
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,
in word and deed;
Let us be done with fault finding and leave off self seeking.
May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face,
without self-pity and without prejudice;
May we never be hasty in judgment 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 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.

G R A C E

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