

very nice in the summer time. The city is busy making preparations for the coming inauguration, as a hundred thousand people are expected to be here for the event. Many are arriving already, so as to make sure of securing rooms to be comfortable while here. I hear that at the last inauguration the city could not furnish sufficient accommodations for our visitors and many had to spend the nights in Baltimore and surrounding towns. I only wish that in the great array of people who will come for this inauguration there might be some one from Chemawa. I wish all you girls could have the opportunity to be here with me at the Capitol of our nation for the inauguration of the incoming President.

Again I congratulate you on your success with the work of the Y. W. C. A. and hope it will continue.

With my very best wishes to each and all, I am, Very sincerely,

ELLA L. BREWER.

THE WHITE HOUSE

PRESIDENT'S MANSION ONCE DESTROYED BY FIRE



THE White House at the National Capital is one of the historic buildings of the land and we believe that our subscribers will profit by reading the following historical account of this famous mansion which was sent out from Washington, D. C., recently in the form of a dispatch:

President Wilson's new home—the White House—has a history that reads like fiction. Built in 1792, it was destroyed by fire by British troopers in 1814, and rebuilt again in 1818. It has housed every president of the United States, save Washington, and despite its century age is still one of the most impressive buildings in this city of magnificent structures.

On March 14, 1792, the government advertised for a competition of architects to design plans for a "president's home." James Hoban, a young Irishman, won the prize of \$500 by his plans. He was engaged at the munificent salary of 100 guineas a year to superintend the construction of the future White House. On October 13, 1792, President George Washington, acting as grand master of the Alexandria, Va., lodge of Masons, laid the cornerstone of the structure.

It was desired to push the construction work with all possible haste, but there was difficulty in raising funds for the work, and, according to