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## *THE WOMEN'S 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,  
No envy sour thy mind,  
But each shall seek the common weal,  
The good of all mankind.

## *THE MARY STEWART COLLECT*

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 be 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 realize that it is the little things that  
create differences; that in the big things of life we are one.  
And may we strive to touch and know the great human  
heart common to us all, and O Lord let us not forget to  
be kind.