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The 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 the 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
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 to 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.