

tion to Him, the experience of redemption through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, and the hope of heaven are to find expression through the life rather than directly through the lips—are to be gathered oftener from what the man does than from what he says.

This reticence on the subject of religion in its experimental aspects is in complete harmony, indeed, with the whole character of the people. It is helped, however, in many cases where the religious feelings are both deep and strong, by the idea or conviction, that feelings of this kind are best spoken to God, being too sacred for exposure to the eyes of men—by the fear of any approach to untruthfulness, the abhorrence of hypocrisy or of ostentation even, in a matter of such high moment—and by the doubt, whether utterances of religious experience, not demanded by some obvious call of duty, are not fraught with elements