

1951 Star Point – adapted from the emblem ceremony

In this perplexing and distracted world of ours, there is but one path to eventual peace. That answer is found in the book that rests upon the altar. His word is truly a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. All of us are fully aware that we live in a world of turmoil, but all the philosophers and scientists have found nothing that can compare with the virtues of those tried and true servants of God, the heroines of our Order, whose acts are recorded in the Holy Book.

No one has found any quality of character that can replace the fidelity of Adah. No one has discovered a substitute for the constancy of Ruth. No scientific research has revealed anything that can be exchanged for the loyalty of Esther. No university professor has developed any outlook on life that will bring as much happiness as the faith of Martha and no laboratory or library has brought to light any human emotion that can compare with the generosity of Electa. Loving kindness, the basic principle of Christianity, was the motivating force of all their good deeds.

Across the span of years they come
their thoughts imprinted on a living page
They are gone but the good they wrought
Lives on from age to age

Adah counsels you to remember that the tongue is much like a two-edged sword. Guard your tongue well so that only words of kindness shall come from your lips. The scriptures say, "Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue, keepeth his soul from trouble."

Ruth reminds you of her loving kindness to Naomi and as Boaz encouraged her by his kindness, may you encourage others by your kindness to them. As the Bible says "Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul and health to the bones."

Esther bids you to remember the loving kindness of her thoughts when she offered her crown and life to save the chosen people. Our God says, "Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thy hand and to do it."

Martha represents the uncertainty of human life but hastens to reassure you that the Good Book says, "Let not your heart be troubled for every word of God is pure. He is a shield unto them that put their trust in Him."

Electa admonishes you that it is more blessed to give than to receive. For God said, "He that oppresseth the poor, reproacheth his Maker, but he that honoreth Him hath mercy on the poor."

My sisters and my brothers, when we leave this chapter room, let us strive to emulate the virtues of these true servants of God determined to renew our efforts to be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Song
Prayer