

My dear Seniors:

I have asked the Illini editor to grant me one day of grace that I might have the privilege of giving you the information that I am to leave the University at the end of this year. I doubt if he will observe my wishes so that this may not be news by the time it reaches you.

You and I shall be graduated together. While I am leaving active library work, for a time at least, I am not leaving the library school, for that is a part of me and wherever I may live its interests will be vital to me. I have felt for some time that the pressure of administrative duties was preventing me from doing what I wished to do for the school. I have felt still more that it was crushing the human element out of my life. It has seemed that I was selling my technical services to the highest bidder without realizing the fullness of life. I am unwilling to do so longer, for I fear that in a year or so more I might be satisfied to stay in the rut.

Now I am unsatisfied, not dissatisfied.

I shall be with Mr. and Mrs. Dewey at Lake Placid and this has been one of the strongest inducements after the utter loneliness of the past two years.

I shall still be in a position to be of

service to you and it will be my greatest pleasure to do so. I shall want to hear from you individually, for I shall have more time then to write and I shall always be interested in every one of you.

I am not willing to lead a life of idleness, so I am to be 2nd vice-president of the Lake Placid Club and I can see many opportunities for usefulness and the outlook is most attractive.

But always and everywhere this will be my school and you will be "my girls".

With much love and best wishes, I am
Always sincerely yours,
Katharine L. Sharp

29 April 1907.

MRS FRANCES HURSH

This is a copy of a letter sent me as
chairman of the 1907 Class by
Katharine L. Sharp, first head of
the Library School at the University
of Illinois 1897-1907.

I mailed the original to Josie D. Houchens
of the Library Staff on Jan. 28, 1950 to be
placed among the K. L. S. memoirs.

Am keeping this for sentimental reasons only.
Of interest to no one else in the family.