

Mary H. Mossman was well known to Carrie Judd Montgomery. They traveled in the same circles including divine healing meetings and included many Christian and Missionary Alliance connections. This testimony of healing through Mary Mossman was published in Montgomery's October 1897 Triumphs of Faith Magazine.

Healing By R.M.W.

I wish to write an account of my mother's healing, by prayer, at Ocean Grove, N. J.

My mother, Mrs. R. G. Ladd of Springfield, Mass., widow of the late Randolph E. Ladd, fell on the stairs and broke her leg, March 3, 1881. For a few weeks she was doing well; after she was able to move about on crutches she became nervously exhausted, till, growing sicker and more feeble, she was utterly prostrate and lay for several days mostly unconscious and apparently dying. No hope of life was given us by her physicians, and for hours she lay just alive. Every preparation was made for her death and funeral.

At last a slight rallying was noticed, and gradually she became able to talk, but incoherently; and as her strength increased, the sad fact that she was insane dawned upon us. By degrees her physical health became apparently restored; but her insane horrors were at times fearful to witness, and she never was lucid. Three out of four physicians pronounced it a case of hopeless insanity. Her age, sixty-four years, was against her recovery. One authority, who had been professionally with these cases, and with much experience, gave his opinion that her mind was forever gone. This was her condition on May 1, 1881, except that her limb was apparently well, and she complained of no pains anywhere in her body. She could not be left alone, and frequently had need of several watchers at night. Much of the time she was in a wild frenzy. There had been such an emergency in her case, that a council of physicians was called, and two were making daily visits.

About this time Miss Mary H. Mossman, now of Faith Cottage, at Ocean Grove, came to the house for a few days' visit. She asked me if I was willing to give my mother up entirely to God, for His will to be accomplished. I answered affirmatively. She then said that she believed mother was to be healed, if God's work would be allowed to go on. She asked me if I was willing to dismiss the physicians and take away all quieting drugs from her. I thought it over. I had never believed these were the days of miracles. I had looked upon such things and such persons as fanatical. I had despised sensational religion and extremists of every kind; all these thoughts and many more ran through my mind. But with my strict views I was honest, and sincerely desired to be a learner; so I went to Miss Mossman and said:

"I will dismiss the doctors, and give no remedies whatever if you will stay by her and take responsibility, and though I have no faith yet I have a strong desire that she be healed and I will assist all in my power."

I explained the magnitude of the case to her, to see if she fully understood the harassing and exciting phases of mother's insanity, and what days and nights she might expect, but she flinched not, and Sunday, May 1st, 1881, she explained as much as possible her position to mother (who was a devout follower of Christ), and anointed her in the name of the Lord.

There came a quieting influencing over mother at once, and a change, and then she would give faith a great trial by being worse again. Miss M. stayed by her faithfully night and day, and waited for the Spirit to direct the patient. Some have said that at this time mother was influenced by mind acting upon mind, and was urged to rise, etc., but nothing of the kind was said to her. It was the desire of all that the Holy Spirit alone should move and actuate her.

Mother's thoughts began to change (a new phase), and Thursday morning, May 5, early, she came out clear in her mind and praising God. She wished to be dressed and go below stairs. She did so, and went outdoors upon the garden walk, and during the day upon the street. She was feeble, but improved hourly, and from that time to this she had her own natural mind again.

The following Sunday, one week from the day her case was committed to God, she went into the Church at Ocean Grove and gave Him the glory for her restoration, speaking in her own quiet, dignified and clear manner. Reviewing the past with the cool eye of retrospect, others as well as myself cannot see any point in her sickness where human aid could have done more. It was often remarked that every experiment had been tried and every resource exhausted, before we gave her up to God. At one time we refrained giving medicines and the doctor did not call for a time, to see if her condition would be ameliorated; but she grew rapidly worse.

It seems much to say that God has entered this Cottage by the Sea with His healing touch. Once I could not have believed this; but like the blind man of Scripture, "whereas I was blind, now I see." I know not about miracles and fanaticism, but I do know of this remarkable case of healing, under my own observation, which cannot by any stretch of language be attributed to the human.

To the above narration Mrs. Ladd herself adds:

"All is a blank to me from the time nervous prostration commenced to May 5. There remains only a vague memory of deep horrors and sense of suffering. The physician attending me at that period, I have met since my recovery and have no recollection of ever seeing him before. The morning of May 5, while three sisters were in prayer at my bedside, a heavenly light broke upon my mind, and ever since I have been conscious of the great redemption that God Himself wrought upon me."

We the undersigned, are members of the household, and were eye and ear witnesses to every feature of the case in the foregoing statement. And we hereby affix our names in full confirmation thereto.

Miss E. H. Scott

Mrs. A. E. Bennett

After nine years of experience, Mrs. Ladd gives the following testimony:

October 29, 1890. It is now over nine years since the above was experienced and written; and I desire to add my testimony concerning the years that have followed, which show conclusively that the work then wrought by the power of God has been lasting. I have not for a moment felt any symptoms of the malady I then had, although I have been thoroughly tested by other physical ills. The influence of the healing has caused a spiritual oneness with the Divine Healer, that has grown every step of the way.

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