

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,
Nor envy sour the mind,
But each shall seek the common weal,
The good of all mankind.



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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 pretense 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,
straightforward 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.