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Exercise 2

Make a precis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title:

Friendship is above reason, for though you find virtues in a friend, he was your friend before you found them. It is a gift that we offer because we must, to give it as the reward of virtue would be to set a price upon it and those who do it have no friendship to give. If you choose your friends on the ground that you are virtuous and want virtuous company, you are no nearer to true friendship than if you choose them for commercial reasons. Besides, who are you that you should be setting a price upon friendship? It is enough for any man that he has the divine power of making friends, and he must leave it to that power to determine who his friends shall be. For though you may choose the virtuous to be your friends, they may not choose you, indeed friendship cannot grow where there is any calculated choice. It comes like sleep, and you should be grateful, without any misgiving, when it comes."

—A. Clutton Brock

(170 words)

Title :

A Pure Friendship
is Without Selfishness

Precis:

A true friendship does not require virtues. If a man sets virtue as price of friendship, he has no friendship. If a person makes friends on the basis of give and take, he is far from friendship.

Everyone has divine power to choose friends. If a man chooses anybody for friendship, he may not get the same response. A true friendship is uncalculated and like a sleep that must be welcomed cordially.

Example 8.6

“Unemployment arises from a variety of causes. One that is always recurring, and of the effects of which, we have had a recent example, is the disorganisation of industry resulting from a long war; this is a serious problem admitting of no easy solution at the best of times. Again, there is the unemployment which follows a marked diminution in the quantity of any raw product, such as cotton: fewer hands are required in the mills and factories. We may call this cause ‘bad harvests’. Similar, but more serious, is the effect of changes in industry due to the invention of machinery which does more work and requires fewer workers. And yet another serious cause is a strike or lock-out and this is the more to be deplored because such a stoppage is sometimes due to a very trivial matter – perhaps the fact that men are working half-an-hour longer than the regulations of their union permit.”

Theme

The Causes of Unemployment.

Main points upon the theme:

Title :

Prominent Causes of Unemployment

Precis :

There are four main causes of unemployment: a serious and repeating cause which disorganizes industry is a long war. Secondly, bad harvests. Thirdly, the working hands are being replaced with machinery. Lastly, strikes or lock-out on even small issues, like extra-timing for working half-an-hour.