned  
All our lives the whole year round.

Shed love and mercy everywhere.

Thine ear attuned to hear us plead,  
Give strength sufficient to our need.

The above Thanksgiving hymn was written by Mrs. Rogers shortly before her death at the request of Mrs. Florence M. Collins of Havana, Illinois, former president of chapter G. The poem appears in a book "Ice Cream Alley" written by Henry Albert Collins, which was published recently. The story has to do with old and new church methods, the hero is a minister who builds up a church which had lost its usefulness.



## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

IN THE AFTER, DINNER speeches made at Fort Collins, when the officers of Supreme chapter were entertained there, Mrs. Helen D. Townsend in her speech spoke of the trip we had the day before up the mountain and said that life was like a mountain road, often times as we look ahead there seems only a chasm before us, but we go on and the way always opens, and

so we journey on hoping that "the road's last turn will be the best."

That sentence "that the road's last turn will be the best" haunted us like a half forgotten strain of music, until we found it in Van Dyke's poem, "An Entreaty."

These are the lines:

"Let me but live my life from year to year  
With forward face and unreluctant soul,



Not hastening to nor turning from the goal;  
Not mourning for the things that disappear

In the dim past, nor held back in fear  
For what the future veils, but with a whole

And happy heart that pays its toll  
To youth and age and travels on with cheer.

So let the way wind up the hill and down,  
Though rough or smooth, the journey will be joy:

Still seeking what I sought when but a boy,  
New friendship, high adventure and a crown.

I shall grow old but never lose life's zest  
Because the road's last turn will be the best.



THE INDICTMENT has been made against women and some times it seems to have been justly made, that they like to talk about their physical ills. Did you ever meet a woman and say "Good Morning; how are you today?" The latter remark often for the sake of conversation as one might speak of the weather. For reply to your cheerful greeting you get a catalogue of ills and symptoms.

Ruskin spoke well when he said, "There is one topic peremptorily forbidden to all well bred, to all rational mortals, namey, their distempers. If you have not slept or you have slept, or if you have headache or sciatica, or leprosy or thunder stroke I beseech you by all the angels to hold your peace, and not pollute the morning by corruption and groans."



SOME LITTLE TIME ago we heard Havrah Hubbard give an introductory speech to the opera Tannhauser, which gave so much comfort to the average person, that is to the person who has not a technical knowledge of music and of some of the other arts. He made it very clear that after all there isn't very much to the high brow pose regarding art. He said among other things, "Art is only the work of ordinary men and women who have had some unusual experience, and who have tried to preserve that experience, who have tried to make it permanent. If this moment of ecstasy or sorrow or joy came to a musician, he expressed it in music; if an artist he painted;

a sculptor would seek to express it in the plastic art and a writer would express it in words. To enjoy music or any form of art you need not know all about it; I don't have to know how to make a mince pie to enjoy a piece of it. To enjoy any form of art it takes only a responsive heart, a receptive soul."



THE P. E. O.s who were at the Denver convention were taken on a trip to the top of Look Out Mountain. On a high point of that mountain is the grave of Buffalo Bill, over which is a monument made of stones picked up on the mountain. There is on it a bronze tablet bearing this inscription.

"Colonel William F. Cody, Buffalo Bill, noted scout and Indian fighter, born February 26, 1845, in Scott County, Iowa, died January 10, 1917, Denver Colorado. At rest here by his request."

His wish to be buried in a show place, a place frequented by many people was altogether characteristic of the man, he was true to type even in his death. He had the histrionic art. There were many characters on the frontier who had more romantic lives. men who were more formidable huntsmen, many who did more in the winning of the west. But Buffalo Bill was an artist, maybe it was a rude art, but he visualized the wide plains, the buffalo, the Indians, the stage coach and the men of the wild west. He made visible to his generation romance and chivalry and bravery when perhaps in reality they did not exist, but the illusion of Buffalo Bill will remain when the cold facts of the history of his time are forgotten.



EVEN AT THE RISK of being called, as Lillian Bell says, "kitchen-minded," we are giving a particularly good recipe for sweet-pepper relish, from Mrs. Helen Haynes McCrary of Ft. Collins: Run through the coarse blades of a food chopper 12 sweet red peppers, 12 sweet green peppers and 3 large white onions. Cover with boiling water for 10 minutes, then drain. Cover again with hot water and let it come to a boil and stand ten minutes, and drain. Add 2 tablespoons salt, 2 cups sugar, 1 quart weak vinegar. Cook 15 minutes and seal.



## CHAPTER LETTERS

Tama, Iowa, March, 1919.

Chapter EW sends greetings to all P. E. O.s with this, its first letter to the Record.

In the few short years of our existence, we have gained a few members, and lost a few.

The first to leave us was Mrs. Cora Huber who is in Honolulu. Then one dear sister, Mrs. Hulda Glenn, passed to the great beyond.

Mrs. Luella Potter was granted her dimit to unite with Chapter Z of Waterloo. Mrs. Antoinette Newcomer moved to Cedar Rapids. Mrs. Huber and Mrs. Newcomer still retain their membership in Chapter EW. Our programs have been miscellaneous. Founders day we had an interesting paper on the origin of P. E. O. Educational day in response to roll call each member gave one dollar and told how she earned it and these dollars (\$18.) were given to the Educational Fund. We sent one delegate to the convention at Centerville. In May the chapter entertained its B. I. L's. at a 6 o'clock dinner at the home of Mrs. Tanner. In June at Mrs. Wood's home we gave a shower for our only bride, Mrs. Gail Randolph Carris.

In October EW met with Mrs. Ella Penrose, where we had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Carrie Buechle organizer, who inspected our chapter and in a very charming manner told us of our mistakes which I am pleased to say were not numerous. We derived much pleasure and profit from this visit. Instead of our annual Christmas exchange, we collected money from each member, and with the money thus obtained bought gifts for the soldiers at Camp Dodge. We also sent \$5. to the Community Service bureau at Des Moines. In acknowledgement for this Mrs. Irish informed EW it was the first P. E. O. Chapter to respond to this call.

Chapter EW has done its bit in Red Cross work both in the work rooms and at home.

And thus ends our P. E. O. work for the

year under the efficient leadership of our President Mrs. Ida Fife.

Mrs. Susan Tanner, Journalist.



Portland, Oregon.

March 1919.

Chapter C, of Portland, Oregon, extend greetings to all P. E. O sisters.

We have just closed our eleventh year of existence and elected our new officers for the coming year.

The election resulted as follows: Mrs. Ella S. Herman, President; Miss Katherine Davis, Vice-President; Mrs. Hattie Jenkins, Rec. Secretary; Mrs. Jessie Paterson, Cor. Secretary; Mrs. Margaret S. Osborn, Treasurer; Mrs. Mary E. Steinmetz, Chaplain; Mrs. Gertrude Kellogg, Guard; Mrs. Bertha L. Gray, Journalist.

This has been an unusual year in our chapter. Our program committee made out a splendid program, a part of which had to be omitted on account of pressing war work, and the terrible epidemic of Spanish Influenza.

The chapter with all the other P. E. O. chapters of the city have been busy for almost a year making vests from old kid gloves, for the aviators and soldiers in the navy; 275 were made and distributed. Besides this our sisters were busy working in the different Red Cross auxiliaries throughout the city. It has been a very busy year for every one.

When shut in during the closing of all public meetings during the epidemic of Spanish Influenza a great many were knitting and doing some kind of war work.

The chapter was saddened by the death of our dear sister, Miss Nellie Spurck, who passed on in January, from heart failure. It has been only two years since we laid to rest her dear mother, who was also a member of our chapter.

We were very thankful no gold stars ap-



peared on our service flag although several husbands and sons of our sisters were in the service.

We had two weddings during the year, when our Lelah Herman became Mrs. French and Mrs. Jessie Taylor became Mrs. Paterson.

We had few parties on account all were so busy in the Red Cross and war service work. One delightful occasion was a "Twelfth Night" party with our Mrs. Edna May Bush. On account of the Influenza epidemic at the time all members were not able to attend to their great sorrow.

Chapter C was hostess for the soldier boys one evening at the Y. M. C. A. A musical program was given and refreshments served.

To show their patriotism the chapter bought three \$50.00 Liberty Bonds.

The new year has started out with prospects of a very pleasant and profitable year.

The first meeting was a reception given to all P. E. O.s of the city, by the program committee, composed of Mrs. Alice Burnham, Miss Carrie Odell and Mrs. Margaret S. Osborne, at the charming home of Miss Odell. The weather man was kind and the beautiful day brought out seventy-five P. E. O. sisters.

Chapter C sends best wishes for a prosperous year to all P. E. O.s.

Mrs. Margaret S. Horner-Osborn,  
Journalist.



De Queen, Arkansas.  
April 1st, 1919.

Arkansans are so youthful in P. E. O. work that it is with much diffidence that Chapter B lisps its labor song and prattles of its playtime.

Chapter B grows slowly but we hope, wisely. The sweetest comradeship and friendliness exist among its members and during four years of organization harmony and congeniality have been the keynote of every concerted effort.

During 1918 the Chapter contributed one dollar per capita to the Educational Fund, supported two French orphans and bought one Liberty Bond.

The individual members of the club have purchased nearly \$5,000.00 in Liberty Bonds and War Saving Stamps; have given \$1.00 to the United War Activities and have sent

one husband, one son and four brothers to fight in Flander's Fields. Numberless hours have been spent in Red Cross work, one member being Secretary of the Home Service Section, has written letters and made visits continuously.

A study of "The Literary Digest" with a competent leader for each meeting has given us an insight into the world's current events as well as those of art and literature.

The feature of the chapter which gives such a touch of contagious comradeship is the college girl lunches. Simple things are prepared by each member and with the aid of a grill a feast results, lacking accessories as in college days. A few formal luncheons have been enjoyed but in all of them the Liberty menus have been observed.

The stars worn by Chapter B, Arkansas, are significant of service not only to every P. E. O. undertaking but to humanity.

Ollie Collins, Journalist.



Olympia, Washington.  
March 31, 1919.

Chapter "Y" extends cordial greetings to all P. E. O. members.

In retrospect, we are conscious of the tension and anxiety of the last year from a patriotic understanding of the horrors and obligations of the great war. In addition to the spirit of each being his "brother's keeper" throughout the whole of mankind, like others, we have been brought in in very close relation to the conflict through our husbands and sons who entered the service. All have returned except one, who, is still in service in Russia. Only one was badly wounded in battle. All of us have heartily given of our time and money to the war activities; sewing for the Belgian children, knitting for the sailors and helping in Red Cross and Liberty Bond campaigns.

In prospect, still determined and united, we are ready to assist in future work, in the processes of healing and restoration which follow the cessation of hostilities.

Socially, our bi-monthly meetings have been well attended and enjoyed with diversified programs arranged by a standing committee. During the state legislative session just closed our chapter was enlivened by a number of P. E. O.s—wives of members or employees of the legislature. Prior to their



leaving the capital we gave a luncheon at the beautiful home of Mrs. Dana Egbert in compliment to all visitors, who, in turn, added zest to the occasion by the wit and spirit of their conversation( and informal talks in response to calls by the president.

Speaking of our president—Mrs. Frances H. Walthew—we must tell you that in spite of active opposition she was overwhelmingly elected, the first of this month, a school director of this city; and upon organization a few days thereafter she was chosen chairman of the board of directors. The demand for her candidacy and the support she received were general, because of her well-known fitness for the office and her interest in the educational and moral welfare of the community.

Our membership, limited by the by-laws, is nearly complete. We have initiated several excellent members the last year to take the place of others who have gone to other chapters. We have an interest in the educational fund and its work, and have contributed to it one dollar each.

One of the most enjoyable features of our work during the year was a visit and address by Mrs. Florence Griffin, President of the Washington Grand Chapter.

Mrs. Hallie P. Mitchell, Journalist.



Jerome, Idaho.

April 8, 1919.

Chapter E sends greetings to all P. E. O's. To date this has been a busy year for us, a sort of 'Multum in Parvo,' for of the seven months which have passed over us since the close of summer, three have been spent in involuntary vacation owing to the "Flu" epidemic and consequent quarantine.

But we, too, have not been idle. Six new stars have been added to our constellation, four of them P. E. O. daughters; Miss Irma Reed, Mrs. Katharine Godfrey Goemer, Miss Elizabeth Brewer, and Miss Shirley Gorman.

Mrs. Betty Crandall and Mrs. Clara Veazie were our other initiates, and we are fortunate to have with us by dimit from Chapter D of Twin Falls, Mrs. Alta Thompson, sister of our State President, Mrs. Warner.

On the other hand we are unfortunate in losing four of our members. Mrs. Jessie Reed has moved to Boise, Idaho, her daughter Miss Irma is attending school at Boulder,

Colorado. Mrs. Helen Dewey has gone to Caldwell, Idaho, and Mrs. Alta Burkhead has settled in Zearing, Iowa.

The stork has not passed us by nor has Dan Cupid deserted us. A new P. E. O. has come to make her home with Captain and Mrs. Louise Burky and a new B. I. L. in the person of L. M. Ardner has come into our midst. He has just been invalided home from France where he was gassed in action.

Note; Our journalist is too modest to make these remarks, hence I will add them myself.—A. E. F.

Three of our members after visits east brought back greetings from the P. E. O. chapters of their old home towns. Mrs. Margaret Quay, from Monmouth, Illinois, Mrs. Delia Bremer from York, Nebraska and Mrs. Axline Fay Peters from Pratt, Kansas.

Our programs for the year have been most interesting, consisting mainly of a study of present conditions. Our efforts for Red Cross have been unceasing. We are the proud owners of a Liberty Bond, and have a 100 per cent W. S. S. record. We have responded to numerous charitable calls and have given our \$1.00 per capita to the Educational Fund.

Just now we are looking forward to entertaining the Idaho Grand Chapter in May. This will be the first state convention of any organization ever held in our busy little town and we are very proud to have P. E. O. take the first place.

Our new officers for the ensuing year are as follows: President, Axline Fay Peters; Vice President, Jane Kartzke; Rec. Secretary, Nellie M. Barclay; Cor. Secretary, Margaret Quay; Treasurer, Mary O. Armstrong; Chaplain, Lily W. Godfrey; Guard, Gertrude Brewer; Journalist, Betty Crandall.

Signed. Dora Sommerville Gardner,

Journalist.



Huron, South Dakota.

March 3, 1919.

Chapter F sends greetings to all P. E. O. sisters.

We have just closed a pleasant and profitable year under the efficient leadership of our President, Mrs. Melinda Forsburg.

We have thirty-seven resident and three non-resident members; Mrs. Leota Barkes



of Selby, South Dakota, Mrs. Mildred Cashum who moved during the summer to Nowlin, South Dakota, and Mrs. Florence Pyle who is with her mother at Wayside, Nebraska, during the absence of her husband, Lieutenant John Pyle in the service.

One of our most talented sisters, Mrs. Jeanne Fay, has moved to Elgin, Illinois, and coming to live in our midst we welcome Mrs. Ellen Francis and daughter Helen from Chapter G, Minot, North Dakota.

Four stars have been added to our membership during the year: Mrs. Mille Kuehn, Mrs. Sarah Burt, Mrs. Martha Laughlin, and Mrs. Ethel Alford.

The stork did not pass us by but left a dainty maiden Catherine Irene Rayburn and a tiny B. I. L. Benjamin Roscoe Whorton.

Death has claimed one of our charter members, Mrs. Lucinda Alford. She was vitally interested in all the activities of Chapter F though failing health prevented active participation in late years.

Our president, Mrs. Melinda Frasburg, and delegate Mrs. May Gardner attended the State Chapter meeting at Aberdeen bringing back to us the inspiration and helpful suggestions from a two day's conference with sisters from all parts of our state.

Members of Chapter F have been actively engaged in war and relief work, contributing to the Belgians, and diligently assisted in all departments of the Red Cross work. We have furnished the County Red Cross Chairman, Mrs. May Gardner and the County Chairman of the Woman's Department of the 4th Liberty Loan Mrs. John Longstaff, in which drive \$72,250 was secured.

In the War Saving Stamps campaign our members assisted in the canvass collecting substantial sums, and when the call came to collect books we furnished 160 volumes that found their way through the A. L. A. into the hands of our boys in camp.

At Christmas time we donated clothing for the children of the burned district in northern Minnesota, and bought dolls to lend a little cheer and happiness to the holiday season.

Our contribution to the Educational Fund was a \$50 bond.

During the year, as long as conservation of food was necessary, we gladly complied

with all its regulations, refraining from serving refreshments except as a regular meal.

We are privileged to have with us in the summer our past State President, Miss Eva Robinson, who delivered her lecture on Food Conservation under the auspices of the state food administration, assisted by the P. E. O.s. As always her address was practical and convincing, speaking as she does with the authority of both theory and practice. As an expert dietitian, she had been called to Washington to confer with officials in the great problem of conserving food.

The annual picnic supper was held at the home of Mrs. May Gardner in June where, on the beautiful lawn the goodly company disposed of the refreshments and later enjoyed a musical program.

The most pretentious social event of the year was the anniversary banquet at which the B. I. L.s were the honored guests. Mrs. Ida Vance, as toast mistress very cleverly introduced each "toaster" in rhyme and wit and repartee was the spirit of the hour. The singing of familiar songs closed an evening of rare enjoyment long to be remembered.

During the autumn our meetings were interrupted on account of the influenza when all public gatherings were under the ban. But with sickness and death on every hand not one of our P. E. O. families suffered the loss of a dear one.

Many sons, husbands and brothers in the service at home camps and overseas have kept us anxious for the postman's step each day, but almost as by a miracle they have all escaped harm and we hope soon will be at home again.

Mrs. Alida Farrow-Longstaff,  
Journalist.



Grand Fork, North Dakota.

March 19, 1919.

Chapter D sends greetings to the Record and to all P. E. O. Chapters.

As we look back on the year 1918-1919, the most important event to chronicle is the fact that we had the privilege of entertaining the North Dakota State Convention last May. In accordance with the spirit of the times all of the convention affairs were marked by quietness and simplicity, and special emphasis was laid on conservation and patriotism. However, we feel that the



meetings brought new inspirations to us, and strengthened the bonds of P. E. O. fellowship.

This year has added to our roll four new initiates: Miss Beatrice Johnstone, Mrs. Hildur Cooley, Mrs. Minnie Wilkerson, and Miss Maude Templeton. We have been very glad to have with us Mrs. Jessie Loughridge, of Grand Junction, Colorado, who has been spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Carrie Simpson. Our number has been decreased by the loss of Mrs. Jean Koch, whose husband has been elected head of the department of dramatic literature at the University of North Carolina.

Chapter D proudly boasts the addition of the names of Ellen Heatherly Beck, and Townsley French to our cradle roll.

Our work for the past year has been much disorganized because of the terrible influenza epidemic from which Grand Forks suffered heavily and which necessitated giving up our meetings for some time. Several of our members offered their services as volunteer nurses and did a splendid work in caring for the sufferers at the S. A. T. C. and thru out the city. All of us have tried to do our part in the various lines of war activities and Red Cross work. As a chapter, we have taken charge of one needy family and have undertaken the making of infant layettes to aid the municipal nurse. We have also continued our support of a French orphan, have contributed to the Armenian relief fund, have continued our subscription to the Educational Fund, and have bought Liberty Bonds.

Our year's program has been based on a study of the Short Story taking up a study of its history and technique and giving up one meeting to the study of each kind of short story. At the conclusion of our study we are to have a May Breakfast in connection with an original short story contest, which will doubtless bring forth many literary lights from among our members.

We shared our covered dish supper with the B. I. Ls this year and held it in December, combining it with our Christmas party.

On P. E. O. fiftieth birthday we had an enjoyable birthday party, and many and poetic were the good wishes expressed for

P. E. O. one for each candle on the beautiful birthday cake.

Lillian M. Budge, Journalist.



Neosho, Missouri.

April 24, 1919.

Chapter BT sends greetings to all P. E. O. sisters. This is our first time in print.

We have belonged to the "big family" of P. E. O. for more than five years, but I assure you, our silence has not meant that our time has been spent in vain.

We have twenty-two active members, three non-resident. We regret to say we have lost three by death the past year. Mrs. Isadore De Lappe to AI Pittsburg, Kansas, Mrs. Grace Bernard to AZ Columbia, Missouri, and Mrs. Faye Phipps Davis to CK St. Louis, Missouri. Our loss however is their gain. Mrs. Abigail Reynolds and Mrs. Minnie Long have moved to Kansas City, Missouri. Three of our sisters are teaching school in other places, Miss Aneta Centers in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Miss Annetta Hinton, in Lawton, Oklahoma. Miss Gene Hunt in Nebraska City, Nebraska.

For the past year our year book committee gave us an interesting program the topics "The Great War." Our social affairs have been simple but most enjoyable. We had a very delightful meeting in which we initiated B. I. Ls and have several more whom we expect to initiate in the near future.

We are very proud of the patriotic work done by Chapter BT which was represented in almost every phase of the Red Cross activities. We organized a Red Cross Auxiliary for surgical dressings with very satisfactory results. We gave \$55.00 to the Red Cross Fund. One soldier B. I. L. Sergeant Waldo Hatler, son of Mrs. Rose Hatler, was decorated with the D. S. C. for extraordinary heroism in France.

To the Educational Fund we have contributed each year.

The sympathy of our chapter has gone out to our President, Miss Myrtle Morton and her sister Mrs. Abigail Reynolds in the loss of their mother and to Miss Annetta Hinton in the loss of her father.

Now I want to mention the little stars and B. I. Ls who have come into our midst since our organization: Polly Florence Rob-



inson and Martha Reynolds, John Morrow, Rice and "Bob" (Ralph Arthur) Hass. A little B. I. L., Charles Phipps Davis, has recently come into the home of our dimitted sister, Mrs. Faye Phipps Davis.

Our year's program is to close in June with Report of Convention.

Lutie Fullerton, Journalist.



Aberdeen, South Dakota.

March, 1919.

It is some time since Chapter B has recorded any of its doings in The Record, and though we have been silent we have been active in many ways. Like all other Chapters, we have been busy with war work and the many demands on all loyal women by reason of it. We were somewhat handicapped earlier in the year by not having been able to hold our regular meetings, owing to the influenza epidemic, but since renewing our meetings there has been a good attendance and interest. We have not undertaken a very strong program. Along with the Red Cross work, such as making kits, marking socks for the headquarters knitting, etc., we have had musical numbers readings, and a talk on rose culture.

We were inspected in May by Mrs. Edmison, the State Organizer, and initiated two sisters, Mrs. Doris McKeever and Miss Ida Brooks, who shortly after became the wife of Senator Alseth, of Lake Preston. A few days after the inspection we had the privilege and pleasure of entertaining the State Chapter P. E. O. in its second annual convention. That the convention was a success we are led to believe by the many kindly comments of officers and delegates. It surely was an occasion of pleasure and interest, as well as of instruction to Chapter B, and we shall welcome the opportunity to again be hostess at some future time to so many interesting P. E. O.s. We have all been interested in the recent marriage of Miss Robinson, who was state president at the time the convention met here. Chapter B was reorganized by the election of our president, Mrs. Edith Zietlow, to the office of Corresponding Secretary. Mrs. Winifred Baker, also a member of Chapter B, who had capably and creditably filled the office since the organization of the State Chapter felt she could no longer serve. Mrs. Zeitlew

has been spending the winter in Florida, and her place has been well filled by Vice-President Mrs. Eyestone.

We find ourselves diminishing numerically, faster than we increase, four of our members having moved from town. Mrs. Elizabeth Duel, Mrs. Verna Smith, and Mrs. Nellie Martin, who are making their homes in St. Paul and Minneapolis, and Mrs. Alseth who upon her marriage, went to Lake Preston. Soon two more of our members leave us, Mrs. Eunice Johnson, whose husband's election to the Presidency of Brookings College takes his family from Aberdeen, and also creates a vacancy in the Presidency of the Northern Normal and Industrial School at Aberdeen, and Mrs. Ethel Cary, whose husband is located at Sioux Falls leaves us in the early summer. To partly make good our losses we initiate two members at our next meeting. We have dimitted one member, Miss Alice Dillon, to an Oakland, California Chapter. We have just two P. E. O. babies this year, a son born to Mrs. Crane and a daughter to Mrs. Edna Smith.

Several of our members have had, or still have, sons in the service, but to only one of us has fallen the great sacrifice, and our good sister, Mrs. Thomas, has borne her sorrow in such a way that it made each one of us pray we might be as heroic and uncomplaining, should we be called upon to give as much. Another of our members, Mrs. Lawrence, has a daughter who has been three years in France as a Red Cross nurse, and has had a world of experience in those things that give us a broader vision of the big things of life. We have devoted no time to social things this past year, with the exception of the occasions of inspection and the convention. Among our activities we count the purchase of a fifty dollar Liberty Bond, which was donated to the Educational Fund, a five dollar contribution to the Armenian Relief, and the adoption of a French orphan for whom we hope to do much. These with the entertainments of the state convention and other P. E. O. and individual activities has kept us busy and have inspired us with determination to do more each succeeding year to perform the full measure of P. E. O. service.

With greetings to all readers of the Record from Chapter B.

May M. Williams, Journalist, Chapter B.



Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

March 5, 1919.

Although it has been organized a year and a half Chauter I makes its introductory bow in this issue of the Record. Mrs. Mary G. Delzell, second vice-president of the Wisconsin State Grand Chapter who came to Stevens Point, from Lincoln, Nebraska, where she was a P. E. O. in Chapter K for many years, is the "mother" of the chapter. Through her efforts, in October of 1917, Chapter I was organized with twelve charter members.

We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the homes of the members. The committee has prepared splendid programs of a miscellaneous character varying from the local history of Wisconsin to a demonstration in cookery, all of which have been instructive as well as interesting.

During our infancy, Mrs. Delzell, as president, guided us in the ways of P. E. O. and to her splendid influence is due our present success and growth.

In the past year our meetings were twice interrupted by influenza epidemics which caused the city to be quarantined. Loyalty and patriotism are exemplified by our sisters all of whom have been very active in Red Cross work and all branches of war activities. Refreshments during meetings were dispensed with, the year books were made by the Program Committee, and the money thus saved was put into our educational fund. In the fall of 1918 each member donated five dollars toward the local fund, all of which has been loaned to students in our State Normal Schools.

Since January two sisters, Miss Anna Olson, and Miss Mae T. Kilcullen, have been welcomed into the sisterhood by initiation. We had hoped to receive two more members by dimit, Mrs. Nellie Newberry and Mrs. Frances Snyder who come to our city from Appleton, Wisconsin, where they were members of Chapter B. Mr. Newberry has been appointed superintendent of the schools of New London, Wisconsin where the family will go in June. While the best wishes of the sisterhood go with them to their new home we regret to lose so charming a sister from our city.

While we were all new to the ways of

P. E. O. we have an enthusiastic, earnest sisterhood whose zeal is gratifying to behold.

We have had one wedding. In June Miss Maud Brewster, one of our charter members, became Mrs. L. L. Gibbs and moved to Antigo, Wisconsin, to make her home. We rejoice that Mrs. Gibbs still retains her membership in Chapter I.

A delightful June picnic was held at Springvale, on the lovely Wisconsin River which was attended by the B. I. L.s who generously donated the use of their cars for the trip.

In May, the charter members were delightfully entertained at a week end house party in Antigo, by Mrs. Gibbs, a visit which is remembered with pleasure by all.

Our annual guest night was held in January, at the home of Mrs. Cora D. Neale. A splendid stereopticon lecture on "Beauty Spots in The West" followed by an original poem "The Meaning of P. E. O." by an outsider, Miss Mae Kilcullen. Each member had invited guess an a happy evening was enjoyed.

Last month Chapter I, was honored by a visit from Mrs. Ellen E. Morris of Milwaukee, our gracious state organizer and inspector. At six o'clock a five course dinner party in honor of Mrs. Morris was given at Hotel Jacobs, which was attended by all the sisters. The party then repaired to the home of Mrs. Heffron where a meeting was conducted and the work of exemplification given under the able direction of Mrs. Delzell. In a pleasing little address Mrs. Morris complimented the chapter on their initiatory work and the splendid condition in which she found the books. Our charming guest gave us splendid counsel and her visit was an inspiration as well as a pleasure.

In March we elected new officers who will direct us during the coming year. President, Mrs. Bertha Leahy; Vice-President, Mrs. Cora Neale; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Florence Whitney; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Edith B. Whitney; Treasurer; Miss Winifred Nelson; Chaplain, Miss Mae Roach; Guard, Miss Anna Olson; Pianist, Miss Winifred Nelson; Journalist, Miss Mae Kilcullen.

In closing we shall like to add a word of commendation of the work of our past presi-



dent, Mrs. Delzell and her efficient corps of officers who have carried the work since our organization. To their inspiration and kindly guidance we owe our present success.

With best wishes and fraternal greetings to all P. E. O. sisters.

Mae T. Kilcullen, Journalist.



Santa Clara, California.

March 20, 1919.

Chapter A Q, Santa Clara, is very successfully "carrying on" the principles of our P. E. O. Sisterhood.

During the unusual winter in which the work of all organizations has been hampered by the epidemic, we have met often enough to keep up our zeal and have accomplished a great deal of work in our charity sewing, having made some eighty-five garments for the "Good Cheer Club." In order to do more effective work, we have met early in the mornings and spent the entire day with our needles; a committee assisting the hostess in serving dainty luncheons.

As it has been some three years since the Record has heard from us, I will go back and tell of some of our activities. It was our pleasure in November, 1916, to assist Mrs. Garvin in organizing Chapter BG at Livermore. All who went will always remember how hospitable the ladies were and what a delightful day was spent. Later we extended them an invitation to be guests at a musical and luncheon given at the home of Stella Hamilton. It was a perfect spring day and we served luncheon in the wisteria covered arbor which was in all the splendor of its lavender bloom. After lunch we strolled about the beautiful grounds and when time came for the "good-byes" to be said, we felt that we had surely strengthened the sisterly ties that bind.

At another time we again assisted Mrs. Garvin and Chapter AI, San Jose, in organizing Chapter BM, Santa Clara, Cynthia Mullin, Mary Hamilton and Mildred Wilcox taking part in the work.

Our membership is not large but our team work is excellent and we are growing. About a year ago we added four new members to our list: Daisie Brinker, Edith Lamb, Lucearetia Pomeroy and Grace Bulchin. Just recently, Mabel Pomeroy has joined us. We

feel very fortunate in that two of our new members are musicians. Edith Lamb with her sweet voice and Daisie Brinker an exceptional pianist, both of whom are very generous with their talents.

War Work! My what a field of activity that calls to mind! Yes, we have all been busy, busy. Two of our number, Cynthia Mullin and Stella Hamilton wore the Red Cross caps in the surgical dressing rooms and many have spent much time there. Others have been in the Red Cross and still others in the Canteen work, while all of us have knitted many articles. Like true P. E. O.s and true Americans we have been doing our "all" both in working and giving. One of our girls, Ora Regnart gave her time and experience by going to Washington. As it happens, not one of us had sons old enough to answer the call, but two of our B. I. L.s did their bit. Dr. J. I. Beattie enlisted and received the commission of 1st Lieutenant at Fort Riley, and Mr. Willi went to Portland, to be in the air craft department. Had the Armistice not been signed many more of our B. I. L.s were ready and willing to go.

Last year we enjoyed a splendid series of papers on Russia, prepared by our girls. Each paper represented a great deal of study and we all felt that we gained much insight into Russian affairs. The climax to the study was presented when Daisie Brinker gave us an afternoon of Russian music. She was assisted by Mrs. Tennyson who, with her beautiful voice, brought to us types of Russian songs. Altogether the afternoon was a rare treat.

Our B. I. L.s have a very secretive way about them at times. They invited us to take an automobile ride one day, insisting that we start early for we were to go—well that was their secret. Like all dutiful wives, we were ready on time. As they did not blindfold us, we could easily see that we were going toward San Francisco, fifty miles away. They had arranged a theatre party, after which they took us out to the famous old Cliff House overlooking the Pacific. There they had the banquet table all ready and waiting for thirty of us. A large toy goat wearing a bow of yellow ribbon about his neck, kept nodding a welcome to us from the center of the table. He was especially cordial to three of the B. I. L.s whom he had but recently met.



The appointments were perfect and the banquet sumptuous. We all voted it a most successful B. I. L. affair.

The first sorrow came into our circle when Linna Jordan, the founder and inspiration of AQ answered the call of her Master, How we do miss her sweet personality.

As the 1919 State Convention meets at Polo Alto and we are one of the four entertaining chapters, our thoughts are at present very largely on convention plans. Our joint committee meetings have been all harmony and the genuine P. E. O. spirit has prevailed. We have in Mrs. Horine, Chapter T, Palo Alto, our chairman, a most efficient leader and we are all looking forward eagerly to the 50th Anniversary Convention of P. E. O. at Palo Alto, May 7, 8 and 9.

Grace Butcher, Journalist.



Des Moines, Iowa.  
April 27, 1919.

#### IN MEMORY OF MATILDA GIVEN GARDNER.

Coming from her native state, Ohio, in early childhood, Matilda Given endeared herself to a large circle of admiring friends. In every relation in life she gave unselfish devotion. Her girlhood was devoted to parents and brothers and in that relation she has been ideal in every way.

She was the constant companion of her aged father and his declining years were years of happiness through her ministrations.

As a wife, who can estimate the value of a good wife? We are told her price is above rubies.

Hers was a life, rich in all womanly attributes and in each and every relation in life she faithfully and unostentatiously made good.

She was initiated into Chapter Q, P. E. O. Des Moines, Iowa, in 1894, was president in 1903, and died March 30, 1919, having been a member of Chapter Q for twenty-five years.

She was loved and esteemed by all, for her kindness and charity, and above all for her beauty of character.

To her husband, to her brothers, to the nieces and nephews, to whom she was more than devoted.

To all who were nearest and dearest to her.

Chapter Q extends love and deepest sympathy, and her name shall be placed with reverence on the honor roll, with our golden stars.

In loving memory.

Maude H. Dunshee.

Minnie G. Callander.

Bird Ankeny Israel.

Myrtle Nicklin, Cor. Secy. Chapter Q.



Madison, Wisconsin.

March 20, 1919.

Although Chapter H was organized more than a year ago, this is its first letter to the Record. Our organization was made possible through the efforts of four P. E. O.s: Mrs. Mary Randall Smith, from Original A; Mrs. Mae M. Detrick from Chapter Q, Illinois; Mrs. Emma A. Wellman from Chapter A, Nebraska, and Mrs. Agnes B. Royce, from Chapter CE, Iowa. These four dimitted members with six initiates compose our charter membership. Since the organization, two by dimit and seven by initiation. The two by dimits are Mrs. Rachel Hunter from Chapter B, Wisconsin, and Mrs. Clara Vorman from AW, Nebraska. Three of our members are at present non-resident, Mrs. Luta P. Hendricks and her daughter Marjorie are residing in Washington, D. C., and Miss Elizabeth Royse is in Waterloo, Iowa.

Although war activities have taken a large share of the time of our members still we have met regularly except for a short interval in the early fall when the influenza epidemic was at its worst.

Our programs have been to some extent miscellaneous. One group consisted principally of a correlative study of some of the most famous artists, poets and musicians. Another group of programs was devoted to South America while a third series pertained to North America.

In order that we might not become too much depressed by the horrors of war and the terrors of the prevalent epidemic we thought it wise to continue as far as possible our social activities. Among these have been our annual Christmas parties when the children of P. E. O.s are guests and furnish the program for the occasion. Both Found-



er's Day Anniversaries have been guest nights for our husbands, this year the B. I. L. initiaaion taking place at that time. Our own first anniversary was celebrated at the home of our President, Mrs. Mary Randall Smith, again with our husbands as guests. Another delightful evening was spent in Mrs. Smith's home when we were entertained at a dinner given in honor of Miss Durward, Supreme President, who after having attended the Wisconsin Grand Chapter meeting at Appleton, was a week end guest in Madison.

Mrs. Bertha Hart's beautiful lake shore home, profusely decorated with spring flowers, made charming background for our May musical, where our members and invited guests were entertained by P. E. O. talent with a delightful program of Spring songs, readings and piano numbers. Among our guests at this time were several P. E. O. girls who are students at the University.

Perhaps the most memorable event on our social calendar was the Indian Picnic which was held at an old Indian camping ground on Lake Monona. Invitations on birch bark delivered at our doors by an Indian messenger riding a pony, summoned the tribe of P. E. O. to appear at Winneguas Point at three points past high sun, two suns before the Sunday in the last quarter of the sixth moon. At the appointed day and hour the warriors with squaws and papooses appeared, gay with paints, feathers, beads and everything that the principal castming houses in the city could furnish in the line of Indian costume. Leaving their all too modern automobiles far enough back in the woods so that the picturesque landscape with its wigwan and camp-fire might not be marred by any suggestion of civilization, they filed in one by one and were welcomed by the war-whoops of Warrior Shuster and his squaw as host and hostess. A most satisfying supper of fried fish, wild rice from Bad River Reservation and all sorts of good things was enjoyed around the camp-fire after which Indian legends were told and the peace pipe smoked. As a concluding ceremony all the guests, joined in the Squaw Dance. Birch-bark teepees on which were written characteristic Chippewa names translated by some of the squaws on Gad River Reservation were given the guests as souvenirs. Since our

hostess was instrumental in establishing the Odarab Mission School on the Bad River Reservation and is deeply interested in Indian welfare work she was familiar with many of the most interesting customs among the Indians and so was able to carry out her plans for our entertainment very successfully.

Recently we have enjoyed a visit from Mrs. Ellen Morris, State Organizer and inspector, who encouraged us with words of praise for work accomplished and inspired us toward further efforts for the future.

We have contributed eleven dollars to the Educational Fund and hope to do more as our membership increases.

With all good wishes from Chauteur H, Wisconsin, to the P. E. O. Sisterhood,

Margaret W. G. March.



Whittier, California.

March 27, 1919.

During the year, 1918-1919, Chapter V, California, was happy in receiving into its membership eight new sisters. Miss Blanche Bradshaw, Mrs. Edith Cohen, Mrs. Gertrude Greene, Miss Rosa Hadley, Miss Margaret Huntinger, Mrs. Florence Flanders, Mrs. Elizabeth Fletcher, and Miss Alice Pendery.

Our chapter holds its meetings on the first and third Monday evenings of each month. During the influenza epidemic several of the meetings were cancelled. The regular meetings have alternated in the interest of work done for the Red Cross and the presentation of programs.

At the beginning of the year the program committee appointed different members to be responsible for providing program on evenings assigned to them. Therefore, the nature of a program not being indicated in our year book, the supreme element was a genuine part of the interest of a meeting.

Aside from our meetings for Red Cross work and our programs, we have enjoyed, too, many happy times out of the ordinary. Among these stand high in interest and good fun our B. I. L. night, our children's party, and our annual picnic.

Mrs. Leona McGee extended to us the hospitality of her beautiful home for our



B. I. L. night. The evening is memorable for the initiation of six new B. I. L.s.

On the afternoon of their party, given at the home of Mrs. Nettie Swain, the children of our P. E. O. mothers entertained the chapter delightfully with an interesting program, after which they gathered at tables to enjoy the good refreshments made especially to please them.

Our annual picnic was the gladdest event of the year. Then P. E. O.s entertained in a large family gathering their home loved ones at a jolly out-of-door dinner, of hot chicken pie and other delicious things, served in one of Whittier's parks. Sixty were gathered about the table.

Our special fund of the past year was used to buy war certificates. In addition to this purchase and the extensive Red Cross work done by many of our number, the chapter earned for the Red Cross about one hundred and twenty-five dollars. This was done by selling small potted ferns, lemonade, and ice cream cones at our booth during Whittier's Red Cross Carnival, for which numerous organizations had booths. At the carnival we were awarded the first prize for having the most artistic booth among the booths of the secret orders.

We are pleased to write that Hymen visited us when our chaplain, Miss Bessie McCoid became the bride of Mr. Stanley G. Brown.

Into the numbers of our little P. E. O.s has come wee Shirley Smith, the new baby daughter of our sister, Mrs. May Elizabeth Smith.

In the presidency of our greatly loved Mrs. Kitty Coulthurst, Chapter V, has been privileged in having leadership that has been most gracious and efficient. We were very sorry to have Mrs. Coulthurst resign in October, but glad to have her succeeded by one so worthy as our sister, Mrs. Erma Shepherd.

It is with sorrow that we write that Chapter V mourns in the death of Miss Katherine Miller. Dearly loved in her own home, so was she in our sisterhood. Kind in her thought of others, generous in service and rich in friendship, she lived among us. Sadly we observed for her the funeral rites of the P. E. O. Sisterhood, the service of

her choice. In that service does not each sister voice her confidence in

"The truth to flesh and sense unknown,

That Life is ever lord of Death,  
And Love can ever lose its own"?

Jennie McGregor.



New London, Iowa.

March 19, 1919.

It has been some time since a letter from Chapter EV has appeared in the Record and it seems but fitting at this time to send ones, for us, as they have been for every Sisterhood.

The past two years have been very busy ones, for us, as they have been for every one.

At the beginning of the World War we individually took up the war work.

The past year we as a sisterhood have given much time to the Red Cross work and all war activities. During the summer we not only had each alternate meeting at the work shop but gave one evening each week in addition.

Each day found P. E. O. sisters at the work rooms.

We gave our time and money, and I think we have reason to feel proud when I tell you our members hold \$19,750 in Liberty Bonds. \$1,815 in W. S. S. and our Chapter 3 W. S. S.

Last summer we collected and shipped to Camp Dodge 262 books.

Recently we gave to the War Camp Recreation Service at Camp Dodge \$6.50.

We contributed to the Educational Fund \$12.50 and to the Travelers Aid at Des Moines, \$1.00.

Our program has been a miscellaneous one. Our meetings for a time were irregular on account of the epidemic.

Recently, however, we have held our usual meetings with a good attendance.

We have had no social functions during the year, until February when we had a social hour and refreshments at the home of Miss Crabbe, and a splendid evening.

Just now we are anticipating a delightful meeting with Mrs. Josephine Hasencleun at her beautiful country home.

The Sisterhood will be the guests at a



six o'clock dinner and the regular meeting will follow.

We will hold all of our meetings in the evening this year.

Miss Ruth Peterson is teaching in the High School at Sigourney.

Miss Norma Peterson in the High School at Morning Sun.

So we are very seldom all present at roll call.

We have only two inactive members. Mrs. Maud Holler came to us by dimit from Ottumwa, and is a valued member.

Frances Codner Walter, Journalist.



Fullerton, Nebraska.

April 23, 1919.

#### P. E. O. Record:

Mrs. Mabel Pooler Potter answered the final summons at 4 a. m., Tuesday, April 1st, in her apartments at Lincoln, Nebraska, after a prolonged illness of Spanish influenza.

She was laid to rest in the cemetery at Serena, Illinois, her former home, the remains being accompanied by her husband, Charles E. Potter, son Mervin and father, Mr. Pooler.

The following resolutions were adopted Chapter AG, P. E. O.

Recently acknowledging the wisdom and goodness of our Heavenly Father, we look to him for comfort in the loss of our P. E. O. sister, Mabel Pooler Potter.

The radiance of our star has been dimmed, but we feel that the heavenly circle shines brighter for the star He hath taken from our chapter.

Resolved: That though we can not understand and stand silent in the presence of the Death Angel, yet we believe that he whom our sister loved, while with us here, has but taken her pure spirit unto himself and that our great loss has been her greater gain.

Resolved: That deepest sympathy go out to the sorrowing husband, son, father and other relatives in their bereavement, and may they find comfort and peace in Him "Who Doeth All Things Well."

Leona Edington Thorpe, Journalist.

Braymen, Missouri.

April 9, 1919.

Dear Editor:

Chapter Q, P. E. O., Braymer, Missouri, voted unanimously to adopt one of the French orphans. We wrote to Lillian Snyder, Kansas City, Missouri, for information and we sent our money all at once to her and she sends same to the one in charge in France. We raised our money by each member paying \$1.25 and was one of the easiest funds that our chapter has ever raised.

We were advised by Lillian Snyder that on account of conditions over there not to write for at least two months but we are going to ask for her picture and also to write to us. It was the choice of the Chapter to get a little girl if possible so they gave us M. Marie Bourdeau, born October, 1909.

Mrs. Bess Coffman, Cor. Sec.



#### ORGANIZATION OF NEW CHAPTER.

at Amaheim, California.

On April 14, 1919 at the pleasant home of Mrs. S. P. Walter, there was formed a new chapter in P. E. O. to be known as Chapter BP.

On that day there were initiated into the service and secrets of P. E. O. the following nine ladies:

Martha Brewer, Jennette E. Callaway, Ada B. Corwin, Daisy P. Mann, Myrtle W. Peterson, Bella J. Walker, Minnie E. Ward, with these three sisters by dimit. Edith M. Edmiston, Viola L. Moore, Nora Van der Veer, united to Chapter BP.

Our efficient state organizer, Mrs. Maud Wagner, conducted the beautiful initiatory ceremonies with the assistance of the officers of Chapter G, the nearest chapter to BP.

As the result of election the following ladies were asked to fill office for the ensuing year. President, Mrs. Edith M. Edmiston; Vice-President, Mrs. Minnie E. Ward; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Jennette E. Callaway; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Viola L. Moore; Treasurer, Mrs. Daisy P. Mann; Chaplain, Mrs. Ada B. Corwin;



Guard, Mrs. Myrtle W. Peterson; Journalist, Mrs. Peterson.

After a brief business meeting Chapter AP adjourned to meet April 30.

The hostess served delicious refreshments and all enjoyed the sociability which followed and proud of the new stars which have been added to P. E. O.

Clara West, of Chapter T.  
Secretary Pro. Tem.



Novinger, Missouri.  
March 26, 1919.

Chapter CZ sends greetings to all P. E. O.s.

Our chapter was organized, April 16, 1918, with eight charter members, but they sure have the true P. E. O. spirit. With the exception of four social evenings the Chapter has given its entire time to Chapter work, Red Cross work, and other patriotic work.

Mrs. Susie Wells was chairman of knitting department. The chapter devoted 288 hours to knitting and garment making and 195 hours in surgical dressing.

Mrs. Grace Branaman, Mrs. Margaret Metz and Mrs. Alta Hamilton were the committee for the War Saving Stamp division. They sold six thousand dollars in the three days drive.

Mrs. Mamie Stout is chairman of the finance committee. We gave \$4.00 to the Educational Fund, \$3.75 to the Armenian Relief Fund, we also gave home donations. Our chapter has also been very much interested in the Children's Welfare and the Child's Welfare Code. Mrs. Margaret Wertz has charge of this work and the chapter helping her we thoroughly canvassed our town and we found the people very enthusiastic in regard to the Child's Welfare Code, as a result we have organized a Community Meeting with a large membership which meets twice a month.

This finishes our work for the year except the social part of our program.

On August 23, at the home of Mrs. Alta Hamilton, our chapter gave a patriotic program, every member invited a guest. The little folks of P. E. O. took part in our program, the home was decorated with our nation's colors, also P. E. O. colors; the program was greatly appreciated by all.

On the 14th of February, Mrs. Margaret

Wertz entertained the P. E. O.s and their families at a six o'clock dinner and Valentine party. The home was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Old time games were played. Music was furnished throughout the evening. Everyone returned to their home at a late hour voting Mrs. Wertz a charming hostess.

On February 22nd, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Garfield we met to initiate: our husbands in the mysteries of B. I. L. The home was decorated in our colors; after the initiation a social hour was spent after which our hostess served dainty refreshments. We all left at a late hour thinking Mr. and Mrs. Baffield delightful entertainers.

On February 28th, we gave a P. E. O. program at the home of Mrs. Grace Branaman every member invited a guest. Mrs. Belle Brauner was leader and had a splendid program prepared in regard to P. E. O. and its work. Our guests were greatly pleased and thought it would be worthwhile to be a P. E. O. Our color scheme was carried out in decorations and refreshments.

On January 22nd, we were honored by a visit by Our State Organizer, Miss Nellie K. Sutton, for the purpose of inspecting our chapter. We wish all P. E. O.s could have the pleasure of meeting her. We received instructions in the work and all feel greatly benefitted. She was entertained while in our City at the homes of Mrs. Margaret Wertz and Mrs. Adah Gaffield.

Trusting this letter has not been too long.

With best wishes for all Sister Chapters.  
CZ bids adieu.

Mrs. Laura Fugate, Journalist.



Gillispie, Illinois.  
March 18, 1919.

Again Chauter AK extends greetings to all our sisters. Since last you heard from us we have been working under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Maude Frederickson. Our program committee tried to comply with the idea set forth by Mrs. Stafford to do all we could to aid in war work. Many of our members did special Red Cross work, then in our year book we planned for a business session the first meeting in each month



and the rest of the time spent in sewing, helping our local Red Cross with work that could be taken out by our chairman.

At the second meeting in the month time was given for a single paper then we planned to devote the rest of the time to sewing; but to our great joy the armistice was signed and we had no more thoughts of "I wonder if some of my folks will wear this sweater, sock or helmet" or with a stray tear "this bandage."

Now we have great ideas for the orphan we have adopted and expect him home any day so it is possible with our fine interurban things for which to be thankful. I think the casualty list came no nearer than a nephew among our members and the influenza has claimed no near relatives, but our hearts go out to those who have lost loved ones from either cause.

Our only social function during the year was the annual picnic in May at the beautiful country home of Mrs. Mary Elliman.

The Colorado slogan accepted by our chapter has been faithfully observed each year. Miss Gertrude Bycroft became the bride of Mr. P. S. McPherson, November 26, 1918. They are living in Bend, Illinois, so it is possible with our fine Interurban service for Mrs. McPherson to attend all our meetings.

The stork brought Bobbie Jorgensen a baby sister June 28, 1918, known to us as Betty Lou. She is being well trained by her mother to become a very practical P. E. O.

We have had a few visits from some of our non-resident members but not on meeting days. Our Mrs. Bonnibel Frey of Colorado Springs, spent one day here calling on friends. Mrs. Ethel Clarkson of Nashville, Illinois, visits her mother who lives near here so we see her occasionally. Mrs. Isa Pinkerton calls frequently. Our Mrs. Blanche Reese and her daughter Miss Ruth from St. Louis, have not been with us often because of the illness of Mr. Reese who with Mrs. Reese is in Miami, Florida, now much improved in health. Mrs. Tillie Eilers Wilcox with her husband moved to Buxton, Iowa, last summer where he has charge of the coal properties owned by the Northwestern Railroad. We are very proud to

say that we sent a paper to the reciprocity bureau on Patriotism written by Mrs. Wilcox. Mrs. Gertrude Wilcox Rice of Fredrick, Oklahoma, spent a few days visiting relatives here and we had the privilege of calling on her new son, Lewis Douglas, born December 27, 1918.

At the home of Miss Alvena Schmidt we initiated three new members, Miss Ruth Hays, Mrs. Ida Pfahler and Miss Blanche Burke. The dining room was beautifully decorated with our colors and flowers, also the color scheme carried out in dainty refreshments making a delightful present. May P. E. O. be brighter for the new stars we added last week.

Eslie Smith Isaacs, Journalist.



Bismarck, North Dakota.  
July, 1919.

Chapter F sends most cordial greetings to all P. E. O. sisters.

We have not been heard of through the pages of the Record for sometime but this has not been for lack of interest in P. E. O. matters. We appreciate the helpful suggestions contained in the chapter letters.

As a chapter we have been patriotic, each one giving her time in sewing and knitting for the Red Cross and other war activities.

Sons and other dear members of our families answered the call to help fight for world freedom.

We adopted a French orphan boy.

In keeping with the spirit of the times and food conservation, we dispensed with refreshments at our regular meetings.

We are not forgetting the Educational Fund, each member pledged a dollar for its support.

The past year our program has been miscellaneous in character, but this year we have planned a definite course of study, "Travel in the United States," and are looking forward to having very interesting meetings. We also plan to donate some time to study of the constitution and to parliamentary drill.

We celebrate our anniversary each year and this year we had a dinner at the hospitable home of Mrs. Helen Dobler, and were proud to have with us as guests of honor,



Miss Minnie J. Nielson, our newly elected superintendent of public instruction, and Mrs. McFarland, wife of Dr. S. A. McFarland, who has been president of the State Normal School at Vaney City, for the past twenty-five years.

After dinner the B. I. L.s entertained us in a delightful manner. An aerial flight, conducted by experienced travelers, was one of the features, and a mock trial following the lines of recent local events was very clever and thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

We too have adhered to the policy of the slow and steady growth, using great care in the selection of new members.

We are very sorry to lose the past year five of our excellent members: Mrs. Marie C. Johnson was dimitted to Chapter I, St. Paul, Minnesota; Mrs. Elizabeth P. Bruce, to Chapter E, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Mrs. Lucile Kirk, to BB, Marshalltown, Iowa. Miss Orpha Opdyke moved to Greeley, Colorado, and Mrs. Anna Kiebert, resides in Denver, Colorado, but am pleased to say the last two mentioned still retain their membership in Chapter F.

Our Flower Committee has sent many remembrances to the sick from the fund supplied by voluntary contributions at each meeting.

We were represented at the Fifth Annual Convention of North Dakota Grand Chapter which met in Fargo in May, by our President, Mrs. Grace F. French, also Mrs. Ella C. Smyth and Mrs. Minnie C. Budlong, the latter led the Symposium "Americanization." What does it mean?

The delegates brought back a very interesting report, and paid many compliments to the entertaining chapter.

It is the turn of Chapter F to entertain the Grand Chapter next year.

In closing Chapter F extends best wishes to the Editor and all P. E. O. Chapters for a most happy and profitable year.

Nan Hollingsworth, Journalist.



Kansas City, Missouri.

August, 1919.

Chapter AE sends greetings to all P. E. O. Sisters.

Since we have been silent so long we

would like to review some of the happenings in our Chapter during the past two years.

In June 1918, Mrs. Sylvester Wales, one of our charter members, was taken from our midst. Altho Mrs. Wales had been in ill health for sometime grief over the thoughts of her son going to war hastened the end. One daughter, Dorothy, and two sons were left to mourn her loss. Mrs. Wales has been greatly missed by Kansas City P. E. O.s.

Sorrow came into many of our homes last year. Mrs. Schwind and Mrs. Brown mourned the loss of fathers, Mrs. Sulzbacher, the loss of her mother. Mrs. Griffith's son died of influenza in a training camp near Chicago. Mrs. Hector lost her nephew, Gerald Grace, through influenza. One of Mrs. Riner's brothers made the supreme sacrifice in the British Service.

Last year the stork brought a baby boy to the Sifer home and a girl to the Pilpott home.

Miss Laura May Shipley, daughter of one of our P. E. O.s, and Lieut. Robert Falkenberg were united in marriage in September, 1918.

Several of our sons and brothers served with the American Expeditionary Forces in France. Allen Compton was wounded while in the Argonne Forest. We have been so happy to have them all safely returned to us.

During the war we were led first by Mrs. Cammack, then by Mrs. Brown, and our hands were always busy knitting, doing Red Cross work and making garments for relief work. Tuesdays always found our faithful ones in the Red Cross work rooms. Some always helped in the various drives during the past winter.

Our meetings were held regularly twice a month on Thursday. The luncheon was followed by business and a program or sewing. The programs centered around the subject "The World War"; Government Control of Resources, Red Cross, Singing of the Soldiers, Women and the War, etc. The last topic discussed was "A Lasting Peace." In December our friends gathered with us in Mrs. Loomis's beautiful home for a Silver Tea, the proceeds of which helped to purchase our Liberty Bonds for the Educational Fund. We were most fortu-



nate in having as our speaker a Kansas City boy, Rex Miller, who at the outbreak of the war was a student at Oxford and was later sent by the British Government for two years Y. M. C. A. work in Mesopotamia. His description of conditions there was very interesting. Another very interesting meeting was our P. E. O. Day in April when Mrs. Sulzbacher, one of the charter members, gave us a brief history of the Chapter from its beginning, and letters were read from absent members. The last meeting of the year, held in June, was a picnic lunch at the home of Mrs. Schwind. Mrs. Cammack, of whom we are very proud for carrying off the honors of a State office again the coming year, and our worthy President, Mrs. Maybank, gave us the report of the State Convention.

Chapter AE does not wish to "blow her own horn" but she is very proud of her record the past two years in regard to the largest amount subscribed per capita to the Educational Fund.

Those of you who have known Miss Frank Owenby, who has been so active in P. E. O. work until recently, will be glad to know that she is able to be about again after being confined to her home for eighteen months by injuries received in a street car accident. She has been a most cheerful and patient sufferer.

We have been so happy to have with us from time to time P. E. O.s from other cities who were in our city temporarily. Among our guests the past year was Mrs. Wolener of Des Moines, Iowa, who told us much of the big chapter there. She is now located in Kansas City in the interest of the Big Sister Movement.

We are now looking forward to a happy reunion this fall after being scattered far and near during the hot summer months. We hope to have a very profitable literary study under a competent teacher as our program for this year. We rejoiced with Mrs. Riner that she could spend the summer in England with her loved ones. We regret that Mrs. Hector, who was our faithful secretary for two years is moving from the city.

May the coming winter months be happy and profitable to us all.

Mary C. Young, Journalist.

#### LIFE IN NO. 407.

Dedicated to Four Faithful Workers of the Welfare Board for the Uplifting of Woman-kind,

My dear Sisters in P. E. O.,

To you a letter I am sure that I owe,  
But life at the San is busy indeed

And a wonderful place for those in need  
Of building a body that is not strong,  
Of shortening a limb that is all too long,  
Of extracting a tooth that is bad at the root,  
Of taking the cramp out of a twisted foot,  
Or for those who have too many nerves  
And from their duty will not swerve.

If you sit right still in a nice wheel chair  
And go out on the lawn to drink in the air,  
And sleep on a beautiful hair mattress at night,

You are just sure to become all right.  
But there is one rule I truly advise  
For in this selection you must be most wise

To pick for yourself a Physician dear  
In whom you have only confidence, not fear,

That you will be made quite new again,  
To mingle among your fellow men.

This Doctor's surname begins with E,  
Who not only does good to Humanity  
But scatters cheer wherever he goes,  
To remind you that there's a Human rose  
Shedding perfume and love along the way,  
And not just a body of yellow clay  
Going about with face so long  
That the ones are made weak who were really strong,

And you hate the sight of the pill-box man  
As well as the other things that belong to the San.

There's dear Doctor Herald,

But what's in a name  
For in avoirdupois I remain quite the same.  
But he comes every day with humor and wit,

And I have to confess, this does help a bit,  
A tower of strength, of Santa Claus build,  
And it takes heaps of food to get HIM really well filled.

So I save from my tray many dainty sweet meats



For really, I am very poor on the Eats.

They are friends of mine, until I hear one  
of them say,  
"We'll keep her quiet, just for today."

There's dear Doctor Moffit, so grave and  
austere,

What shall I do when I am gone from  
here?

For with her little pencil and pad in hand,  
She writes queer prescriptions and yet  
looks so bland!

A hot formation, a pack to the back,  
A cold mitten friction, your system to  
rack,

A foot bath, a leg bath, a bubble bath  
queer,

Yes, you get them all filled at the Bath  
Rooms right here,

For all the ills I have had at the San,  
She gives me a "pin prick" this medicine  
man.

Life holds queer experiences as most of us  
discover,

But life at the San beats all of the other,  
Now there is another, WENTWORTH by  
name,

Who has an equal amount of prestige and  
fame,

But his line is different indeed,

For he has the masses of people to feed,  
Some on rice and some on bran,

As best is suited to the inner man.

He finds it necessary to change each day,

To keep the restless motley throng  
From growing too vigorous and strong.

For prices are high and food is dear,

And he realizes people cannot long tarry  
here,

But being the manager of a place of renown,  
How could he afford to let prices go  
down?

Now this man is a wonder to me,

In physical build and mentally,

But coming from a line whose "coat of  
arms"

Translated from Latin, means "Personal  
Charms,"

So I feel in being helpless in a way,

I have gained a great deal during my  
stay.

Of having the privilege of meeting the wife  
and children here

Of the Wentworth relatives whom I hold  
most dear,

I've done every stunt in "The Midway  
Plaisance"

From "Lavender and Old Lace" to the  
rich Renaissance.

The red blood of youth is still flowing in  
my veins,

But the mirror reflects me a relic from  
Rheims,

Never you mind in a very short while,

I shall come back again, wearing a broad  
smile

To prove that toxemia has been compelled  
to take wings,

When I shall come back again ABLE TO  
DO THINGS.

—Mrs. Mabel Crenshaw.

Written to her Chapter while in a Sanitorium.



Craig, Colorado.

August 23, 1919.

Greetings to the Record and all P. E. O.  
sisters from Chapter AJ.

Our chapter was organized June 14, 1916,  
by Mrs. Belle Musser of Denver, with eight  
charter members. We have since added un-  
til now we number twenty-two. In 1917, we  
lost Mrs. Irene Bishop, who moved to  
Phippsburg, Colorado. Mrs. Mary E. Downs  
was absent a year in California, but is with  
us again. Mrs. Besse Anderson, our sweet  
singer has moved to a nearby town and  
cannot be with us often.

We feel we have progressed slowly in  
many ways, but have tried to do what we  
could. During the war our pleasures were  
curtailed and we assisted in Red Cross work,  
some sewing, and those who could not go to  
the rooms knitted industriously at home and  
we contributed in other ways to the organ-  
ization.

We as a chapter, invested in one Liberty  
Bond, and war saving stamps. We have  
adopted a fatherless child of France for one  
year, and are doing our share toward achiev-  
ing the \$100,000.00 Educational Fund by  
the first of October.

Three sons of our chapter joined the army,  
one going to France, but all are safely home  
again, and our hearts go out in gratitude



to our Heavenly Father that the war and influenza left no stricken homes in our circle.

We grieve with our sister, Mrs Bertha Day, whose oldest son, a dear little boy of nine years, was called to heaven on June 9. Mrs. Day is a niece of Mrs. Alice Bird Babb, one of the original seven, and joined our chapter by dimit from Original A.

A terrible accident occurred July 26, when two of our best young men were killed by the over turning of the automobile in which they were riding. One was the son of a P. E. O. sister and was to have become the husband of one of our younger members. The other was the fiance of another of our P. E. O. girls. This tragedy has cast a gloom over our community and truly we mourn with those who mourn.

We have welcomed three baby B. I. L.s, Hugh Avery Jones, Floyd Marion Pleasant, and William Barclay Finley, each of whom has a P. E. O. spoon.

We have initiated several of our husbands but a few continue out of the fold upon whom we cherish sisterly designs.

We occasionally have an evening meeting to which all bring well filled baskets and after a business meeting the B. I. L.s join with appreciative appetites.

One of our most enjoyable social events was a trip to Steamboat Springs upon invitation by Chapter X.

Our beloved president, Mrs. Ida May Mann will soon leave us, as her husband, Rev. Horace Mann has resigned his pastorate here to accept another at Buffalo, Wyoming. Her going will be a loss to our chapter, but her presence will enrich the P. E. O.s wherever she may go.

Last year our artist, Mrs. Sophia M. Harris, painted beautiful covers for our programs. The Marguerites in water colors and a gilt star adorn them, and we shall use them year after year as too precious to lay aside.

Mrs. Mamie F. Pughe represented us at state convention at Rocky Ford, and brought back a very interesting report and many expressions of appreciation of the kindness and hospitality of the entertaining chapters.

Mrs. Emma E. Chapman, Journalist.

Greensburg, Kansas.

August 26, 1919.

Chapter AH, Greensburg, Kansas, sends kind greetings to all P. E. O. Sisters.

We feel we have derived much good from the past year's work, even though we, like many other institutions and societies, were compelled by the severe flu epidemic to suspend our meeting for several weeks.

Every member of our chapter feels very thankful that death did not enter a single home though we did have some severe cases.

As individuals and as a chapter we did Red Cross, and War Relief work.

We also renewed our support for our French orphan for another year.

Our charge is a boy ten years of age and he writes such nice interesting letters to us, all so full of gratitude that we get much joy in doing this work.

We went "over the top" in our one dollar per member for Educational Fund and were all glad we could contribute to this worthy fund an offering of service from ourselves.

Our social part of the year's program was also broken into by sickness, but even then we had several enjoyable evenings especially the evening we entertained our B. I. L.s.

Best of all our gay times was a picnic at the close of the year, given by the B. I. L.s to the P. E. O.s of AH.

We surely had it proven to us that our men are splendid cooks as they fried ham and eggs and made the coffee on the picnic grounds.

For our program for the next year, we have planned to study current history so we may know what is what and who is who in this busy world and be better able to help in the tasks that call forth the good working and helping principles of the P. E. O. Sisterhood.

Delia E. Woods, Journalist.



Bushnell, Illinois.

September 12, 1919.

Though several years have passed since Chapter X extended greetings through the Record, we are glad to read letters each month from some of you, and heartily rejoice in P. E. O. prosperity and growth.

We have twenty-seven resident members. Our non-resident members are Mrs. Blanche Yearick and Miss Mary Campbell of Chica-



go, Mrs. Coral Thompson of Memphis, Tenn., Mrs. Jane Westfall of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Mrs. Ora Benjamin Truman of New Philadelphia, Ohio.

During the days that patriotic services were uppermost we responded whole heartedly to the calls for money and work. Our members filled a good many positions of local importance and Mrs. West served away from home. Our members sewed and knit more than six hundred garments, and bought more than twenty thousand dollars worth of Liberty Bonds. Our gifts for relief work totaled over fifteen hundred dollars. Of this amount, six hundred twenty-seven dollars were given last year to relieve the fatherless children of France. Sixteen children were supported by members of our chapter, and this will be reported this second year.

Six of our members had a husband or son in the service.

We contributed to the Educational Fund. How glad we are that Illinois has "gone over the top."

Our philanthropic committee has a faculty for finding a woman who will wash of a washing machine can be procured, or a child who will go to school if shoes or clothes are provided. We have sometimes furnished milk for ill-nourished children. Sometimes a loss of money or guarantee of credit has seemed the kindest charity, and many a garment has passed comfort to some woman or child.

Two years ago, with the help of two capable daughters of P. E. O.s Chapter X conducted a summer sewing class. We tried to reach children who otherwise were untaught, and teach practical sewing. Our school board felt unable to finance a course in domestic science the following year, but the boys of the seventh and eighth grades had four hours weekly in manual training. Chapter X asked permission to furnish a teacher to instruct the girls of these grades in sewing during these hours. We asked Miss Loe Kline to do this work for us and expected to pay her, of course. She was so enthusiastic over what might be accomplished, that she declared herself willing to do the work for nothing. Good results were soon so apparent that the school board found the money to pay Miss Kline, and she has been

employed for this year. You will not wonder that we wanted her in our chapter, and initiated her last spring.

Owing to Mrs. Crete Sperry's prolonged illness, last April we accepted her resignation and Mrs. Martha Campbell is our new president.

An incident of ancient but never to be forgotten history is a B. I. L. party, given "before the war." We were invited to dine at the hotel, guests of our B. I. L.s. It must be confessed that the banquet hall seemed a little too elegant, when we remembered our depleted treasury and were puzzling how to raise some money. But we exclaimed over and admired the lovely flowers, the delicious food, and the unique decorations. Yellow and white were everywhere, and around the room being a frieze of these colors edged with what seemed to be crisp one dollar bills. Such a lot of money could not be real, but it certainly looked good! Many were the questions as the dinner progressed and finally our curiosity was satisfied. What could be more appropriate for a B. I. L. party than bills? Yes, the bills were real and belonged to us if we'd take the trouble to get them! Such a scrambling and hubbub you can imagine. We got every pin out of every bill but almost before we could count them our treasurer we were told that we must pay for our dinner, and the landlord was called to present his account. However, when this was settled, we had seventy-five dollars to add to our treasury. What do you think of our B. I. L.s?

Grace Cleveland, Journalist.



Leadville, Colorado.  
August 30, 1919.

Dear P. E. O. Sisters:

We are sending you greetings from our Cloud City Chapter. Soon it will be time for another year's association together. May all our societies find greater help and inspiration and less sorrow and suffering than we did this past year.

Our chapter meetings began in September. We were planning so many things in war work and our first venture in raising money was a rummage sale. We had had such success the previous year that all of the members were enthusiastic. From this we netted \$146.45, then came the quarantine



and the ban on all public meetings which stopped our work on Belgian refugee garments. However, our labors did not cease. Under the splendid leadership of our director of local social service, Mrs. John Harvey soups, cooling drinks and custards were prepared and delivered to the influenza sufferers. Two visiting nurses were procured and their visits were largely directed by the P. E. O.s though they were paid for by the city. Each member contributed money, jelly, fruit, etc., and a relative of Mrs. Harvey gave us \$50 towards the work of relief.

Some of our B. I. L.s with other men in the community raised \$1,900.00 for the relief of the sick and those who were in want because of sickness or death in the families these B. I. L.s directed the expenditure of this money.

For three months we could have no meetings and our hearts were indeed glad when we could be together again and rejoice over the signing of the armistice and the passing of the terrible scourge which had left much sorrow and distress in its wake.

Immediately we began our plans for our remaining meetings. One of our members said "Oh let's do something; we have been shut in so long," so we entertained our B. I. L.s to a sumptuous dinner. All that of war foods, Hooverizing and economizing was forgotten and we banqueted in real style. Preceding the dinner we initiated one new member and following the dinner we tried to install into the minds of some new B. I. L.s and refresh in the minds of the old Knights, the duties of a true B. I. L. But alas! their behavior was "beyond any words to express." I hear their instructions and commands were poorly heeded.

On May 19th, we had the pleasure of having our State Organizer, Mrs. Loomis with us. Two new stars were added to our number at that time and a most delightful evening spent by all.

In June we were treated to a long auto ride followed by a dinner, guests of the B. I. L.s. Early in July we had a most enjoyable picnic and dinner at the lake home of Mrs. Leoard. A huge birthday cake for one of our B. I. L.s and a paper shower celebrating the second anniversary of one sister and her B. I. L. were features of the evening.

However we would not have you believe

that all of our time was spent in the throes of a good time. Our program dealing with questions of interest on "The Great War" was carried out. We purchased two \$50 Liberty Bonds; donated \$25.00 to the Educational Fund; \$5.00 for the Y. W. C. A.; raised \$82.00 for the Red Star Animal Relief Fund. We have added three new names to our roll giving us 21 active and 5 inactive members. We instituted a birthday fund of \$50 each to be used for buying flowers for sick or grief stricken sisters.

During the coming year we have for our program "Great Lone Stories of History." We hope to enter more fully into the life of our community, seeking ways by which the locality may be improved, socially, morally and civilly.

We earnestly hope that we may be drawn closer together and that the ties of friendship may be strengthened thru the memory of our past year with its overhanging shadows, and the hopes of the future with its opportunities for love and service. May God's blessing be with all of our sisters wherever they may be as they strive to do fulfill the ideals of our sisterhood.

Most cordially yours.

Haxie M. McMartin, Journalist.



Charleston, Missouri.

September 17, 1919.

Chapter CV extends greetings to the Record and to all P. E. O. Sisterhood.

If CV has not been represented by a letter in the Record, inactively in our Chapter has not been the cause, and how glad we all are that our loved ones are all home again from that dreadful war.

CV Chapter was organized two years ago and now enroll twelve members. During the war all members participated in Red Cross and all other war activities. Mrs. Margaret Moore collected all lunches and arranged them in boxes for boys of this county going to camps.

Mrs. Minnie Ogilne superintended making and distributing comfort kits to each boy.

Mrs. Mary Moore had charge of packing all articles of Red Cross shipped from Missouri County Chapter.

CV has also contributed funds sufficient to keep and support one Armenian orphan for a year.

Mrs. J. J. Russele, wife of our ex-Con-



gressman is patiently and hopefully nursing Mr. Russell back to health and strength. They are living at the Russell, a beautiful three story brick hotel donated by him to Charleston.

Mrs. Clara Graham, Recording Secretary, has been actively engaged in all war activities being chairman of woman's division council of National Defense., Membership chairman of Red Cross and for Red Cross, a delegate to the Mid-Continent Congress of Nations for League to Enforce Peace, chairman of women in every Liberty Loan drive and secretary of the local League of Peace, besides performing her duties of County Superintendent of County Schools, so you see CV has not been idle. And we are planning a very useful year also.

Wishing all P. E. O. the same happiness we anticipate.

Lota C. Marshall, Journalist.



Chapter DA of Bowling Green, Missouri, celebrated her first birthday anniversary May 13th, 1919, with a program and "Guest Day," at the spacious and beautiful home of our vivacious president, Mrs. J. F. McCune.

Miss Iddiols, past State President of P. E. O. and National Organizer was present and in a most pleasing manner presented the aims of the organization. Delightful musical numbers were rendered by some of the chapter's talented pianists, which contributed very much to the enjoyment of the meeting. Delightful refreshments were served at the conclusion of the program.

When the afternoon guests had said their good-bye's with many expressions of appreciation, Chapter DA spent a short interval in social converse and readjustment, preparatory to the expected arrival of the B. I. L.s to whom an invitation had been extended for dinner that evening. These "lord of creation" proved their appreciation of same by appearing on the scene quite promptly, and manifesting the usual amount of curiosity concerning a "woman's" secret organization, something they claim to believe an impossibility, but "we are from Missouri, and will show them." A pleasing diversion at this time was the carving of the delightful "birthday cake" containing one

candle, indicating we had reached the first mile post on the highway of lifes achievements in P. E. O. work. The B. I. L.s were duly gratified and pleased, and many frankly indulged the hope that a repetition of this might occur more frequently in the future.

Miss Sutton State Organizer for Missouri visited the chapter the following day, May 14th, and made a valued talk to Chapter DA members, giving to us much important information. A down town 12 o'clock luncheon was served in honor of Miss Sutton, which was greatly enjoyed by all the participants.

With best wishes for P. E. O.s everywhere.

Mrs. Jeff D. Hostetter, Journalist.



Superior, Wisconsin.

October 1, 1919.

Chapter E, Superior, has had a very busy year and now at the beginning of another we want our sisters to feel we, too, are extending a hand in hearty co-operation in the grand work P. E. O. is doing in this wonderful land of ours.

The past year has been a busy one to all and we, who have lived through it can simply wonder how we could all do as much as was done.

In the midst of our war work, one year ago this month, we were all amazed one beautiful Saturday to smell smoke and feel the heat of forest fires. When night came we all knew what it meant and as relief trains began to arrive our homes were thrown open and soon filled with these poor frightened men, women and children, who came by every train. Every auto in the city was busy and by day light that Sunday morning our churches, school buildings and public buildings were full and hospitals opened to care for the sick and burned. For six weeks we were all busy, it was a regular thing to see Mrs. August and Mrs. Vrooman's cars filled to overflowing with household goods and provisions going to some family where rooms had been found for them.

For weeks we met in extra sessions to make bedding and clothing for these families.

All the year we worked for these families and our boys "over there."

We met regularly, initiated several mem-



bers and were very glad to welcome Mrs. Robries from Ames, Iowa.

We had a very fine musical evening at Miss Wolford's.

One evening we invited fifteen B. I. L.s at Mrs. Gates home. The B. I. L.s behaved properly and we were proud of them.

We began our year's work with a cafeteria dinner at Mrs. August's. Toasts were given and responded to and a very jolly evening in which the B. I. L.s took a prominent part began our year's work.

We hope this year to assist in the work in our children's home here, as well as enjoying a literary program.

We want to thank our P. E. O. sisters in Des Moines, who so kindly extended greetings to the little soldier bride who followed her husband to your city while he was stationed at Camp Dodge. These are the things which make P. E. O. worth while and bring us all closer together and we wish some of our sisters would extend a hand to the sisters who have moved away from us.

May this year be full of greater, better things for us all.

Mrs. H. May Butram, Journalist.



Detroit, Michigan.  
September 18, 1919.

The past two years have been very unsatisfactory in many ways so far as club activities are concerned. This is especially true with the smaller organizations and where one tries to review the work done it is with many apologies.

Chapter D, Michigan, with its twenty-four active members hopes to begin another year with renewed energy and many good resolutions. It is to be hoped that our experience has tended to make us broader and that we have attained more of that spirit of sisterhood. Our programs have been very hard to live up to during the war as most of the members are busy housewives and felt the little time they had must be given up to war work, much of this work was sewing for the Red Cross under the supervision of the president, Mrs. J. E. Mills, who did much more than was her share.

The chapter also bought a Liberty Bond, also donated toward furnishing a room for

the tuberculosis hospital for soldiers as well as helping to furnish a room at the Salvation Army Rescue Home. These rooms are furnished entirely by the five Chapters of Detroit under the supervision of the co-operative committee, two members from each Chapter constituting this committee and in that way being able to accomplish much more.

The program for the coming year is to be a "Training for Citizenship" which should be very beneficial as Michigan women have just secured suffrage and most of us need much training. There is also to be another paper at each meeting on miscellaneous subjects. It will be difficult not to have a cloud over the meetings this year as on July fourth Mrs. Luella C. Lochse, who had been ill with typhoid fever for a week, passed away. Her membership in the chapter will always be an inspiration to those who knew her and we can but feel she has reached her reward. For two years she was chaplain of Chapter D, as well as acting on various committees and doing work with the city federation as our representative. She was a most unselfish woman, and a tireless worker ever cheerful and happy in doing her part. She was a devoted wife and mother of three lovely children who have lost one of the richest blessings of their lives.

It is hoped that Michigan will profit much by its State Chapter which will be organized this fall and that we may learn many things from association with each other.

Helma L. Prolsh, Journalist,

Chapter D, Michigan.



#### IN MEMORIAM.

In the passing of Mrs. Myrtle Thomas Graham, September 17, 1919, Chapter C, New York, grieves for a valued and local member.

Mrs. Graham was limited to Chapter C, from Chapter G, Iowa, just four years ago.

It was her great regret that because of failing health she could not do more for her friends and the chapter.

To the husband, Mr. H. A. Graham, and the three young sons; to the mother and the sisters we extend our love and sympathy.

Inez Pollen-Bagley, Journalist.



Hutchinson, Kansas.  
October 3, 1919.

Chapter S, Hutchinson, Kansas, mourns the loss of Mrs. Emma Mann, died June 28, 1918, after an illness of several years and Mrs. Edith Winchester, our president, died of pneumonia, October 26, 1918.

Chapter S, considers itself fortunate in that it had the privilege of associating with these two women. In many ways they were similar, being unusually beautiful not only in character but in face. These places will never be filled.

Phoebe C. Jones, Cor. Sec.



Sterling, Colorado.  
May 28, 1919.

"After a year of days we come again

Life's days go by with fleeting that is  
strange

And join the long ago;

And every new day brings about a change  
In some one's life you know."

Chapter Z has just passed her fifth milestone. Many and interesting have these days been; at first only so few at each meeting, but now she has grown to a large family with twenty-four at home and three abroad.

The seriousness of the times and the burdens of the war were keenly felt throughout the past year and each one tried to do not only their "bit" but their most.

It certainly seems good to have the war over and our boys returning home, so I shall not dwell upon the past to any extent but of the present and the future.

Four names have been gained by dimit for the chapter's roll. Mrs. Grace Evans of V, Mrs. Adelaine Anderson of AE, Iva May of AS, Kansas, and Mame T Hay of who AM. We are sorry to give up Carie Morison will soon go to California to make her home.

Our very efficient president of the past two years, Mrs. Nora Young, has moved to Denver, but she still allows us to claim her as our own. One of the very pleasant social evenings, Yed'ntEaif social meetings was a cafeteria luncheon given at the home of Mrs. Davis in honor of Mrs. Young.

Mrs. Bessie Conklin was elected our new

president but owing to the sudden death of her father, felt that she could not serve us this year.

Mrs. Lizzie Morrell, the mother of Chapter Z, was elected president in her stead. She handles the gavel with a firm hand and her interest and enthusiasm for P. E. O. assures us a very successful year.

Our programs for the year are miscellaneous with individual subjects for roll call, which have already afforded us much pleasure.

Seven of the B. I. L.s were initiated a short time ago with very solemn, profound and impressive ceremony.

Chapter Z is proud to possess a Liberty Bond and has it tucked snugly away for the time when she shall be honored with the presence of those who make up the Grand Chapter and who come bringing us wonderful messages resplendent with the larger fuller sense of the spirit underlying the sisterhood.

Many are planning a visit to Supreme in Denver and are especially concerned that Colorado go over the top for the Educational Fund. We must not fail in a recommendation fostered by one of our own state. We must meet our quota even though we do have extra expense for the Supreme.

The recent papers in the Record written by Mrs. Alice Bird Babb have been the source of much pleasure. We wish that such might appear often from her pen.

We feel that our blessings are many and that the "tie that binds" grows stronger day by day, may the bond of friendship never be broken.

With best wishes to all P. E. O. sisters.

Mame T. Hay, Journalist.



Hufeston, Iowa.

Under the efficient leadership of our president, Mrs. Loudend, Humeston Chapter AM, has had a very successful year.

The year book committee planned some interesting programs, but on account of the existing conditions some changes were made in the arrangements; the quarantine for influenza interferring with many of our meetings, and the seriousness of the times and the burdens of the war have been keenly felt throughout the year.

The members of AM have done their



"bit" in the Red Cross rooms and almost every meeting of the chapter was a sewing or knitting party.

While our membership does not increase rapidly in numbers, we have received one very acceptable one this year, Mrs. Clara Roush.

The chapter had one bride, Miss Wilma Barker, who became Mrs. Walter O. Lewis.

We sympathize deeply with our sisters, Mrs. Northrup in the loss of her daughter, Mrs. Neary Linell; Mrs. Margaret Bolt in the loss of her mother, also Mrs. Andace Rouse, who lost her husband.

Our flower fund is made up by each member being assessed one penny for each meeting of the year; and fines paid when we fail to respond with a current event at roll call.

We have had many visitors from other chapters the past year.

Josephine Gustafson, Journalist.



Prosser, March 16, 1919.

The P. E. O. Record,

Keokuk, Iowa.

Dear P. E. O. Sisters:

Chapter K, sends greetings to all, and wishes to state that we have been doing our duty in Red Cross and National League Work.

Our P. E. O. State Organizer, Mrs. Mary Long, being vice-president of the Red Cross section here, and has complete control or nearly so, of the work put out. In this, she has proven herself to be just as capable as she has been in her former position as State Recording Secretary at P. E. O. Conventions.

A large per cent of our sisters belonged to the surgical dressing department, and no matter whether at Red Cross or surgical dressing rooms during the day, the girls never neglected knitting a while in the evening and succeeded in that manner of putting out great quantities of the work to help the great cause for humanity.

At several of the P. E. O. meetings we did Red Cross work, but for a while we were compelled to discontinue the meetings on account of severe influenza epidemic that scourged our town, and very sad in-

deed am I to have to report the death of our sister, Mrs. Victoria Cochran Heart, at New Yakima, December 26th, 1918, who died of influenza. The angel of death knows well how to choose of those most fitted in Heavenly things, for our beloved sister was a devoted Christian and true P. E. O. and her bereaved family certainly have our sympathy over their great loss. As for our chapter we have been benefitted by having known her and feel that she has gone ahead to help in making stronger the "Tie that Binds."

We have also had our joy, inasmuch as we are the happy possessors of several new sisters as well as being made so happy by two of the girls (who have returned to our town) being reinstated and our Chapter boasts of a brand new baby girl at the home of our president, Mrs. Wata Roberts.

By the way I wish to mention how much we all enjoyed the pictures of the State Presidents in the February number of the Record.

And in seeing their faces, it reminded us that it was our great love that put them in their chairs, and of how lovingly they in turn have striven for that which is best in our society. We surely have reaped many blessings by their nice guidance.

So I will close by stating that though not numerous to numbers, we are mightily in affection to all our sisters, both at home and elsewhere, and indeed most grateful for our many blessings.

Luna B. Fisk, Journalist.



Bismarck, N. D., Sept., 1919.

It is with much regret that North Dakota has been forced to part with our dear Mrs. Budlong, who, for the past eight years, has been our efficient State Librarian. In that capacity and because of her sweet, sympathetic nature, she has been a source of inspiration and helpfulness to thousands of women on our broad prairies. We commend her to the sisters of Berkley, Cal.

ELLA C. SMYTH,

Cor. Secy., N. D. Grand Chapter.



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