

Copyright Renewed 1973 by Helen Seitter Stocklen

By Pearle Seitter, Past Matron,
Hamilton Chapter, No. 275,
Hamilton, Missouri.

For placing Bible on Altar.

Chaplain enters slowly, carrying open Bible. She passes diagonally to Altar. Immediately following, at least ten members enter and form line back of Esther's station. Each member carries a lighted cross made as follows:

Fig. 1.

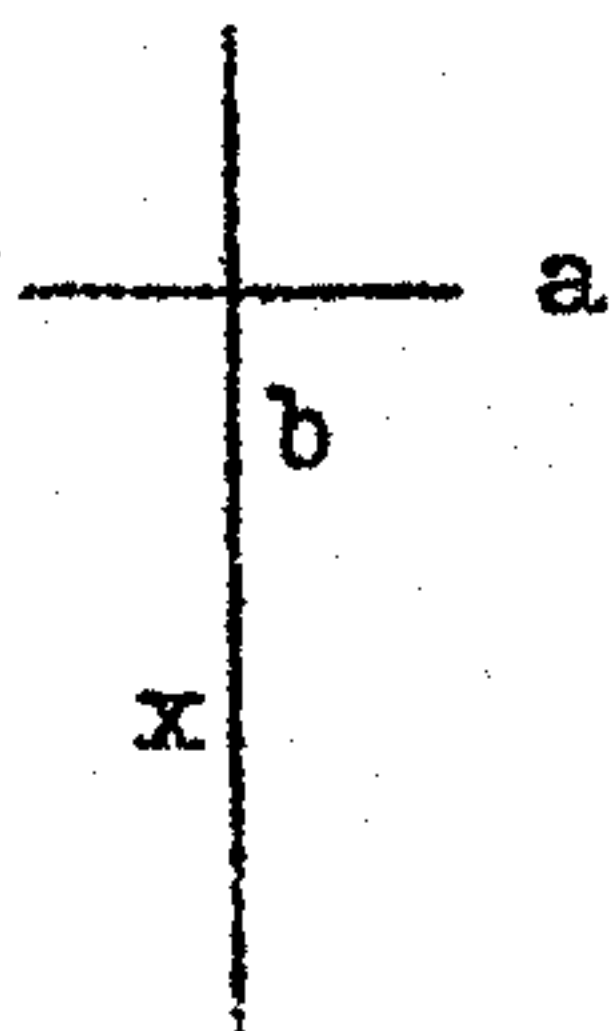
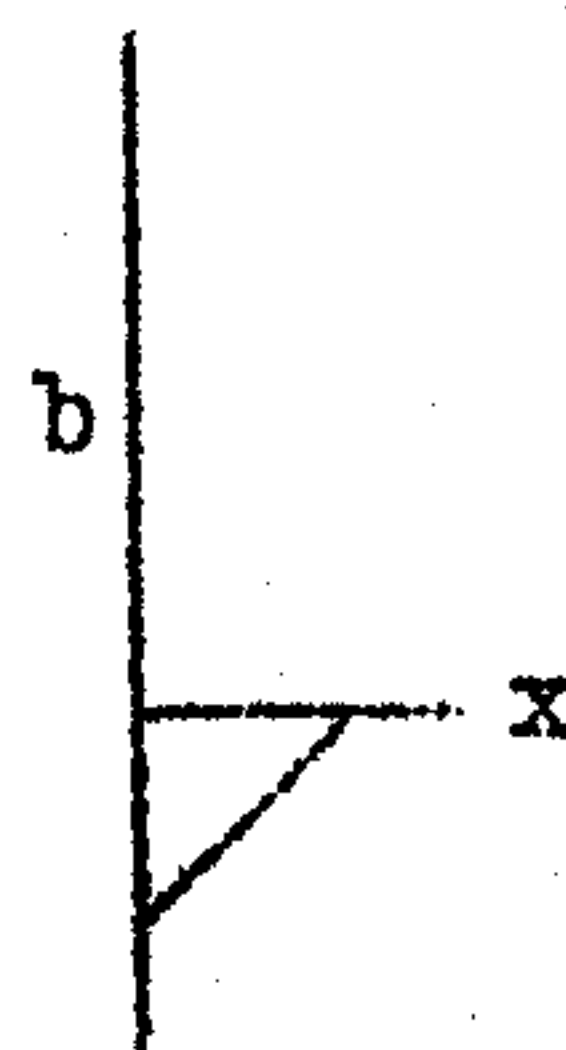


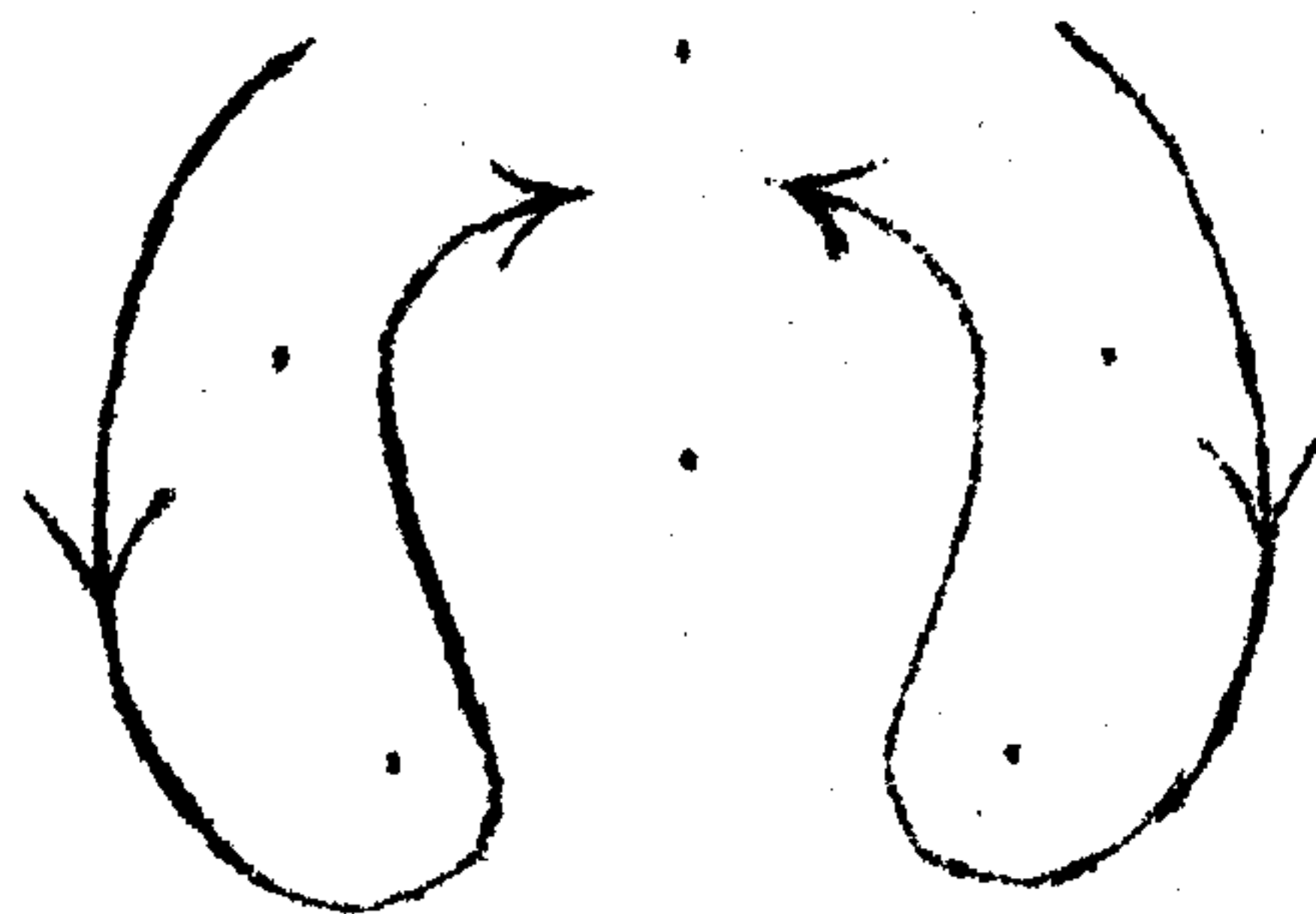
Fig. 2.



Crosses are best made of lattice strips. For arm of cross use strip about six inches long. (a) Fig. 1. For upright of cross use strip about twenty-four inches long, (b) Fig. 1. About six inches up from base of cross, a strip about six inches long is nailed at right angles to upright of cross (x), Fig. 1 and 2, with brace underneath for support. Make hole in short piece for candle to be inserted. After crosses are made, paint them white, and while paint is wet, sprinkle well with Christmas snow or metallics.

Members march from position back of Esther's station as follows:

.....



During ceremony, soloist sings the following song:

Tune: "Sweet Hour of Prayer" (Hymn)

Oh Holy Book, we turn to Thee,
Our shield, our guide, our all to be,
As we approach our Altar now,
We in Thy presence humbly bow;
Thy open page will always be
A comfort as we trust in Thee;
As on Thy promises we look,
We turn to Thee, Oh precious Book.

We place Thee on our Altar now,
As we before Thee humbly bow,
And if for help our needs we see,
Dear Holy Book, we turn to Thee;
We turn to Thee for words of life,
We come for comfort in our strife;
And when our hearts are bowed in grief,
Dear Book in Thee we find relief.

Oh Holy Book, we leave Thee now,
And still to Thee we humbly bow;
Oh wilt Thou ever guide our ways,
And shield us through the coming days;
Oh lead us on to paths aright,
And guard us through the darkest night;
And bring us back that we may look
Upon Thy page, Oh precious Book.

The first verse of above song may be sung while members are marching to Altar, the second verse after Bible is placed on Altar, and the third verse as members retire.

NOTE: The ceremony is protected by copyright and is for your presentation only. It cannot be copied or used by other Chapters without permission of publisher.