

ELEANOR'S LETTER

DEAR PENELOPE:

It is a long time since I wrote you—I have been away. I was afraid that you would not be interested in my travels so I spared you. I wish I had the much abused Richard Harding Davis' talent for making himself interesting even at the expense of other people's amour propre—a little French peppered through an epistle gives it such an air, as though it might have been written by Lucile to Lord—you know. Elegance, distinction, style is the only quality that impresses folks, morality, even beauty, in a dowdy dress creates only pity. A few sentimentalists and extra-poetics will pause to enjoy the sweep of a lash over a perfect cheek or the curve of a Grecian head almost concealed by last year's bonnet, but most of us appreciate style at its true worth. Beauty, fades, character yields to temptation, but the art of the modiste is always fresh. When it is old it is not style. I have often thought that our young lady friends devoted too much time to the cultivation of their heads at the university and to their hearts in deeds of charity in the work of the "Flower Mission." The time thus wasted if economized in the direction indicated will make girls attractive as old ladies, when it is necessary to depend entirely on gowns for securing attention. Not that Lincoln girls are without a sense of the importance of this question, only they sometimes allow subjects of not nearly so much importance to crowd to their minds. How much better for Mrs. Bryan if her early training had implanted in her mind an exact valuation of the importance of style, and the consideration that a distinguished manner secures to its possessor? Not so much as a hat pin has been named for her and the papers say she is never stiffened by the importance of an occasion into condescension. What great opportunities for ma-

ing impressive remarks she ignores for the sake of retaining the simplicity and sincerity which were all very well in an Illinois or Nebraska town, but Washington is accustomed to something more decorative in the way of dress and manners. But if it becomes necessary for Mrs. Bryan to assume more manner, she will do it. She never came into Sorosis, the members say, with excuses, her children's clothes were always ready when they needed them, and she herself has never fallen out of any procession she thought it worth while marching in. Still the study of harmonious and becoming combinations of color and form, always complicated by a rapidly changing mode must be taken when young or the mind never entirely masters the subject. The supremacy of Beau Brummel and the long succession of dynasties from him to Frank Zehring and Mattson Baldwin show that it is not wealth nor rank nor beauty but just style that is supreme. Beau Brummel said when he was dying that starch was the man—but he had made starch the style before they knew its name.

I am placing these examples of opportunities improved before you, dear girl, in order that you may not lose courage in your "views" as well as for the purpose of strengthening my own. Please excuse me for preaching.

Sadie Burnham and Joy Webster have returned from their school in the east and the season opens with the impetus that new leaders always give it.

The girls say it would have been pretty dull this summer if it had not been for sailing parties and dances at Burlington beach, Meadow Brook farm's open doors and the plunge at the sanitarium, with three or four trolley parties a week.

Please tell me about the ball next week. Yours
ELEANOR.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Rev. Otto Satzinger has gone to St. Louis.
Mr. J. N. T. Jones has returned from Denver.
C. R. Wellington left Monday for St. Paul, Minn.
Miss Emma Chambers went to Chicago Monday.
Mr. Fred Ashton of Grand Island was in Lincoln this week.
Mrs. W. E. Gosper went east Tuesday afternoon.
Rev. James Leonard of North Platte is in the city.
Victor Seymour and wife arrived in the city on Thursday.
H. Brinkmeyer of Seward is visiting friends in the city.
Mr. Fred Houtz was expected home yesterday from Chicago.
Harry Hermance has returned from his visit in Massachusetts.
Miss Grace Burks is entertaining Miss Bessie Tiche of Seward.
J. J. Douglas of Gorham, Me., returned to his home Tuesday.
Mrs. Scipio Dundy was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ogden on Tuesday.

J. W. Russell of Atchison, Kan., was registered at the Grand this week.
Rev. Dr. C. C. Lasby has returned from his visit to Hot Springs, S. D.
Joe Mallalieu returned Tuesday from his two weeks' outing in Colorado.
Miss Lou Allen has returned from her visit to friends near Bloomington, Ill.
Mr. Arthur Cooley, of Omaha was in Lincoln a week ago today on business.
D. B. Kincaid of Knottsville, W. Va., is the guest of his cousin, J. C. Knotts.
Mrs. C. L. Talmadge is entertaining Miss Bessie Jungbluth of Arlington.
Mrs. Sam S. Whiting and son Timmie are visiting friends in Council Bluffs.
G. D. Kelly left Wednesday for a two weeks' trip to Minneapolis, his old home.
Mrs. Fern K. Buford of Kansas City is visiting in this city with Mrs. S. E. Upton.
Mrs. John P. Maule and two daughters have returned from Hot Springs, S. D.
Miss Stella Kirker is home again from Chicago, where she has spent the

summer.
Mr. M. H. Van Horn and wife left Monday for the G. A. R. encampment at St. Paul, Minn.

Mrs. S. A. Pratt has gone to St. Paul, Minn., for an extended visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. W. Z. Bell and daughter have returned home after spending the summer at Monmouth, Ill.

Miss Currier, who has been making her sister a long visit, returned home to Illinois this week.

Warren J. Byer, Will Ryan, Miss Lyons and Miss Beach went to Omaha to see the parade.

Miss Mabel Merrell and Miss Culbertson have gone to Council Bluffs to open a private kindergarten.

Mrs. P. V. M. Raymond and son Frank have returned from a short vacation in Iowa and Chicago.

Wesley Ewing, who has been ill, some time with rheumatism, is able to be about on his crutches.

Marriage licenses have been granted to Austin Riley, aged 69, and Catherine Moran, aged 60, of Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McDonald and family have returned from an extended visit to the eastern seaside resorts.

F. M. Herrick and wife, of Princeton, Ill., are visiting O. O. Herrick. They are on their way to Meeker, Colo.

Maj. E. G. Fechet and family have moved from the Lyman terrace, and are now stopping at the Lindell hotel.

Miss Marion Smith returned yesterday from White Sulphur Springs, where she has been spending the summer.

Mrs. Elmer Perkins and three children returned Tuesday from a three months' visit with friends in Michigan.

Miss Louie McGrew, book-keeper for Herpolsheimer & Co., has gone to visit friends at St. Paul, Minn., and Mankato.

Mr. Will Dorsey of Beatrice spent Sunday in Lincoln. Dame rumor says that one young lady did most of the entertaining.

Mrs. Saylor and two children returned from New York state, where she has been all summer. Prof. Saylor returned a week sooner.

Helen Welch has just returned from Kansas City where she was quoted as the young lady who lived in Lincoln—the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan.

Miss Stanton, formerly assistant principal of the Alma schools, stopped in the city on Wednesday and visited Secretary of State and Mrs. J. A. Piper.

T. J. Kelly, operator in Smith's grain commission rooms at the Capital hotel, has gone to Denver to spend a short vacation in visiting brothers.

L. M. Overstreet, who has been at the naval academy, Annapolis, for two years, is visiting Lincoln, where his old friends will be glad to see him.

Miss Mabel Koons of Peoria, Ill., stopped in this city on Wednesday of this week to visit Mrs. Elbert Voorhees. She is on her way to Montana.

Mrs. J. Speir has returned from her European journey, after an absence of about five months. At home to her friends from 3 to 4 o'clock Saturday afternoons.

Will H. Thompson of Peoria, Ill., a gentleman interested in dry goods, will be identified with the people of the Capitol city, as the supposition is he has come to stay.

Mrs. Mary J. Coe of Toledo was the guest of Mrs. John Crampton of this city, and left on Thursday to take in the fair at Omaha. She expects to stop some time in Chicago on her way home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Taylor of Jericho, Mo., who have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. J. J. Douglas, of the state land commissioner's office, returned to their home this week.

Mrs. Nellie M. Richardson has returned from a six weeks' absence in the Black Hills and in Kansas. Speaking of politics she says the outlook grows brighter for the republicans—thinks they will carry the state.

Dr. D. W. C. Huntington, wife and daughter Frances; Mrs. W. P. Phillips,

John G. and Frank Phillips, returned this week from a very pleasant visit to the Yellowstone park.

Ray Welch expects to arrive in New York on the 18th of this month. He will sail on the steamer "The State of Nebraska." He writes his family that although he has enjoyed his trip very much it has been almost too hurried. A he went by it seemed to him that the Germans were more polite than the French.

The new comic opera Powhatan will be produced by the Lincoln Home Opera company at the Lansing Monday evening, September 21, under the auspices of the W. C. A. The company numbers 150, including the divertissements at the marriage of Pokahontas. W. A. Baker of Chicago is the director.

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Powhatan.....Prof. Movius
Pokahontas.....Mrs. Lippincott
Laughing Star.....Miss Maud Oakley
Oquawka.....Miss Agnes Sewell
Black Eagle.....Mr. Kettering
Capt. John Smith.....Mr. Harry Reese
Capt. Rolfe.....Mr. Hayden Myer

The Palladian society at the state university celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding on October 15th and 16th, Thursday night, October 15th, Old Timers' program. J. S. Dales will preside as at the first meeting twenty-five years ago. The Palladian Girls' debating club will hold an open session. Friday morning the anniversary address will be delivered in the Lansing theatre by ex-Chancellor E. B. Fairfield. It will be a notable event in society and university annals. Friday night proceedings will close with a banquet. Judge E. P. Holmes '78, will officiate as toastmaster. Congressman Mercer will be there if the sacred claims of his country can be satisfied in the meantime. Congressman Sweet of Idaho may come on the same condition from Idaho.

The circular which the Courier has received is full of a spirit of loyalty and appreciation for this particular society, which is reminiscent of the days when Will O. Jones and Amos Warner were ready to bleed if they might thereby extinguish the fraternities. They succeeded in expelling the fraternity members from the debating clubs. But the kind of students they warned off are the kind that make a society successful, and since then the Palladians have wanted the very stream whose channel they turned aside. The existing conditions have made it a decadent society. It is a pity too, that just when the country has the most striking example in its history of the effect of oratory, the state university should offer so few opportunities for the practice if it.

The Ak-Sar-Ben ball in Omaha was a brilliant affair. Given—shoulders, flowers, ribbons and light enough and the occasion is always dazzling. The Omaha smart set in dash and the grand air is quite equal to New York. It has been said that the further west, the deeper the hauteur, but that may be eastern scorn of western presumption in pretending to have anything called "society." As a maid of honor Miss Grace Oakley wore a strikingly pretty gown of pink mousseline de soie over pink satin, trimmed in pink velvet and large La France roses. The bodice was cut in the Sixteenth century style. White gloves and a huge bunch of La France roses tied with pink ribbon completed this charming toilet.

Miss Sadie Burnham wore the daintest pink accordeon pleated mousseline de soie gown over a foundation of pink silk, trimmed in exquisite lace and ribbons decollette, cream gloves. She carried beautiful La France roses which were tied with a bow of pink ribbons.

Miss Nellie Lau's gown was a delicate creation of white organdie over yellow satin. White lace and ribbons were used to pretty advantage in the trimmings, cream gloves. She carried a large bouquet of flowers.