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My Dear Choir Members:- Greetings in Jesus Name!

I feel I owe a special tribute and word of thanks to the Choir members for your fine cooperation shown during my illness;

To the Choir committee for your untiring efforts in keeping the harmony and unity of service in song, so important in our type of ministry

Then also, not to be overlooked or passed by with a simple nod, is the faithful service of Margurite who has taken over the directing with such talent and gracious spirit;

Those who ministered at the organ and piano as well as the special numbers responding for solos, quartets and duets is all so worthy of special mention and a hearty vote of thanks that comes from the deep of my heart.

Than also, not the least of your collective virtues comes the sincere heart cries to God in my behalf the main reason for my recovery, how I have pondered and meditated on this prayer service as the real reason behind my recovery; then your lovely cards of well wishes with the lovely flowers and various gifts all speak in a voice that has inspired confidence and faith in contributing to make my period of illness and convalescence one of thanksgiving to God on your behalf.

I think I say it truthfully when I speak of the choir group as a whole to be as fine and loyal and spiritual as one could desire ~~and that~~ and that I have been so fortunate to be associated with you.

Words fail me in my endeavor to express my love and appreciation for each one of you whom I have come to love and appreciate more and more.

To me this has been a period of real testing and a trial that I feel will prove a blessing in my own life and future ministry for God's hand has been in and with us through it all and a proof that "all things do work together for good to those who love God."

Some times it takes a crisis to show us the true values and how closely we are knit together in the bond of Christian Fellowship.

With all my heart and fervent love I thank you.

Lovingly in Jesus dear Name:

Signed: Aunt Betty.