

"THE LORD HIMSELF SHALL DESCEND
FROM HEAVEN WITH A SHOUT."

1 THESS. IV. 16.

I was on my way once in a country part to visit a family some distance from where I was staying, and as a farmer brother was taking some young cattle to a distant pasture for the summer, and was going somewhat in the same direction, we went along the way together part of the way, enjoying a little fellowship one with another. All of a sudden we heard a long, distant shout, which was repeated once or twice. We looked round but could see no one, nor could we see any house in the direction the voice came from! But on one of us looking at his watch, we quickly understood what it meant, for it was just about 12 o'clock, noon. And no doubt *the shout* was the call home from some farm house hidden behind the bush between, to some one ploughing in the field, it being dinner-time. This led to a conversation about *another shout*, that is mentioned in the Scripture quoted above. And how, *any moment now*, we who believe in, know as our Saviour, the Blessed Person at God's right hand, we too may be *called home*, by the Lord Himself descending from heaven *with a shout, etc., etc.*, 1 Thess. iv. 16. and this dear farmer brother then told me that many a time when he had been working away in the field ploughing, and he thought it was *near the time*, he had stopt at the end of a furrow and listened to hear