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WELCOME CEREMONY for District Instructor.

The occasion of this ceremony was the Inspection following the School of Instruction. In this case, the Worthy Matron's husband was an engineer on the Santa Fe Railroad and the husband of the Instructor, employed by the C.B. & Q. Railroad.

The programs were replicas of Railroad timetables and the girls of the escort dressed in blue jeans, white shirts and red kerchiefs, with blue striped caps sticking out of their back pockets.

As Instructor was presented behind Esther's chair:

Worthy Matron: Sister ........., it is with great pleasure that I welcome you here tonight.
Words can't express the joy you have brought to us by your kindness and thoughtfulness.
I'm sure we will remember our happy afternoon and evening with you for a long time.

"It has been my joy today, to find
The strong arm of a comrade kind,
At every turning of the road,
To help me onward with my load.

Now, as you travel on your way,
Either by C.B. & Q, or Santa Fe;
May the heavenly Father, whose love we all know,
Comfort and guard you, wherever you go."

(Associate Matron brings a lunch pail and gives it to the Instructor)

Conductress to Instructor: We'd certainly not want you to be hungry
As you go along the road,
So let us see if we can find something
That will lighten up the load.

(Conducts Instructor to each station, beginning with Adah).

Adah: Inspector........, The road ahead will be easier
If you know we are remaining true
To vows we all have taken;
Here's a fidelity sandwich for you. (Hands her gift of money wrapped to look like a sandwich)

Ruth: Inspector........, You really need your vitamins,
For your work requires good health;
May you find in these constancy carrots
A friendship full of wealth. (Hands her money wrapped to resemble a carrot)

Esther: Inspector........, You certainly don't want a doctor
Hanging around your door;
So we hope your loyalty apple
Keeps him farther away than before. (Hands her an apple with money attached)

Martha: Inspector........, To keep us sweet and strong each day,
Faith and hope must be in our diet;
So here's your faith and hope cake,
Be sure you eat all of it. (Hands her money wrapped to resemble piece of cake)

Electa: Inspector ......., I have a cup which represents love;
We give you an ample supply
To carry you through the whole trip,
You can't drink all of it, even if you try. (Hands her a cup with money in it.)

Conductress takes Instructor back to her position behind Esther's chair, then ten (10) Rainbow girls entered, dressed as Railroad workers and chugging with their feet and arms in time with music - "I've been working on the Railroad."

Just before the girls entered, a trio sang, "Waiting for the Train to come Home", then when the girls were in place, the Instructor was escorted to the East.

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