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Dear Lois and sisters in B. L.:

What a pleasure it is to report that this year, 1977-78, the twenty fifth anniversary of the founding of Chapter B. L. has been a very good one. We were off to a great start in March with a birthday party reviewing our history and honoring our charter members and early initiates in a delightful program planned by Dorothy Leon and Sarah Rose.

Taking a cue from your theme, Lois, our programs throughout the year have been geared to expressing loving concern with a song in our hearts as we learn. We have in the process shared a bit of history, educational concerns, travel experiences, concern for nature and understanding ourselves through the help of one of our favorite BIL's, Dr. James Land, and in general having fun together. A glance at our year book will give you further details of "Lyrics and Learning" efficiently planned by Dorothy Bott and her committee.

Thanks to our hard working welfare projects committee, social committee and the whole hearted support of all our members the pleasant fund raising events enabled us to support our P. E. O. projects to the happy tune of: Cottey, \$25; Cottey Endowment Fund, \$100; Wisconsin Cottey Scholarship, \$100; Educational Loan Fund, \$15; I. P. S., \$75; and Continuing Education, \$75 for a total of \$400. Having been notified that Chapter B. L. will be a host chapter for the State Convention in 1982 our budget committee has been asked to budget money to be set aside for convention each year until 1982.

Regarding membership it is on a sad note that it is necessary to report that since my president's letter of February 1, 1977 we have lost a loved member, Dorothy Wimberly, by death late in February, 1977. The same month Naomi Reed who moved from Madison asked to become inactive. Mary Alice Parick, a long time resident member and an inactive member for many years, has asked to become inactive as of March, 1978. She reported that at this time in her life she could see no possibility of becoming a resident member of a chapter so felt the time had come, though regrettably, for her to become inactive.

Now for a more pleasant note and a joyous tune, we welcomed a fine new member, Judith Dana, by initiation on January 11, 1978. It was an exciting and memorable day with Dorothy Mann being present for the state organizer's visit. Dorothy's presence made the initiation special. This brings our resident membership to 48 and our non-resident to 6. We have enjoyed visits by unaffiliates and hope to continue our interest in them.

During many of our meetings we have sung the praises of our educational projects with, perhaps, a little emphasis on Cottey because of the special Fiftieth Anniversary Endowment Fund.

Our By Laws have been changed slightly this year to conform to our trial change in meeting times. We now meet the last Wednesday evening of September, have only one meeting in November and will close for vacation after the

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meeting Wednesday, June, following the State Convention.

As I look back over these two years, I marvel at how fast they have gone. The rewards of being your president and working with all of you have been great. Thank you. There will always be a warm feeling when thinking about these years and certainly there will always be a song of love in my heart for my sisters in Chapter B. L.

Best wishes to you, Lois, and to all our non-resident members.

Lovingly in P. E. O.

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