

## 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.



## 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 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.