

## The Women's 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 know the great human  
heart common to us all, and O Lord God let us not  
forget to be kind.