

except by Action." On which ground, too, let him who gropes painfully in darkness or uncertainty, and prays vehemently that the dawn may ripen into day, lay this other precept well to heart, which to me was of invaluable service: "*Do the Duty which lies nearest thee*," which thou knowest to be a Duty! The second Duty will already have become clearer.'

In all these domains the principle is recognised; and when our Lord says: 'If any man willeth to do His will, he shall come to know of the teaching, whether it ^{So in faith.} be of God, or whether I speak from Myself,' He simply carries it into the domain of Religion with its peculiar perplexities, and insists that it be applied to these also. It is no 'fool's experiment' that He requires, no irrational acceptance of something unintelligible after the manner of St. Augustine's *crede ut intelligas*. His 'willing to do the will of God' corresponds in the domain of Religion to Rembrandt's 'trying to put well in practice what you already know' in the domain of Art, and Carlyle's 'doing the Duty which lies nearest thee, which thou knowest to be a Duty,' in the domain of Morals. He bids us assume the right attitude toward life with