
Clearly written with devotion reflecting the author's personal convictions, this book is at the same time objective reporting of sound scholarship. It is not a biography of Jane Addams in the usual sense. It is rather an analysis of her intellectual development. The personal circumstances of her life appear only to the extent that they help the reader to understand the growth of her basic ideas. In this task Farrell does a superb job. Tracing her Rockford College years, followed by restless travel and search for identity, and the early years at Hull House where directions of intellectual development begin to take shape, the author convincingly portrays the steps toward the eventual evolution of mature convictions and passionately held commitments.

Beloved Lady is surprisingly timely for the 1960's. This is in part because of Miss Addams' devotion throughout her more than forty years of active public life to two concerns which have high social and political priority today: the building of a truly effective democracy and the immorality of war and its futility as an effective means toward acceptable international relations and understanding. It is timely also because of current renewed interest in the Progressive Movement, in which Miss Addams was one of the moving forces.

The book will support the opinion, expressed by some, that in the long run Miss Addams' greatest contribution may well prove to be intellectual rather than through her activities as a leader in the Settlement House Movement in this country.

An important conclusion of the author is that, as Miss Addams grew older and more secure in her beliefs, she came more and more strongly to think that it was not enough to speak and write, but that the individual must act on the basis of his convictions. This she did with vigor and passion. Even during World War I years, when she was widely and bitterly criticized for her views, she found ways to make active social contributions within the limitations of her own abhorrence of war.

Farrell's bibliography is extensive, covering both published and unpublished sources. There is clear evidence that he examined an enormous number and wide variety of materials and evaluated them in a scholarly and objective manner. It is not just a survey of available resources but a synthesized concept and understanding of Jane Addams' mind and thinking. The bibliography will be useful to future scholars.

Beloved Lady will be of importance to any social historian interested in the period it covers or in the development of the Progressive Movement in the world as well as in this country, for in the later decades of her life Jane Addams was a significant international as well as national leader. It is also a most readable book which will be of interest to the general reader concerned with his society and its improvement, especially with human relationships (and all their implications for urban development, minority groups, etc.) and with international relationships and world peace.

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