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## Mark Twain

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(A Few Reflections Suggested by the Lecture.)

What most men lack is the long vision. The spirit is ever abroad in the world which prompted the question—"Is not this the carpenter's son?"; and we are apt to ask, in effect, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" We fail to see life and men in true perspective.

Usually, indeed, we fail even to recognize the real aristocrats of the race until they have passed from us. Millionaires, mammon-accumulators, political will-o'-the-wisps, and fire-brand I. W. W.'s occupy the stage while the world's most genuine workers are toiling unobserved, and perhaps unacknowledged by the mass of humanity.

But the tinsel and transient of all times pass, and the following generations recognize the thinkers, the writers, the statesmen who, probably scarcely noted in the vanity fair of their generation, have been making history. For, after all, who are the real aristocrats of the race? No king's sword touch ever made a man a gentleman, let alone a Christian knight. No courtly favors, no political preference, no pride of passing place can give any human being an enduring name or ensure one's having any true fame in the days that are to be.

At one time the dates of kings' reigns and the battles' names formed the main record that remained as an outline of history; but now even a king's glory or a president's place of any permanence in history is to be

dependent on his using his position to earn by earnest service such a title as "Peacemaker," or "Slave Emancipator."

There are three outstanding phases of the world's work, or three classes of workers whose work primarily affects the evolution of the race: (1) Men of science and discovery, with whom may be bracketed the far-seeing directors of industries; (2) statesmen (who must not be confounded with political opportunists and place and self-seekers) who recognize the need of progressive laws and who are not slow to initiate such laws, and still less slow to see that existing laws are recognized and thoroughly administered; and (3) the men who with reverent hearts and tireless brains toil to understand more fully the seeming mysteries of life, and to reveal the chords that bring men more and more in touch as well as in tune with the Infinite.

Bearing in mind that kingly precept which Caesar, according to Shakespeare, fatally practised — "What touches us ourself shall be last served"—we forbear mentioning the fixed Faculty of our college; but we do not think we are stretching the probabilities of the future too far when we say that we believe that the men in attendance at Westminster Hall in this decade will be the more honoured by students and people of the generation after this, because it will be known that they were privileged to sit even for a little at the feet of such