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CEREMONY FOR ACCEPTING AND DEDICATING ANY CHAPTER GIFT
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Past Matron, Hamilton Chapter, No. 275,
Hamilton, Missouri.

Gift is presented to Chapter as follows:

It is with much pride and pleasure that I present to this Chapter this beautiful gift, (-----), on behalf of -----. This is a rare privilege, and I feel sure that the love and the admiration of the giver form a great part of the gift, and that it will bring many happy memories during the years which are to come. The use of this gift will give faith and courage to every member of this Chapter, and will make our Star shine even with greater brilliance than it has ever done in the past. I am pleased to have the privilege of presenting to this Chapter at this time this beautiful-----, as a gift from -----.

Speech for accepting gift:

I feel sure that every member of this Chapter thanks the giver from the bottom of the heart for this beautiful and useful gift. We have long felt it's need, and now that it is ours, we will cherish it through the years which are to come, and with it's use, we will always be reminded of the kindness of the giver, to whom we owe a debt of gratitude. Thank you ----- We do not have the words to tell you how much this gift is appreciated, but we will each strive at all times to put it into use for the betterment of our Order, the beauty of our ceremonies, and the culmination of our friendship. We shall always cherish this gift, and words cannot express our appreciation, but we do say "thank you", very, very much for your thoughtful consideration.

The Association Matron approaches the west side of the Altar, and speaks:

✓ On behalf of the members of this Chapter, I wish to say that we are very grateful for this beautiful gift. We know that it will help us to concentrate our minds on the high principles of our Order, and that it will help us to put forth every effort to exemplify in our own lives the lessons taught by the heroines of our Order. It is given to us in the spirit of fellowship and love, and it is in this same spirit that we accept it, and present it for dedication.

We are so thankful for this gift, and we will try to show
How very much it means to us, so all the world will know
That such kind deeds are never lost, and as we "thank you" say,
We hope these words will be so big, they'll stay with us each day;
This gift will always be to us a source of pleasure too,
Because it is these kindly deeds that make our Chapter true;
And from it's use through coming years, we'll always want to be
So truthful, constant, loyal too, with faith and charity.

Conductress passes to south of Altar, and accepts gift as follows:

On behalf of our Chapter, I accept this gift. It has been given to us in the spirit of love, and in this same spirit I accept it, and present it for dedication.

Associate Conductress passes to north of Altar, and accepts gift as follows:

On behalf of our Chapter, I accept this gift. It has been given to us in the spirit of Charity, Truth, and Loving-Kindness, and in this same spirit I accept it, and present it for dedication.

After Associate Conductress speaks, Associate Matron, Conductress, and Associate Conductress return to stations.

Star points form semicircle around Altar, and each in turn pass to west side of Altar, and with left hand upon the Bible, and right hand uplifted, speaks as follows:

Adah:

In the name of the daughters of this Chapter, I dedicate this gift for service in teaching the lessons of fidelity and moral courage, as exemplified in the life of Adah.

Ruth:

In the name of the widows of this Chapter, I dedicate this gift for service in teaching the lessons of constancy, and faithful obedience to the demands of honor and justice, as exemplified in the life of Ruth.

Esther:

In the name of the wives of this Chapter, I dedicate this gift for service in teaching the lessons of justice and unselfish loyalty to the welfare of others, as exemplified in the life of Esther.

Martha:

In the name of the sisters of this Chapter, I dedicate this gift for service in teaching the lessons of trustful faith in the hour of trial, and the hope of eternal life, as exemplified in the life of Martha.

Electa:

In the name of the mothers of this Chapter, I dedicate this gift for service in teaching the lessons of charity, and hospitality, as exemplified in the life of Electa.

At close of dedication service, other officers join Star points in positions around Altar and Chaplain offers prayer.

Prayer:

Our Father in Heaven, we thank Thee for this beautiful gift which we have just dedicated to the service of our Chapter. As we use it from time to time, may it teach us to exemplify more fully the lessons which are taught to us by our beautiful Order. May it help us to be more faithful to each other as we use it to promote the principles of Charity, Truth, and Loving-Kindness. These things we ask in the Master's name.

Amen.

The song "Blest Be The Tie" may be sung at close of prayer, the officers returning to stations during last stanza as in initiation service.

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