



Pythagoras when asked his main business in life replied - "I am a looker-on at life". a mere lookeron exists but never lives. The gallery seat easily becomes the seat of the carping critic + the cynic.

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This capacity to identify myself with the thought, the emotions, the needs of others (brings insight) + also is the one condition of permanent service.

Mary Skeser - wretched natives of Calibar  
Moses - children of Israel

Jane Addams - all races - creeds - colors.

Walt Rauschenbush - economically oppressed.

Dan Crawford - "Thinking Black".

Albert Schweitzer - scholar - theologian - philosopher -  
surgeon - musician - med. missionary, losing his  
life to find it again among needy men + w. of A  
Kraufel - London Surgeon - Labrador - poverty,  
squalor - disease - loneliness + suffering of  
neglected fishermen.

Ezekiel - Exiles - sits by them -

no theorists with blue prints of an ideal social order

They were all

the fraternity of the friendly  
the fellowship of the faithful  
the Knights of the understanding heart.

Jesus - the genuine understanding heart -

"He knew what was in man."

"The common people heard him gladly" -  
Jesus came with speech of Galilee - lofty truths in homely garments.  
would they know God? think of Him as the Father in the  
finest home imaginable -

would they learn basic principles of social relationships?  
Golden Rule (quote) They understood that.

Did they need definition of true neighborliness?  
Story of Samaritan who disregarded all  
racial, social + national barriers + went  
to a human being in trouble -

They knew the law of the Tithe - they understood that.  
He could have given  
a lecture on Stewardship - but He held before  
them a gripping picture of a poor woman  
giving more than all the rest. They understood

When he wanted them to understand Love Divine he  
drew a gripping picture of a wayward boy  
far from home - sinned - hungry for home -  
making the long trek back home, finding  
a father's kiss & welcome. they understood that.

They trusted, loved, followed Him because ~~they~~ <sup>he</sup> understood <sup>them</sup>.  
His understanding came from His complete identification with them.

His lowly birth  
The carpenter's shop -  
The village church at N -  
The modest home -  
The baptism in J -  
The temptation -  
His tears by open grave  
His presence at wedding

His weariness at end of day  
His assoc<sup>n</sup> with pub<sup>ns</sup> + sinners  
Strength He found in prayer  
His night vigil in Gethsemane  
The pain of loneliness -  
His delight in little children  
" care of His mother  
" joy in life

Felt the solemnity of life & the awfulness of duty &  
asked God to help his insufficiency -

Position difficult - throne unsteady -  
boundless opportunities open before the young man

See possibilities of youth -  
the issues that hang on an early choice

Fewer wasted mornings of life &  
" " gloomy sunsets -

"Ye shall ask what ye will & it shall be done" -

His prayer

No exaltation - Humility

Sees a heavy task -  
Trembles to think that he sits on David's throne  
wants God to fit him for his office -

Dwells on his youth - his insufficiency  
" " " inexperience

" " " lack of wisdom

dignity meant duty -

The crown not a toy but a task -