

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.

INSTITUTE 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.