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Dear Mary Higley and members of Chapter BL:

Chapter BL has grown in size this year. We now have 44 active and five non-resident members. Average attendance at meetings has been 25. We added one dimit, Sarah Rose, from Chapter L in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, last spring. Josephine Hosman was initiated in May, and we were honored to have four of her P.E.O. relatives from Omaha as guests that evening. They had driven all day to get here, and left Madison again the next morning to return to Omaha! In January we had the pleasure of initiating Naomi Reed and Janet Costello. Janet is the daughter of Bess Weber and the sister of Fran Kingery. We feel that all these new members will strengthen our chapter.

In addition to contributing to Cottey College, IPS, and the Educational Loan Fund, we also sent \$200 to the Wisconsin Cottey Scholarship Fund. Fund raising projects have been the Christmas luncheon, the broom and dishcloth sales, and a "culture exchange" sale, where members brought books--especially paper backs--and records for each other to buy.

Our fall meetings started off with an inspirational and helpful visit from Edith Churchill. Another state officer, Lois Dick, with other talented members of Chapter H, provided us with a beautiful musical guest night program in the spring. The program theme for this year is Participation Enriches One, certain members elucidating on a theme in which they participate. Betty Smith of AX demonstrated women's participation in politics; JoAnne Hedlin and her hard-working social committee members made a Norwegian Christmas very real to us at the December luncheon meeting. Susan Shaw's clever skit representing the mothers of our founders was especially timely as the first for our two newest initiates. The programs have all been meaningful, opening new horizons and helping us to know each other better.

In March a coffee was held honoring the daughters of Fran Kingery and Hazel Weeden, who were recent brides and a bride-to-be. Many members attended the reciprocity luncheons, held monthly in the spring and also this year after Christmas, especially for unaffiliates in Madison, and in November to hear Supreme convention reports. Phyllis Norem and Carol Wilson gave our chapter an excellent State Convention report in June.

Chapter BL has a very few members who, by reason of ill health or because of other time-consuming and very worth-while activities, seldom attend meetings. The majority are active members and seem to feel themselves genuinely a part of the chapter, attending fairly regularly. For some, evening meetings are difficult; others are employed and can not attend in the day time. We feel that alternating afternoon and evening meetings is a good compromise. Our ages range from the late twenties to the seventies, but we are striving for a feeling of sisterhood and helpfulness to each other that I feel exemplifies the true P.E.O. ideal.

After our exciting year last, sponsoring our own IPS girl, this has been a quieter year of self-enrichment, in getting to know our sisters better through the programs they give and through association.

Lovingly yours in P.E.O.,

Jean Clausen, president, Chapter BL