INCOMING MATRON'S ADDRESS
AT INSTALLATION

by Ruby M. Crook

Worthy Installing Officer, Sisters and Brothers:

This indeed is a rare privilege for me, to accept the office as Worthy Matron of your chapter. I want you to know I deeply appreciate this opportunity and while I realize that the office of Worthy Matron is one of great responsibility, yet counting on the aid of my sisters and brothers I am willing to assume it and I hope I shall not prove altogether unworthy of this high honor you have conferred upon me.

It has been six long years since I started to climb the fraternal ladder, which places me tonight on the top rung as your Worthy Matron. Climbing upward from round to round my experiences have been varied, but at each step I have received the encouragement and comradeship of my sisters and brothers, both official and on the side lines.

And I shall always remember with gratitude Sister _________ (Mentioning one who gave the opportunity by appointment or otherwise) who took me into her official family by offering me the point of (name point).

We want the coming year to be, like those of the past, a year of service.

No single individual can accomplish this. nor can two, or three. It is only by the hearty cooperation of each and every member that we shall be able to make this year successful and one to be numbered among the best.

So as we go forth upon the journey of life let us look for opportunities to be of real service to those less fortunate perhaps than ourselves. And opportunities are not confined to financial or material aid. A smile, a warm handclasp, a word or cheerful greeting, each a trifle in itself, but to whom does it make a welcome appeal?

And who of us can tell but on some troubled heart it may fall like a ray of sunshine piercing a dark cloud.

Some of the golden memories of life, both to him who bestows and to him who receives have birth in these very trifles. For someone has well said:-

"To have joy, one must share it,
Happiness is born a twin."

Only by giving in life may we receive. It is thus friendships are formed, and when all is summed up, the joy and the splendor of life consists largely in the making of friends.

Let us be----just friends,
Once again-----I thank you.