

SHOUTING.

From Lessons in Holiness by
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As shouting is a manifestation to which there is lasting opposition, it requires special consideration. It is natural to shout. It is national, proper and profitable. Boys and girls shout at their play; they cannot help it. Men shout in the market place; their business demands it. The crowd shouts when the orator grows eloquent; for eloquence moves the soul. Sudden fear or joy makes people shout. The imperturbable and the dignified will become moved and started sometimes. In fact, there is sense and philosophy in shouting, for its principles lie deep in the nature of man.

Some say that shouting is merely the result of excitement. Albeit a blessed excitement. But if by this term "excitement" be meant an unbalanced state of mind, the statement is quite unguarded. The soul is poised. It may have little or no regard for surroundings, but it is full of sunshine and self possession in its attitude towards God. There is the excitement of fixed attention, but not of wildness of mind.

Shouting is a law unto itself. It is an instinctive outburst of reverence and love. We shout because it is due to our adorable Redeemer, because it does us good, and there is blessing in it and sometimes because we cannot help it.

And herein lies the sin of shouting—its great friendliness and warmth, its informality and freedom with God. As if a man, a woman, a child, saved from the teeth of hell, may not feel wonderfully glad and say so! As if the "powers of an endless life" were not worthy of the biggest shout that earth can give.

Look a moment at Pentecost. Here is a company of Spirit-baptized disciples, they sing and exhort and tell their experiences and laugh and shout. The cold critic outside the joyous group, looks on with amazement, and then disdain, "Ah," says he, "they are fools, they are mad, they are drunk with new wine!" And from the stand-point of moral frigidity, the articulate bell of ignorance, carelessness and unbelief, who shall say that the critic is not right? And so also of many a modern scene of heaven-like glory. But it is worth something to become so free from earth and its deleterious influences, as to act perfectly natural in our most intimate relations with God. But there is a dignity in shouting. It is the open attitude of the soul toward its Lord. It occupies the supreme moment of consciousness, impressiveness, and acknowledgment of God. It is born on the mountain top of sublimity, stands out in the glowing apostrophe and lays its tribute of glory at the foot of the cross and at the door of heaven.

B. T. Roberts tells of a sister who moved to the west with her family. They nearly exhausted their earthly store in building a house, but when scarcely completed it was destroyed by fire. While it was burning she sat over against it on a fence praising God. A friend asked her how she could rejoice so when her house was burning up. She replied that she was rejoicing because her house could not burn up! The saints will shout when the world is on fire!

Undoubtedly, temperament has much to do with religious demonstration, but how much it is not always easy to determine. But those who lay all stress on this point are certainly at fault. Many do not shout who would if under the mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost.

The shouting of the hypocrite is an abomination to the Lord. But some sincere people make demonstrations from mere habit; while others having the spirit of praise bring a gloom over the soul by suppressing it. As a rule, shout no louder and no longer than the Spirit is found to fill the voice. To do otherwise is to do harm somewhere. It is sometimes noticed that strong emotion suddenly subsides and then the form of praise changes also. At such times the breath or motion of the Spirit has spent itself or the attention is diverted, or the nervous or magnetic mediums of power are measurably silenced. Again: by going into new company, all inclination to demonstration may suddenly cease. This occurs from the change that has taken place from the spiritual glow results from the highest unions of all the spiritual and natural forces that are called into action. Shouting has very different effects on different occasions. If there is a very solemn feeling on an assembly, such a demonstration usually dissipates it. Under other circumstances it becomes a medium of conviction to the unsaved, the lukewarm and the unsanctified. In a multitude of instances it brings light, comfort and joy to the saints of the Most High.

Let us not be afraid of the holy cry. It is of triumph that goes up from the hearts of the saved. We shall have a glorious shouting time if we get to glory and it is better to begin the exercise on this side of the flood. "Cry out and shout thou inhabitant of Zion; for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee."

If you want to do the greatest good, in sending the message of holiness to a thousand homes, which would reach thousands of people, give a thousand dollars to the King's Highway.

Think it over, pray over it, and "Whatever He saith unto you do it."

CORRESPONDENCE.

Sister M. Ella Sharp, while sending her renewal for the Highway and also sending the offering of the Jonesport Missionary Society, says: "I pray God may make the Highway a rich spiritual blessing to every reader and also bless you richly as you labor to prepare it for us. I love the Highway. It always seems like a dear friend come in to keep us in touch with the brothers and sisters in our denominational family as well as to bring us good strong spiritual meat."

God is blessing us in our work here. Every meeting has the seal of His presence. We are waiting on God in prayer both for our spiritual and our financial needs. For the past three weeks we have been meeting at the church on Thursday afternoon especially for prayer."

Self will and holiness are far apart, although the person manifesting self will may claim holiness, but the mask is very thin.

OBITUARY.

We wish to record the death of Henry Wade, of Woodstock, on Feb. 11th. He passed away after a few days illness of pneumonia. He is survived by a widow, three sons and four daughters. He was formerly a resident of Royalton, Carleton County. The funeral took place at Tracy Mills, the Rev. W. J. Hurlow officiating, assisted by the writer. Interment was made at that place.

PERLEY BRIGGS.

At Jonesport, Maine, after an illness of only three days, on Nov. 6th, 1916, Vergie May, infant daughter of Mrs. Maude Faulkingham, aged 1 year and 2 months, passed from this world of sorrow to be with Jesus.

From the standpoint of earthly grief this death was particularly sad, as our sister had been bereaved of her husband, who was very dearly beloved, less than nine months before. Sister Faulkingham, who is a member of the Reformed Baptist Church at Jonesport, was converted about three years ago and has developed a Christian character of great sweetness, beauty and strength. At the death of her husband she was left with a family of five children, the eldest a girl of eleven years. With a physical body that was very frail, yet with a faith in God which was truly wonderful, she daily bowed with her family before Him who is the God of the fatherless and of the widow and trusted Him to supply her needs. God has wonderfully honored her faith and has moved upon the hearts of friends, relatives and sometimes strangers to minister to the needs of this sister and her family.

The death of little Vergie came as an awful blow to this mother's heart, so lately torn with anguish of the recent parting, yet was all borne with the most touching resignation to the will of God.

Glory be to Jesus, there is a time coming for the faithful Christians when "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

Funeral services conducted by the writer. M. ELLA SLIP.

SAYING MORE ABOUT HOLINESS.

There is much more being said about the need of holiness by the leaders of the evangelistic churches generally than ever before. Of course they don't want it to suddenly—instantaneously—but they have to admit that holiness is the Bible standard of Christian life, and they have to admit that the blessing came to those who received it on the day of Pentecost, and on the household of Cornelius, and on the Ephesians, and on the Samaritans so suddenly that it can be said that it was instantaneous after they had reached the full point of preparation.

EVANGELIST D. L. MOODY'S EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY.

A conference of more than ordinary interest was held at Chicago, January 5th, in commemoration of the birth of D. L. Moody, and the thirtieth of the founding of the Moody Bible Institute.