

**OPENING 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 the mind  
 But each shall seek the common weal,  
 The good of all mankind.

**MARY STEWART COLLECT**

Keep us, O Lord, from pettiness; let us be large in thought,  
 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 judgment and always generous;  
 Teach us to put into action our better impulses straightforward  
 and unafraid;  
 Let us take time for all things; make us grow calm, serene,  
 gentle;  
 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 God let us not forget to be kind.

**GRACE**

We thank Thee, Father for Thy Care,  
 Food, friends and kindness we share;  
 May we forever mindful be  
 Of 'Home and Country' and of Thee.

(Mrs. Clara Deakin)