

people make this a stumbling stock in their own paths to hinder their acceptance of Christ.

It is as if a man entered a studio to see some beautiful painting by a Great Master and as he moved up the room, he came across students sitting at their easels, trying in their own crude way to make copies of the famous picture. As the man looked first over the shoulder of one student and then of another and saw their poor, faulty attempts at imitation he turned away disappointed and discouraged and was leaving the building until one met him and turned him back and said, "Look away from these poor imitators they are sincere but they are ignorant as yet, they have no skill, their hands and eyes are untrained, come and see the Great Master Himself, His work is perfect." The man goes on, sees for himself, and is satisfied; enraptured with the beauty of the picture before him, he forgets everyone else, his mind, his sight, his whole being is lifted up and filled with that which he beholds for himself.

It is so with Christ and His poor followers, they are but unlearned imitators of the great Pattern, making a little progress it may be every day, but still very far off, very faulty, then when the doubter, the questioner, meets them, they need to take him to the feet of the Master Himself. "Come and see, and learn for yourselves Whom we know and Whom we serve."

"Let your light shine so that others may see your works and glorify"—not you—but your Father in Heaven. How often is it that after our Communion others can see in us that likeness to Christ which ought to be growing in us more and more day by day? How often do our words and works speak to others of Jesus and lead them on to see Him in His divine goodness and love? The people we know whose good deeds and amiable qualities hold our eyes to themselves are not the truly Christlike souls who count themselves nothing and God everything. Do you remember how it was said of the Apostles that the people when they met them said one to another, these men have been with Jesus, they have companied with the great Master? There was that in them of gentle recollection of love, courtesy, zeal which pointed them out as companions of Jesus. In them was reflected the light of holiness, shining to the glory of God, leading men out with them after Jesus; onwards over trials and difficulties, the rough, steep climb of their Mount Olivets; upwards through all clouds of doubt and questioning into the presence of God Himself, where the eye of faith can see Jesus, as Man, standing on the right hand interceding for us, from whence He will come again in great glory and all His Saints with Him.

"O! the rapture of that vision!
Every earthly sorrow o'er;
Our Redeemer's Coronation,
And the blissful exaltation,