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ASSOCIATE MATRON'S ADDRESS  
to the  
WORTHY MATRON  
on "Advance Night"

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Together with

OFFICER'S FAREWELL  
to the  
RETIRING WORTHY MATRON

by Ethel King, P.M.

#### ASSOCIATE' MATRON'S ADDRESS

Worthy Matron, usually when we set out to shop for new shoes, we look at this and try on that, and quite often come away without a single pair which fit.

But, tonight, Worthy Matron, through your cooperation, all of ~~your~~ advancing officers are being given the opportunity of trying the shoes we are about to step into in the new year-- not only for size, but also to find out if they fit us as we hope to fit them.

And now, Worthy Matron, I thank you in behalf of all of your officers for giving ua this opportunity tonight, and we hope that the Chapter will have reason to be proud of us when we step out in our new shoes.

OFFICERS FAREWELL TO THE  
RETIRING WORTHY MATRON  
\*\*\*\*\*By Ethel King, P.M.

When the Worthy Matron asks the officers to retire in form,  
the Associate Matron will immediately say:

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Worthy Matron, your officers are sorry to see you leave  
the East. It has been a joy this past year to work with  
you, for you have always had the Chapter's interests at  
heart and I, personally, am very grateful for the  
assistance you have given me in so many ways. Your  
other officers, too, wish to express their thoughts of you.

(At this cue, all officers will simultaneously approach the East  
in two lines, one from the North and the other from the South.  
The object is to address the W.M., speak the single line given  
for each officer, present her with the flowers which have  
been previously placed at the seats, then form two straight  
lines along the East - one from the center towards the North  
and the other towards the South so that when the organist  
plays "Now is the hour", the regular form of retiring march  
can be carried out. Secretary and Treasurer walk straight  
over to the W.M., Secretary speaking first, presents flowers;  
then the Treasurer likewise, and both descend the steps  
together and stand a little each side of the center. This will  
leave room for the other officers to ascend the East, present  
their flowers, descend and stop beside the Secretary and  
Treasurer, on the respective sides.)

SECRETARY: You have been a true friend this year.

TREASURER: A friend in need is a friend indeed.

CHAPLAIN: You have been faithful, loyal and true.

MARSHAL: Our Eastern Star precepts have ever been before you.

ASSISTANT MARSHAL: May joy and comfort always be yours.

TRUSTEE: You have guarded well the secrets of your Chapter.

ADAH: Like Adah, you have been faithful to your trust.

ELECTA: You have earned the love of all your members.

RUTH: Your Chapter you have served with constant devotion.

MARTHA: Our faith in you has never waivered.

ESTHER: Fair and just have you been at all times.

COLOR BEARER: Loyal and true blue have you proven to be.

WARDER: Gracious have you always been to all.

HISTORIAN: Your service to your Chapter will be deeply  
engraved in history.

ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS: Friends like jewels, grow deeper with the years.

CONDUCTRESS: Well done, our true and faithful servant.

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After the Conductress has spoken, the A.M. will then present the gift to the Worthy Matron from the Chapter, or Officers, and at her nod, the Organist will play the retiring march, "Now is the Hour", which will be the cue to enter into the march.