

INSTITUTE ODE

A goodly thing it is to meet
In Friendship's circle bright,
Where nothing stains the pleasure sweet
Nor dims the radiant light.
No unkind word our lips shall pass
Nor envy sour the mind,
But each shall seek the common weal,
The good of all mankind.

THE MARY STEWART COLLECT (Sang to the tune of Auld Lang Syne)

Keep us O Lord from Pettiness;
Let us be large in thought, in word and deed.
Let us be done with fault finding and leave off self-seeking.
May we put away all pretence and meet each other face to face,
Without self-pity and without prejudice.
May we never be hasty in judgement and always generous.
Let us take time for all things; make us grow calm, serene, gentle.
Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straight forward and unafraid.
Grant that we may realise that it is the little things that create differences;
That in the big things in life we are one.
And may we strive to touch and know the great human heart common to us all,
And O Lord God let us not forget to be kind