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## CHAPTER REPORTS AT P. E. O. CONVENTION

Mrs. Lou R. Spencer of North Platte rendered complete report covering activities of different chapters over state during the past year. Flourishing condition is the rule.

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**CHAPTER REPORTS**  
(By Mrs. Lou R. Spencer of North Platte.)

In the old days one of the duties of the chapter president was to give a report of her chapter at convention. The increasing number of chapters and the time thus expended resulted in changing this law to the present one of sending these reports in the form of a president's letter to be incorporated into chapter reports. The personality of the chapter president is thus eliminated, the enthusiasm of first hand information is thereby lost, and the correlating of the idea with the chapter is also lacking in this new plan. I shall, however, endeavor to give you a brief outline of the philanthropic and social work done by the P. E. O. Sisterhood in Nebraska.

Each letter breathes the spirit of harmony and enthusiasm, reports good attendance at meetings, and a hearty co-operation in the various activities of chapter life. The old idea of limited membership seems to be giving place to a broader outlook and while the chapters continue to grow slowly and carefully, yet they grow, and as this circle of loving Sisterhood becomes larger, greater love, greater influence, greater good seems to result. There is a growing tendency among the chapters to extend their influence, their assistance in the general advancement of community interests. P. E. O.'s are helpful to build and maintain libraries; donate science department in the public schools; are assisting in civic work; beautifying of cemeteries by donations of money and by caring for flower beds. Several chapters entertained their neighboring chapters, one inviting members of a now disbanded chapter. Most chapters entertain the teachers of the public schools and the school board—a plan that cannot be too highly commended. The B. I. L.'s have been cared for—usually with fun and frolic. It is a splendid and almost universal custom to observe Mother's Day to which some mother is invited. Many chapters have Children's Day when P. E. O. children furnish the program.

The philanthropic work of the P. E. O. is one of its strongest features and the reports are full of the personal service that chapters and individual P. E. O.'s render to the aged and the afflicted, to the sick and the sorrowing—sending flowers and fruit, furnishing clothing, food and money. This work has extended beyond the home city—boxes of clothing, fruit, etc., have been sent to the Child's Saving Institute at Omaha, and to the Orphanage at Council Bluffs. Each chapter has contributed liberally to the educational fund—many responding to the request for the \$1.00 per member as a memorial to our beloved past presidents, Mrs. Hapeman and Mrs. Parmelee. When the call for help came from Original A. at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, that funds were needed to save that beloved college, the birthplace of P. E. O., the response was hearty and spontaneous—every P. E. O. rallied to the standard of the yellow and white and the result not only again demonstrated the generosity of Nebraska P. E. O.'s, but exemplified the spirit of love and helpfulness we have for one another. I will mention briefly some of the special features of the year's work.

Let us make a hurried visit to York where Chapter A is giving a most wedding for their treasurer—bride-to-be—and commend them for their hearty co-operation with the Woman's Club; to Chapter E. M. B. K. and B. P. Omaha, where they are already preparing for the entertainment of Supreme Convention in 1917—yet doing wonderful philanthropic and literary work with it all; to Chapter F., Plattsmouth, which still mourns our beloved Mrs. Parmelee. We will visit Chapter G., Hastings, where they entertain the lady teachers of the public schools and of the Presbyterian college—giving a burlesque college commencement, Chapter H., Holdrege, will be busy with their Old Fashioned School and Bazaar; Chapter I., Wahoo, has invited B. D. Ashland for the day and Chapter J., Nelso., is editing a P. E. O. magazine—a complete history of Chapter J., with Mrs. West in charge. We cannot go to Lincoln for they are making 250 calls on non-resident P. E. O.'s or promoting the organization of a new chapter, or holding receptions and banquets for neighboring P. E. O.'s. We find Chapter L., Harvard, sewing for the war sufferers and the matrons of the chapter entertaining the maids at a patriotic party. We will visit Chapter M., Omaha, when they initiate five candidates, one of whom is the sister of our Past Pres., Bartha C. Hughes. This is Red Letter day in

Chapter M. Chapter N., Midway entertained the B. I. L.'s, the city teachers and the school board at which time they gave \$25.00 for the benefit of the Domestic Science Department of the city high school. While here we drop a tear and a flower, with them we still mourn for our dear Mrs. Hapeman. At Geneva, we find Chapter O. busy looking after the flower beds in the cemetery where our star with the letters P. E. O. is outlined in a bed of flowers. We listen to their Victrola concerts, illustrating their study of Russian and Polish music. Let us visit Chapter P., Bloomington and inspect their boxes filled with small change for the educational fund, and enjoy their program by the P. E. O. children. At Q., Wymore, we enjoy Domestic Science day and the favorite recipe demonstration. We find Chapter S., Broken Bow, doing much philanthropic work. Chapter T., Clay Center, is packing barrels of clothing for the Council Bluffs Orphanage. Chapter U., Butte, is giving books to the school library; Chapter V., University Place, is giving \$1.00 per member to ed. fund in addition to caring for a needy family, while Chapter W., Blue Hill, is helping the sick and the afflicted. At Chapter X., McCook, we must hear the round table talks by successful mothers on Mother's Day and hurry to Y., Red Cloud, which has aided 27 families during the year and where they actually say that they should be glad to again entertain Nebraska Grand

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