

ADLERIANA

When Dr. Adler returned to Youngstown in November of 1935 he was kind enough to come to visit us in our home at New Castle, Pa. My wife, Ruth, and I felt very much the personal greatness of Adler, and this, being her first introduction to him, found Ruth somewhat flustered.

As Dr. Adler and I came into the house we found her in our living room. I introduced them and excused myself for a few minutes. When I returned to the room I found all tension eased and Ruth laughing and talking in perfect self-possession. Later she told me what had taken place:

As soon as they were seated and Adler had perceived Ruth's feeling of

insignificance in his presence, his eyes lighted upon the well-used piano and a shoaf of music.

"Do you play--and, perhaps, sing?" Adler asked. Ruth admitted that she did.

Adler walked to the piano, picked up the score of "Oh, Dry Those Tears" and asked Ruth to play and sing it for him. She sings very well, and as she complied with his request he joined her, knowing that his voice was less trained than hers. Thus he cunningly reversed the positions of novice and expert, and Ruth, finding herself in a position of worth and significance, became entirely at ease.

--Ross D. Rosenberger

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A friend wrote us that it seems to him to be the time to mark with a bronze bust or a bronze tablet the places where Alfred Adler lived and worked in America. He suggests that we think about this even though it perhaps may not be the right time to do it.

There are several places where such a marker might be built. If we had a bronze bust, it might be placed in some medical school, library, or museum so that this image of Adler would be preserved for posterity. Although Adler himself probably would not have been interested in such a project, it

still behooves those who are interested in Individual Psychology to consider this matter.

The writer suggests the collection of a fund just for this purpose. He believes that contributions of from one to ten dollars from each person who is willing to show his appreciation in that way might result in enough money to have a good statue or portrait of Adler placed somewhere as a memorial.

We are thankful for this suggestion and pass it on to our readers and friends. What is your reaction?