

imating to all of us would be the loud and hearty "Amen," sounding as in the Churches of old, like a "clap of thunder." waking up the sleeper, and thrilling every soul, than the hum-drum whispers which content too many, as if they were afraid to have an answer to the petition "Open our lips O Lord, and our mouths shall shew forth Thy praise."

Do try, brethren, and sisters (for I want your sweet voices too) then, at once to comply with your Church's order, and impart life and spirit to our meetings. While writing thus, I am thankful to note often-times a pleasing attention to these matters on the part of many, which I hope to see still more general.

But while all this is important in its place, I hope you know me well enough to be assured, that I wish to lead you to far higher things. "God is a spirit and must be worshipped in spirit and in truth." Without that, all our service, however elaborate, though compassed by scores of performers, and accompanied by sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer and all kinds of music, will not reach the ears of the Eternal. The "God be merciful to me a sinner," coming from the heart of some humble suppliant, even in a way-side school house, or a rough and open barn (I have had service in both such places hundreds of times) will come up before Him with more acceptance, than from the most costly church which man can build, where the "power of Godliness" is wanting.

Yes, dear friends, I ardently desire to see true and vital Godliness flourish and abound amongst you. To be assured that the heaven of pure and undefiled Religion is leavening the whole mass of our people, is my heart's desire and prayer to God for you all, young and old, rich and poor, if indeed I had any of the former to address. I want to see you all good christians as well as outwardly regular church folk. I desire to know that you carry your religion into your families and places of business, that you do not leave it behind you in the church, putting it on with your Sunday clothes, and not wearing it the rest of the week. But the mechanic taking it to his shop,—the trader minding it in his dealings,—the laborer on the wharf or other place of toil,—the wife in her household,—the parents among their children,—the servants with their employers. This is what we strive and pray for, in our going out and coming in