

With few exceptions a part of every meeting of all societies, which constitute the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada, is the Mary Stewart Collect. This states the spirit of the organizations and the membership as nothing else can.

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 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.

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