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Dear Edna and sisters of Chapter B.L.,  
Just as all well organized businesses  
are doing at this time of year, I wish to  
take inventory with you for Chapter B.L.

Our new members by dimit include  
Jean Benariscutto, Charlotte King, and  
Barbara Cook. Nancy King has accepted  
our invitation to join our Chapter by di-  
mit, and soon will be officially on our roll.  
Our new initiate was Genevieve Busse.  
Our resident membership totals 32 and  
our non-residents number 4. Our  
average attendance has been 25 quite  
an improvement over last year.  
A highlight of last Spring was our

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5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the home of President Betty Land. The Madison Reciprocity Board was invited as well as members of Chapter AX, our sponsoring chapter.

Attending state convention this year were Ruth Thomas and Betty Land. We were proud to see historian May Parick's report of our five year's existence. Our chapter was sincerely interested in the suggestions made for financing state conventions, along with suggestions which were later adopted at Supreme in regard to the increase of initiation and like fees.

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Our program this year has the theme,  
"Talents We Possess" and our committee  
has helped our members share their  
great store of talent.

At the November 5<sup>th</sup> Reciprocity Board  
meeting for all Madison P.E.O.'s we were  
especially proud of Chapter B.L.'s repre-  
sentation. Our first president, Betty Lenn  
John, was one of the two delegates from  
Madison to Supreme, and she shared the  
program spotlight with Margaret Bell  
of U, and Connie Elvickem of H in  
giving her convention report. Presiding  
at the meeting was the president of the Reciprocity Board, Betty Land, and our Mary Justice

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was in charge of the program in addition to leading the choral group of Chapter B.L. who provided the music for the evening.

Also in November we were pleased to have an opportunity of knowing Opal Hubbs better thanks to her official visit to our chapter. Already her many helpful suggestions have been put into effect, and we were delighted that 31 resident members were able to share in this experience with her.

We have continued the happy experience of being "Secret Sisters." Our Christmas party last month showed just how thoughtful our members are in sharing the spirit of Christmas.

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We are pleased<sup>5</sup> that the reciprocity Board has voted to sponsor as a group a new Madison chapter with Peg Bruin of Chapter # as chairman. The Board has had monthly luncheons for the unaffiliates and has contacted each one by letter in regard to the new chapter.

At last count there were 21 unaffiliates on the list. Opal Hubbell spoke to the board in November and is returning January 10<sup>th</sup> for a luncheon of the board and unaffiliates.

Our cookie party in November was our money-making project of the year. This novel idea netted the chapter \$71.50. Our current bank account stands at \$119.09

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and our savings account amounts to \$50.00. We have \$275.00 of savings bonds. We feel that we will be able to assume readily all financial obligations in regard to State convention when it is our turn to entertain. Our contributions have included \$20.00 to the Cottey College Building Fund; \$20.00 to the Wisconsin Home Fund; and \$10.00 to the International Peace Scholarship Fund.

We continue to find ways to improve the mechanics of operating our chapter. Our officers and committee members have been most loyal and capable. As homemakers, teachers, musicians, librarians, and sisters we find a mutual love in our chapter no matter what talent we possess.

The love and best wishes of chapter  
B2 are sent along with mine at the beginning  
of 1958.  
Lovingly in P.E.O.  
Elinor Morrison Land, Pres.