

Holidaymakers show place mats made in the Interest Group on Textile Printing led by Miss Isabel Leslie of Home Economics Service.



teness means small and trivial, and it is so easy to acquire this habit, picking out the flaws in people, programmes and meetings and failing to see the big things, the kind thoughts, the gracious words and unselfish deeds. Have good thoughts in your minds, look for the good qualities in others and overlook the things you dislike. Speak kindly of your neighbours or friends or do not speak of them at all. Seek our kind acts to perform for someone else and you will find there is no room for pettiness in your life.

“Let us be done with fault finding and leave off self seeking.” People are wont to criticize instead of commend, and quite often women who find fault are not willing to take responsibility themselves. Sometime we hear someone say, “It is the same group who put on the programme, attend a convention or plan a social event,” and it seems to be true, but often that same group takes on these duties not from choice but because no one else will do it. Self-seeking folk rarely make the best officers or members of an organization. It take selfless devotion and broadminded effort to be a successful builder of character or to bring strength into activities.

“May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face without self pity and without prejudice.” Do we not pretend we are something other than what we are? Do we not do underhand acts or say little mean words while we are supposedly friends to others? Can we always look our acquaintances, neighbours and friends straight in the eyes with no thought of deceit, dislike or selfishness in our hearts? If we can do these things we are travelling the right road and will find joy and happiness along the way.

“May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous.” It seems a natural impulse for people to pass judgment without much thought or consideration. Let us always remember that different circumstances may be responsible for different attitudes. Let us pray to be generous to another’s wishes. Be generous in giving of our time and talents (and we all have some), be generous in praise of others, in doing the little every day tasks that call forth no special glamour or glory.

“Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward and unafraid.” Whenever we think that something is worth while doing, let us not hesitate to offer our services and put our shoulders to the wheel.

“Let us take time for all things, make us grow calm, serene and gentle.” How we need prayer for this in this world of rush and hurry! It is more important to do one thing well than to assume half a dozen tasks with haphazard results.

“Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences, that in the big things of life we are one.” How very true this statement is. How we argue and disagree about little things—to send or not to send flowers, to hold a social or a bazaar. Then comes along something big—a needy family, an appeal for flood victims, layettes for refugee babies, dissension ceases and we are as one. Let us pray for a similar unity in little things.

“And may we strive to touch and know the great human heart common to us all”—the human heart of all mankind is much the same the world over, which knows the same raptures, beats with joy and love, bleeds with sorrow and despair. Let us try to learn the needs of our fellow creatures, the things nearest the hearts of our friends and neighbours, then let us touch those hearts with our love and sympathy.

“Oh Lord, let us not forget to be kind”—the great summing up of all our petitions. Kindness creates friendship and love, gives us faith and hope. Kindness is charity of thought, word and deed. Kindness reaches out to every person, and to the whole wide world. The Mary Stewart Collect is a fitting prayer for any organization.”

For Home and Country

There is magic in that little word called “Home”. It speaks of a father love, protection and care. It tells of mother’s devotion, selflessness, tenderness and understanding.

A home is a place where love dwells, where there is rejoicing, thinking of others, sharing with one another and worshipping together. In the real home is found the seed of strength of the state and nation.