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"GOLDEN CHAIN OF MEMORIES" for Outgoing Matron.

Asso. Matron: "Worthy Matron, your officers would like you to come to the altar."

(As W. M. leaves the East, all officers rise. They will be holding "links" of gold all during ceremony. Asso. Matron meets Worthy Matron at altar (west side). Worthy Matron stands on East side of altar all during ceremony.)

Asso. Matron: We would like your past year be like a chain of gold
Each link a kindness or a happy smile
And all the links together form a perfect mold
To make a lovely memory, truly worth the while.

Adah: (All points step forward as they speak and stand in front of station as in circle prayer.)

As Adah, I bring this link and wish
That your skies may be always blue.

Ruth: From Ruth this link brings our wish
Of plenty for you.

Esther: As Esther this golden link of joy
I bring to you, so true.

Martha: From Martha this link of hope
For your future, is your due.

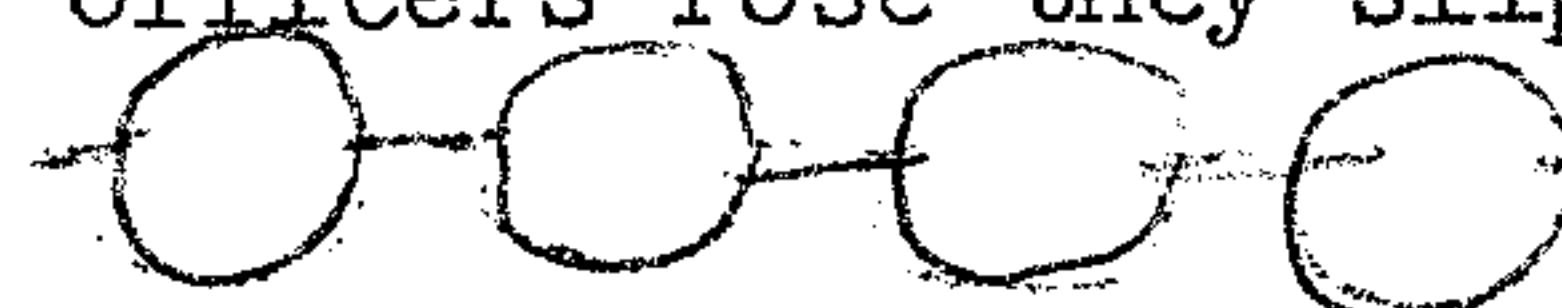
Electa: As Electa, I bring this link of love
That we'll always have for you.

Organist plays chorus of "Memories" and all remaining officers (women) come in as for prayer circle. Ours was an open meeting so the warder also came and brought the links for Conductress. We presented a gift, which the Conductress carried. It was from the officers, but a Past Matron's pin could be presented. When all are in circle Conductress takes few steps farther into circle and says:-

In your chain of memories, we would like a part
And may this fond remembrance, help keep us in your heart.

Conductress steps back in circle and all join hands making a complete chain of links up to W.M. (She just holds her gift.). We had a violin solo - one chorus of "Memories". As she played "Memories" second time the officers returned to their stations.

The chains are made of gold crepe paper, about 8" x 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". They were pinned together in links. 10 links in each chain. When officers rose they slipped hands in end links, holding them loosely in front, thus:



This was an original ceremony and there were so many favorable comments. It was short and simple but very effective.

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