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SPEECHES FOR WORTHY MATRON  
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For Accepting Gift:

I want to thank you sincerely for your kind words, and for this beautiful gift which I am sure will always bring happy memories to me. I fully appreciate this expression of your friendship, and I am very grateful for the help and cooperation you have given me at all times. The memory of this, and the pleasure of this gift will always be a ray of happiness to me. In thanking you, I can only say:

There are wonderful gifts that gold cannot buy,  
There are gifts that are loyal and true;  
But the most precious gifts are wonderful friends  
Like the friends I have found in you.

For Presenting Gift:

It is my pleasure at this time to present to you this little gift. It is a token of our appreciation for the duties which you have so faithfully performed. Our best wishes are with you for a life of success and happiness for we know that you will continue to use your best efforts to promote the future welfare and prosperity of our Order.

From out of our heart's treasures,  
Comes this little gift to you,  
For you've sown the seeds of kindness,  
And it's brought reward to you.

May the sheaves which you now gather,  
And the fruits of gleaming gold,  
Bring you joy and peace together,  
With a wealth of love untold.

May this gift help you to cherish  
Our five rays which shine afar;  
By their light may you be guided  
To our own dear Eastern Star.

Verses:

May sunshine fall daily along on your way,  
And give you a bit of it's gladness each day;  
May fortune smile on you all the way through,  
And time bring the richest of blessings to you.

There are beautiful gardens where rare flowers grow,  
The gardens of love, faith, and loyalty too;  
And we find some blossoms that few gardens know,  
For they bloom in the hearts of true friends like you.