

ing, not always truthful and pure, not always grateful for benefits, or willing to be taught. Yet your mind and heart must come into contact with them and be kept in sympathy with them by a very definite and strong tie if you are to accomplish great things among them.

It will not do for the Missionary to regard the multitude as so many heads to be counted at the census, or so many laborers in the field. Others will see to that aspect of things. Still less will it do for us to look down from the height of our superior knowledge and refinement with contempt for them in their ignorance and degradation. With very different feelings indeed must we look upon the multitude.

And we have a guide and pattern in Jesus who looked upon the multitude with compassion. They were distressed, says the new version. The Hindi version says *byakul*, which is very expressive. They were confused, bewildered, perplexed, restless. Jesus looked down into their heart and saw them bewildered and unhappy, and he pitied them. He, the all-knowing had no contempt for their ignorance, no sarcasm for their meanness and ingratitude. And we must drink of his spirit and see in the multitude men and women bewildered and needing help; men like ourselves with precious souls, capable of great joy and great misery, appealing for our compassion. And dirt and poverty, ignorance and vice, falsehood and ingratitude, must never be allowed to hide from us their misery and need, or harden our hearts against their mute pathetic appeal for our pity.

With your present feelings you no doubt think there is little danger of that. Nor is there any danger if you keep your eye fixed on the example of Jesus and your heart warm with his love. But you will need to have this light and love within, for many outward influences will tend to damp your ardour. Some will tell you with ready wit that "the human race, especially in these hot latitudes, is a failure." Others with a lofty assumption of worldly wisdom will assure you that your theory and aim are admirable, but a little larger experience will open your eyes. Do not believe it—do not listen to it—do not yield to it for one gloomy hour. The multitude are men and women. They have hearts they love their children. They have feelings as well as failings. They are groping after light. They are bewildered and unhappy. We

have our faults as well as they and if in God's providence and grace we enjoy some advantage over them were these given us that from our vantage height we might the better throw the first stone at them? Are we not rather called upon to feel for them and tell them of one who had compassion on them.

My second point is this, how we are to show compassion to the heathen and help them.

You are to tell them of Jesus, to preach Christ to them. In the work you have to do Christ must be all in all.

In the Old Testament all history led up to his coming—all sacrifice prefigured it—all prophecy heralded it—the ages ripened for that consumation, and the devout like Simeon, waited and longed for it. In the fullness of time he came "the sun of righteousness" to us in darkness—a redeemer from Sin—a Sacrifice, a propitiation, a priest—a law giver, a teacher, an elder brother—a lofty inspiring example—a perfect ideal of truthfulness, purity and love. He came giving himself, his blood, his life for us and claiming our complete surrender and consecration to him. And some believed on him, loved him and followed him. And he sent them forth, as we trust he has sent you forth, with his love in their hearts and his gospel in their mouth to be witnesses for him to the ends of the earth. And after history but carries on the same theme, telling of Christ preached among the Gentiles and believed on in the world, till nations owned him and men were blessed in him. And future history will but carry forward the same glorious work, till the restitution of all things. To men bewildered and straying like lost sheep, you are to preach the good Shepherd who came to seek and save. From every point of view and adapted to every varied case and need of sinful man you are to preach Christ and him crucified. And in this work may you see his glory till your whole soul is transformed into his image, and you become a living Epistle of Christ, known and read of all men.

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Fellow-countrymen and fellow-Christians, we are here to-day, not with sad hearts to bury the dead, but to receive and welcome gratefully and heartily another