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Mr. Chairman,

Principal Glen,

Members of the Faculty,

Ladies and Gentlemen:-

On behalf of the wives and friends of the graduating class, I would like to thank you, Donna, for the kind words and congratulations.

These years at Knox College will hold many happy memories for us.

We will remember the help, understanding, and many kindnesses shown to us by the members of the faculty and their wives. We are especially grateful for the continual interest they have taken in our Knox Wives Fellowship.

We will always remember with the deepest affection, the warmth and graciousness of Mrs. David Hay, and the kindness, gentleness and friendship of Dr. Keith Andrews.

We will remember the many lasting friendships made here and the happy times we have shared with you all.

These years of study have not been confined to our husbands alone. We, too, have had lessons to learn. It has been our task to learn a few of the many facets which will help us to be good wives.

Let us consider what virtues a minister's wife should strive to emulate:-

She should be more precious than a large bank account, a personal yacht, or a Thunderbird.

The heart of her husband trusts in her to do her job well so that he can make a success of his.

She does him good and not harm, she does not bake his favorite pie when he's trying to lose weight.

She studies what he really needs and does not burden him with what she thinks he needs all the days of his life(not just at the beginning).

She seeks out tasks to do that will relieve him, she does not meet him at the door with buckets and ladders when he comes home weary from his own tasks.

She works with willing hands, and without any delusions that she was born for greater things.

She rejoices in her husband's position as if it were her own, because she knows she has helped to put him there; she refrains, however, from telling him so.

She is not talkative and trifling, not contentious and fretful; she avoids sounding like a continual dripping on a rainy day.

She talks to her husband and children with wisdom and understanding, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

She looks well to the ways of her household, rather than being taken up with telling neighbors and parishoners how to run theirs.

By attending to her own tasks, she avoids being an idler gadding about from house to house, a gossipper, or a busybody, saying what she should not.

Her children at maturity will rise up and call her blessed; she knows she cannot expect them not to argue along the way.

But a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised; she has developed the inner adornments that wear in marriage; she has the imperishable jewel of a gentle and quiet spirit which in God's sight is very precious.

Let not our home be founded on the shifting sands of private and public life, but may it have its peace in God. For it is God who gives it special meaning and dignity, its nature and privilege, its destiny and worth.