MEMORIAL PROGRAM
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WORTHY MATRON: We shall now pause in our deliberations to pay respect to our departed members, who have been called to their Heavenly home. We are remembering those around us whose hearts are saddened by the loss of loved ones. Sister Secretary, will you give us the names of those who have passed on.

SECRETARY READS THE NAMES:

WORTHY MATRON: Sisters Conductress and Associate Conductress—you will place our floral tribute in memory of departed members upon our Altar (Organist plays Sweet Hour of Prayer).

SISTER CONDUCTRESS: Like weary and worn out children
That sigh for daylights close.
He knows that they oft are longing
For the Home and its sweet repose.

ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS: He calls them in from their labors
Ere shadows around them creep
And silently watching o'er them
He giveth his loved ones sleep.

Organist plays soft music (He Leadeth Me) while Conductresses return to their chairs.

WORTHY MATRON: Now God, you have taken some countenance fair
From among our dear faces, to be with you there
But I am grateful that while I have been searching life's throng
I saw their real beauty and heard their sweet song
And when you shall call us, what joy will be ours,
For we will see their dear faces (and their smiles so sublime.)
(like garlands of flowers.)

Organist plays soft music while the Star Points light candles at their stations and slowly approach the altar with them and each say the following verses and place the candles upon the altar and return to their stations. (Organist may play Lead Kindly Light or other.)

ADAH: Though I walk through the Valley of the shadow of Death
I will fear no evil, for thou art with me.
In loving memory of devoted daughters and sons
I bring this light of Fidelity.

RUTH: I will never leave thee nor forsake thee
Lo, I am with you always.
In memory of Beloved widows
I place this candle of Constancy.

ESTHER: I go to prepare a place for you.
I will come again and receive you unto myself
That where I am, there ye may be also.
In memory of wives and husbands
I bring this candle of Loyalty.
MARThA:  I am the resurrection and the life,
   He that believeth in me, though he were dead,
   Yet shall he live.
   And whosoever liveth and believeth in me,
   Shall never die.
   In loving memory of sisters and brothers
   I place this lighted candle of Faith
   Hope and Immortality.

ELECTA:  For God so loved the world,
   That He gave His only begotten Son
   That whosoever believeth in Him
   Should not perish,
   But have everlasting life.
   I place this candle of Fervency and Love.

(All return to stations)

ASSOCIATE MATRON:  (While at her station)

   Death is only a hidden door,
   Set in a garden wall:
   On quiet hinges, it gives,
   When the thrushes call.
   Along its archway are green leaves,
   Beyond, the light lies still--
   Very willing and weary feet go over the sill.
   Nothing is here to trouble any heart,
   Nothing to hurt at all,
   Death is only a hidden door
   Set in a garden wall.

Call Chapter up.  (Let us unite in prayer)

Organist plays "Some Day We'll Understand" or some other song as the Chaplain
goes to and from the altar.

Prayer for Chaplain:

   Our Father we come before Thee humbly
   And in acknowledgment of Thy will.
   We are grateful to have known the loved ones
   Who have passed from our sight:
   Grateful to have labored with them
   In service to our order and to Thee.
   Give comfort to bereaved families
   And may they remember thy promise
   "In my Father's house are many mansions,
   If it were not so I would have told you".
   I go to prepare a place for you"
   And "I am the Way",
   This hour of remembrance is sacred
   And we are touched with grief
   Yet Thy love aboundeth
   And abideth in all.  Amen.