"Master, Say On!"

BY FRANCES RIDLEY HAVERGAL. Master, speak! Thy servant heareth, Waiting for thy gracious word, Longing for thy voice that cheereth, Master! let it now be heard. I am listening, Lord, for thee: What hast thou to say to me?

Often through my heart is pealing Many another voice than thine, Many an unwilled echo stealing From the walls of this thy shrine: Let thy longed-for accents fall: Master, speak, and silence all !

Speak to me by name, O Master, Jet me know it is to me; Speak, that I may follow faster. With a step more firm and free, Where the shepherd leads the flock, In the shadow of the Rock.

Master, speak! and make me ready. When thy voice is truly hea d, With obedience glad and steady Still to follow every word. I am listening, Lord, for thee: Master, speak, O, speak to me! Ministerial Reputation.

An ordinary layman has but little conception of the delicacy of ministerial character-and by this we do not mean fragility, and more than we would mean it of a Corinthian column in marble-we refer to its susceptibility to stain, and the effect which the slightest stain has upon its value. The minister is the most helpless and defenseless soul in the world against the malice of a slanderer. He is precluded from any and all the defenses which civil and ecclesiastical law and the common customs and rights of man assure to the layman. We did not come to a full appreciation of this till within a short time past. The illustration which made it impressive was this. A minister, rather young, complained that he had an enemy who had cut him off from a number of promiswhich wished to call him and denouncing him to them as a "dangerous man." libel?" One reason was because the letters were always marked "confidential" and professed to be disinterested Discussing this subject with a wise and able minister, he explained that it would not do for a minister to take legal measures of defense against such calumnies. "It would preclude him from receiving a call from any church," he said. "The churches are suspicious conflict. They would be afraid that get them into trouble. We ministers you laymnn do.'

to continue; and we do not believe facts of such a case were exposed would it resulted in the exposure of the character of a man who was thus enthe reputation of his "brethren."

children to lives of piety, honor and happened unto you." usefulness, and is giving his influence The nature of the body renders some strange kind of feeling would we ought to render it.

However that may be, such an assaillists of common fighting humanity, consideration. He is the "dangerous own weapons. All that is necessary is the remedy suggested for the trusts: publicity.

a minister to warn a congregation against a "dangerous man." This might be true in extraordinary imaginable circumstances, but it is a license in detraction that tempts to abuse. A congregation purposing to call a minister is bound in common prudence to investigate for themselves the character and standing of the man they think from all trouble.

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sought is living and to the congregation | friends, silently making inroads upon which he is serving, and learn the his system and bringing the end nearer truth about him. They have no right every day. It may be a wandering favorable conditions dwarf a congregato listen to the detraction of any one son, whose way the father deplores, individual who may be a schemer, a and whose doom he dreads. It may bigot or a personal enemy. It is not be a financial calamity, which has fair play, it is not honorable dealing, swept all away. But whatever the to put one man's fate into the hands trouble there is a message in the Gosof one man. Being enemies, they may each regard the other as "dangerous," while the testimony of neither may be not forgotten the troubled soul. He worth considering. A church is only has remembered him in His will, sayconsulting self-preservation to guard ing, "Call upon Me in the day of vigilantly against dangerous men, especially against men of acrimonious tongues and bitter hearts.-The In-

A Bright Promise for a Dark Day

Everyone has a day of trouble. With some it is a long, dark day, with scarcely a rift in the cloud through which the sun may shine for a moment. Multitudes spend all their days in trouble. They are, indeed, "born to trouble." So soon as they begin to think they find themselves sitting ir darkness and the shadow of death. I has been said that "one-half of the world does not know how the other half lives." Prosperous families, wellto-do people, know but little of the hardship and agony of thousands who live within a few blocks of their comfortable homes. They have read about them in novels and newspapers. They have sometimes heard the story of one of them. They have looked on the outside of the tenements and hovels which they inhabit, but their real life they never witnessed.

"Darkest England, and the Way Out," is the title of a book published by General Booth several years ago, in which he has drawn a harrowing picture of what he calls "the submerged tenth," or the masses of poor people in London and other English cities. ing calls by writing to the churches These people have literally been church took in 400 new members. swallowed up by adversity, and have was amazed. But I learned that a recognize about himself is that his "Why do you not arrest him and them a ray of nope that they or their praying about it. When we get to the It is not the amount of money, the carry him before the civil courts for children will ever be better off than other world and find out the secrets of amount of power, the amount of brains they are now. The case is not so bad heaven we will find that some people that a man has that is his distinguishin America, but it is bad enough. we never hear of now-some bedridden There are thousands in our cities to saint, some one living up near the whom life is a burden because of gates of paradise—will have accom- or do to the contrary, this is a fact, abject poverty.

themselves by indolence and vice, the press. Some have been plunged into this sea of trouble by vicious ancestors or near relatives. Others, being handicapped of a minister who is engaged in such a in the struggle for existence by bodily or mental infirmity, have been pushed he might be a quarrelsome man, and to the wall by social conditions and cruel taskmasters. Their day of can not afford to defend ourselves as trouble is long and dark and dreary.

It is a mistake to suppose that We confess that while the truth of poverty alone causes trouble. Wealth this view was apparent, yet it was a and rank are not exempt. Kings, surprise. It reveals a defenseless robed in purple and fine linen, crowned situation that ought not to be allowed with gold and attended by servants and courtiers, are often the most unthat a church before whom the whole happy men in the world. In homes where comfort and luxury abound afraid they don't feel right or don't fail to approve a minister in defending deep afflictions may often be found. feel enough. So they get into doubt, achievement, acuteness of intellect, his ministerial life. At any rate it Men and women who are looked on and the devil will keep them on that sway of authority, are secondary, would be a life not sacrificed in vain if by their neighbors with envy on plank for a few weeks and then let while goodness is primary.—National account of the abundance of their them down into the pit again. I want conforts may be carrying the heaviest to say there isn't a word about feeling gaged in secretly and stealthily knifing load of all. Goodness does not exempt in the Scriptures in reference to salvamen from trouble. Mary and Martha tion. It doesn't say, "He that feel-The lesson for laymen to learn is sent to Jesus, saying, "He whom Thou eth." It is "he that believeth." Not that of personal loyalty to a good and lovest is sick." "Whom the Lord one word about feeling. I do a great true minister. As he can not defend loveth He chasteneth." If Job and many things that I don't feel like dohimself, let us who are free, brave and Moses and Hezekiah and Paul must ing. Obedience means marching on devoted, not fear to defend him. Any suffer, and if Jesus, who was holy and whether we feel like it or not. Many minister who has consecrated himself harmless and separate from sinners, times we go against our feelings. Faith to the service of the Prince of Peace, must be made perfect through suffer- is one thing; feeling is another. The and who is living as blameless a life as lings, who are we that we should claim | proclamation of the Gospel is : "He is allowed to poor human nature, and exemption? "Think it not strange that believeth . . . hath everlastis praying and laboring to bring souls concerning the fiery trial which is to ing life." I remember some years ago to Christ, to help us bring up our try you, as though some strange thing -oh, how I used to pray for feeling

and his example to whatever is for the trouble inevitable. The constitution come stealing over me. But it wasn't moral and spiritual elevation of the of the mind makes it impossible to that at all. Then I found, in Romans community—such a man, though he escape trouble. When we consider 10: 17, this text—and how it came possess not the highest talent or the delicate and sensitive powers of upon me like a flash of light, "Faith attractiveness, is worthy of our whole- the mind we are amazed, not that we cometh by hearing and hearing by the souled loyalty, and as true Christians have so much trouble, but that we word of God." Sometimes we go right have so little. Doubt, perplexity, against our feelings. Don't mind your But what if the assailant be another disappointment, fear and grief must feelings. Let feelings take care of minister? Has not he also a delicate come into every mind. The condition themselves. What you want is to reputation to preserve? He may be, of the world renders escape from obey. When people begin talking or he may have thoughtlessly become trouble out of the question. If we about their feelings, bring them right over-zealous and imprudent, or in- were perfect, the world would still be to the Scripture. different to the danger to himself. imperfect. Nothing here comes to perfection. Fair flowers are blasted ant has left his place and entered the before they reach maturity. Crystal streams are dried up by the summer and he is entitled to no ministerial heat. The warm currents of life are chilled by the breath of winter. The man," and is not to be fought with his tender ties that bind kindred hearts in closest union are broken. The dearest treasures of the throbbing heart are in the grave. The world is It may be said that it is the duty of wrong. The conspiracies of wicked men against the innocent and just ripen and prosper.

Sin is the chief cause of trouble. It lies at the bottom of all trouble. Sin brings trouble to the conscience, grief to the affections, torment to the mind, remorse to the spirit. If we could be rid of sin, we should be well-nigh free

Everyone carries some burden. It honor as Christians and gentlemen to may be an affliction in the home. It do it fairly. They should send a com- may be a lurking disease, known only physicians because it cures coughs and able to travel to heaven incog. -Spurmittee to the place where the minister to the sufferer and a few intimate ?

pel to meet the case. There is a bright promise for the darkest day. God has trouble, and I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me.'

Some of Moody's Sayings.

THE POWER OF LOVE.

There is no power like love. I loved my little boy long before he loved me. One night I heard him say to his namma, when he thought me asleep, 'I love papa." What a thrill of joy that gave me! I had loved him from infancy, but now he was beginning to love me. A few weeks before he might have seen me carried out of the house in a coffin, and perhaps, not knowing better, have thoughtlessly laughed about it. But now my love for him had found a response. Something like this is the feeling God has when a sinner melts under his love. Love produces love. What a power it might become in our pulpits and Sunday school classes and meetings! The reason we have so little love for Jesus Christ is that we are so little acquainted with him. The more intimately we get acquainted with the Son of God, the more shall we love him, and we may get acquainted with him by reading about him in the Word.

AN OLD BEDRIDDEN WOMAN'S PRAYERS.

I remember preaching in Liverpool in a certain church and the results were astonishing. In ten days that plished a great deal more than some Many have brought this trouble on men who have been heralded through

WORK HERE; REST HEREAFTER.

Thank God, we have got all eternity to rest in. This is the place to work. I pity any child of God who wants to sleep all the time down here. Brothers, sisters, wake up! We have got plenty of time to rest hereafter. The question is not what Gabriel can do, or what we will do when we get to heaven; the question is, What can you and I do before we get there!

FEELINGS.

trouble about their feelings. They are however important, is merely subsidi-I thought faith was feeling and that EXPERIENCES DIFFER.

It is a great mistake, in dealing with nquirers, to tell your own experience. Experience may have its place; but I don't think it has its place when you will do, will be to look for your experience. He does not want your experifamily.

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The Small Congregations.

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Here is an incident in the life of Bishop Randall, who at one time was announced to preach in an eastern church in behalf of his missionary work in Colorado. Only six persons appeared, and it is said for a moment the good bishop hesitated. Finally he concluded that it was his duty to carry out his appointment. The question of congregation was none of his business. Accordingly the service went on, and he preached his sermon to the six people. In the collection which folowed was an offering alone of two hundred dollars. This amazed him. The next day he received a note from a gentleman asking him to call at such an office. The bishop responded. "I am the one," said the gentleman, ness of the day. It brings joy and "who gave you the two hundred dol- peace within the heart. lars last night. But after getting home I did not feel quite satisfied with doing | the care and keeping of the Lord, that. I propose to make up the sum to one thousand dollars, and here is my check for the balance." -- Unknown.

Character.

The best thing in the world is a good The most blessed thing in this world is a blessed good man. The I first thing that a human being should ing feature, but his character. Whatever a fellow-man may temporarily say that whatever separates him from others and gives him his individuality is his goodness or lack of goodness, according to its degrees. Money, power, and brains have their place, and they do exert an influence in tem-

But the standard of the ages, by which anyone and everyone is tried, is character; and in God's sight, which s the final and determining sight, men are what they are in their wishes and purposes. It is not, then, too much to say that the supreme ambition of a person's life should be to secure a A class of persons are in great worthy character. Everything else, ary. Beauty of person, brilliancy of

Twelve Views of the Cross.

BY D. L. MOODY. The soldiers saw in Christ a criminal,

The women saw in Christ a bene-

actor, with sorrow. His mother saw in Christ a son, ith anguish. The disciples saw in Christ blighted

lopes, with perplexity. The first thief saw in Christ a maleactor, with hardness.

The second thief saw in Christ King, with penitence. The centurion saw in Christ divinity,

with conviction. The priests saw in Christ an impos ter, with mockery.

Angels saw in Christ love, with Devils saw in Christ the seed of

woman, with dismay. Jehovah saw in Christ obedience,

with affection. The passers-by saw in Christ nothng, with indifference.

To Heaven Incognito.

You will not be able to go through life without being discovered; a lighted candle cannot be hid.

There is a feeling among some good people that it will be wise to be very are dealing with inquirers. For the reticent, and hide their light under a first thing the man you are talking to bushel. They intend to lie low all the war-time, and come out when the palms are being distributed. They ence. He wants one of his own. No hope to travel to heaven by the back two persons are converted alike. A lanes, and skulk into glory in disguise. great many men are kept out of the Rest assured, my fellow-Christians, kingdom of God because they are look- that at some period or other, in the ing for somebody's else experience- most quiet lives, there will come a the experience their grandmother had, moment for open decision. Days will or their auut, or some one in the come when we must speak out or prove traitors to our Lord and to his truth.

You cannot long hold fire in the hollow of your hand or keep a candle under the bed. Godliness, like murder, will out. You will not always be

Life Sermons

It has been truly said that a holy life is a continual sermon. Though it be silent in its speech, yet it speaks with a force that cannot be unheeded even by the most careless-a force that pulpit oratory never can attain, however eloquent it may be. We may extol the name of Jesus from the pulpit in words of eloquence and elegance, and be listened to with indifference; but let the humblest disciple of Christ manifest holiness in his daily walk and conversation; let him be meek and lowly as our Saviour was, patient under difficulties, bold and fearless in danger, trusting and confident even in the darkest hour; and he wields an influence for Christ which all the wisdom and eloquence of this world cannot equal. Best of all sermons is the silent sermon of a holy life; and, indeed, without it all other preaching is useless and vain. - J. S. Thorp.

A Quiet Hour With God.

A quiet hour spent alone with God at the beginning of the day is the best beginning for the toils and cares of active busine s. A brief season of prayer, looking above for wisdom and grace and strength, and seeking for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, helps us to carry our religion into the busi-

And as we place all our concerns in faithfully striving to do his will, we have a joyful trust that however dark or discouraging events may appear, our Father's hand is guiding everything and will give the wisest direction to all our toils. -Sel.

Circumstances are beyond the control of man, but his conduct is in his own power. -Disraeli.

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